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RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES

OF THE

CITY COUNCIL

OF THE

CITY OF PROVIDENCE,

WITH

REPORTS AND FINISHED BUSINESS

IN THE

BOARD OF ALDERMEN

AND

COMMON COUNCIL.

1880.

The oath of office is administered to the following Aldermen elect by the Mayor:—

ALFRED METCALF,	-	-	-	FIRST WARD.
SAMUEL W. PECKHAM,	-	-	-	SECOND WARD.
STURGIS P. CARPENTER,	-	-	-	THIRD WARD.
CHARLES F. SAMPSON,	-	-	-	FOURTH WARD.
JOHN W. BRIGGS,	-	-	-	FIFTH WARD.
WILLIAM S. HAYWARD,	-	-	-	SIXTH WARD.
ROBERT E. SMITH,	-	-	-	SEVENTH WARD.
WILLIAM B. GREENE,	-	-	-	EIGHTH WARD.
HENRY R. BARKER,	-	-	-	NINTH WARD.
CHARLES E. GORMAN,	-	-	-	TENTH WARD.

The roll of the Common Council is called and all the members except George E. Martin, Charles Anthony, and George H. Burnham are present, and present their certificates of election to Councilmen McNally and Smith, Committee on Credentials.

The oath of office is administered to the following Councilmen elect by the Mayor:—

	FIRST WARD:	
JOSEPH WHELDEN,		CHARLES F. HULL,
JOSIAH W. CROOKER,		ALLEN GREENE.
	SECOND WARD:	
J. CARTER B. WOODS,		WILLIAM W. PAINE,
*GEORGE E. MARTIN,		HENRY T. BECKWITH.
	THIRD WARD:	
THOMAS A. MILLETT,		THOMAS E. STUDLEY,
JAMES C. GOFF,		FITZ HERBERT PEABODY.
	FOURTH WARD:	
JAMES McNALLY,		GEORGE R. PHILLIPS,
FREDERICK E. ANTHONY,		JOSEPH B. MATHEWSON.
	FIFTH WARD:	
CHARLES E. CARPENTER,		†CHARLES ANTHONY,
JAMES H. TOWER,		HENRY B. EDDY.

* George E. Martin and George H. Burnham being present after the inaugural address is read, present their certificates of election and the oath of office is administered to them by the Mayor.

† Absent.

SIXTH WARD :

GEORGE H. BURNHAM,*	FRED. I. MARCY,
THOMAS M. ROUNDS,	ALFRED S. POTTER.

SEVENTH WARD :

JOHN W. TILLINGHAST,	FERDINAND SMITH,
GILBERT F. ROBBINS,	ELISHA W. PIERCE.

EIGHTH WARD :

EDMUND S. HOPKINS,	LYMAN H. EDDY,
ALFRED A. HARRINGTON,	CHARLES E. HARRIS.

NINTH WARD :

WILLIAM H. SHATTUCK,	WILLIAM H. MILLER,
WILLIAM W. BRAYTON,	FRANCIS M. DIMOND.

TENTH WARD.

HUGH HAMILL,	JOHN CASSIDY,
JOHN MORRIS,	TIMOTHY HEFFERNAN.

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

Prayer is offered by Rev. Edward P. Farnham.

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

His Excellency, Charles C. Van Zandt, Governor of Rhode Island, being presented to the City Council by His Honor the Mayor, delivers a brief congratulatory address.

Officers are elected for the municipal year ensuing the first Monday in January, 1880, as follows :—

Chief of Police,	Charles H. Hunt.
Judge of the Municipal Court,	Amasa S. Westcott.
Clerk of the Municipal Court,	George B. Nichols.
Recorder of Deeds,	Gustavus A. Williamson.
City Auditor,	James M. Cross.
City Engineer,	Samuel M. Gray.
Supt. of Public Buildings,	Obadiah Slade.
Superintendent of Lights,	Samuel B. Swan.

Chief Engineer of the Fire Department :

Oliver E. Greene.

Assistant Engineers :

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

Presidents of the Fire Department :

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

City Sergeant,	Edward S. Rhodes,
City Messenger,	Edward S. Rhodes.
Clerk of the Market,	Charles H. Hunt.

Trustees of the Providence Reform School :

William J. King,	J. Lewis Diman,
Charles Anthony,	Amos D. Lockwood,
Amasa R. Tourtellott,	James McNally.

Commissioners of the North Burial Ground :

Oren Westcott,	Gorham Thurber,
	John W. Briggs.

Pound Keeper at the Asylum,	John M. Knowles.
“ “ in Ninth Ward,	James B. Hathaway.

Pound Keepers in Tenth Ward :

Daniel K. Angell,	Michael Queenan.
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Sealer of Weights and Measures, Franklin Olds.

Overseers of the Hospital, Mayor and Aldermen.

Overseer of the City Pumps, Oliver E. Greene.

Viewer of Fences, George H. Paddock.

Port Wardens :

Philander Crosby, Jephtha Nickerson,
William Franceville.

City Auctioneers :

Francis J. Sheldon, Charles H. Smith,

Undertakers : (Passed.)

Coroners :

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

Public Administrator :

Daniel Burrows.

Packers of Fish :

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

Inspectors of Pot and Pearl Ashes :

William B. Blanding, Samuel F. Hilton.

Inspector of Saleratus and Bi-carbonate of Soda :

Samuel F. Hilton.

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

Surveyors and Corders of Wood : (Passed.)

Auctioneers :

George H. Burnham,	Andrew J Magoon,
James F. Davison,	Bernard McGuiness,
Herbert E. Dodge,	William F. Macomber,
Edwin Draper,	John G. Moore,
George W. Elliott,	Myer Noot,
Henry F. Ferrin,	Francis J. Sheldon,
David Frank,	Charles H. Smith,
Isaac L. Goff,	Phillip B. Stiness,
Christopher A. Hall,	Edward A. Turner,
Horace F. Horton,	Albert S. Wilbur,
Joseph A. D. Joslin,	N. Bangs Williams.

Constables (with power). Passed.

Police Constables (without power). Passed.

Superintendent of Point street bridge :

George W. Gooch.

Weighers of coal and other merchandise. Passed.

The following standing committees are appointed :—

Auctioneers :

Robert E. Smith,	Samuel W. Peckham.
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Armories :

Henry R. Barker,	Charles E. Gorman.
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Bridges :

William B. Greene,	Sturgis P. Carpenter,
John W. Briggs.	

Lamps :

Robert E. Smith,	Charles F. Sampson.
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Police :

Henry R. Barker,	Robert E. Smith,
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Streets :

Charles E. Gorman, Charles F. Sampson,
 Alfred Metcalf.

Constables :

Charles E. Gorman, Samuel W. Peckham,
 Henry R. Barker.

The quarterly report of the superintendent of lights, and monthly report of the inspector of steam boilers are severally read and received.

The following accounts are examined and allowed :

Providence Gas Company, lamp department.....	\$292 11	Providence Water Works, health department.....	\$695 00
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The bond of the city treasurer is presented, read and approved.

The standing rules of order adopted January 6, 1879, are adopted as the rules of order of the board for the present year.

The following resolutions are read and passed, and ordered to be communicated to the common council :

RESOLVED, That Oliver A. Washburn, Jr., be and he is hereby elected commissioner of sinking funds for the term of three years ensuing the first Monday in January, 1880.

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

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

 IN COMMON COUNCIL.

JANUARY 5, 1880.

The following officers are elected, viz. :—

George H. Burnham, President.

Joshua M. Addeman, Clerk.

The standing rules of 1879 are adopted for the year 1880.

The following resolutions are read and passed and ordered to be communicated to the board of aldermen :

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

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

RESOLVED, That Messrs. Millett, Tower, L. H. Eddy, Paine, and F. E. Anthony, having been elected by ballot members of the joint committee on accounts on the part of the common council, the same be communicated to the board of aldermen.

 IN CITY COUNCIL.

No. 1. Joint Standing Committees.

[Appointed January 5, 1880.]

IN COMMON COUNCIL, January 5, 1880.

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

AURION V. CHEVERS, Clerk pro tem.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN, same day.

Read and the following named aldermen added.

HENRY V. A. JOSLIN, Clerk.

City Debt :

Mr. William W. Paine.

City Engineer's Department :

Mr. James McNally.

City Property :

Messrs. James McNally, Charles F. Hull,
 James H. Tower, William W. Brayton,
 Alderman Sturgis P. Carpenter.

Claims :

Messrs. Frederick E. Anthony, Allen Greene,
 J. Carter B. Woods, Charles Anthony,
 Alderman Samuel W. Peckham.

Education :

Messrs. Fred I. Marcy, William W. Paine,
 John Morris, Alfred A. Harrington,
 Alderman Alfred Metcalf.

Finance :

Messrs. Josiah W. Crooker, Charles E. Carpenter,
 George E. Martin, George R. Phillips,
 Alderman William B. Greene.

Fire Department :

Messrs. John W. Tillinghast, William H. Shattuck,
 Thomas M. Rounds, Thomas E. Studley,
 Alderman John W. Briggs.

Harbor :

Messrs. George R. Phillips, Charles Anthony,
 James C. Goff, Ald. Robert E. Smith.

Highways :

Messrs. Gilbert F. Robbins,	Henry T. Beckwith,
Joseph Whelden,	John Cassidy,
Alderman Charles E. Gorman.	

Lamps :

Messrs. Thomas M. Rounds,	Henry B. Eddy,
Charles F. Hull,	Ald. Charles F. Sampson.

North Burial Ground :

Messrs. Joseph Whelden,	Henry T. Beckwith,
John Morris,	Ald. Alfred Metcalf.

Ordinances :

Messrs. J. Carter B. Woods,	Frederick E. Anthony,
Edmund S. Hopkins,	Josiah W. Crooker,
Alderman Samuel W. Peckham.	

Parks :

Messrs. William H. Shattuck,	Lyman H. Eddy,
Fred I. Marcy,	Ferdinand Smith,
Alderman William S. Hayward.	

Police :

Messrs. Edmund S. Hopkins,	Thomas E. Studley,
J. Carter B. Woods,	Alfred S. Potter,
Alderman Henry R. Barker.	

Printing :

Messrs. James C. Goff,	Timothy Heffernan,
Elisha W. Pierce,	Francis M. Dimond,
Alderman William S. Hayward.	

Railroads :

Messrs. James H. Tower,	Elisha W. Pierce,
William W. Brayton,	Ald. Henry R. Barker.

Sewers :

Messrs. Thomas A. Millett,	Charles E. Harris,
Hugh Hamill,	Ald. John W. Briggs.

Water :

Messrs. Charles E. Carpenter,	Fitz Herbert Peabody,
Allen Greene,	Ald. William B. Greene,
Joseph B. Mathewson,	Ald. Charles F. Sampson.

No. 2. Resolution to contract for Advertising, Printing, and Stationery.

[Approved January 13, 1880.]

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

No. 3. Resolution for printing the Mayor's Address and the City Manual.

[Approved January 13, 1880.]

RESOLVED, That Messrs. Goff, Pierce, Heffernan and Dimond, of the common council, with Alderman Hayward, are hereby appointed a committee to wait on his honor the mayor and request him to furnish for publication a copy of the address this day delivered by him to the city council; and to cause the same to be published in such manner as they shall deem expedient.

RESOLVED, That the above named committee be and they are hereby directed to cause the standing rules of order of the common council, a list of the standing committees of the

city council, a list of the city officers, and such portions of the record of the organization of the city government as they may deem expedient, to be printed for the use of the city council, under the general title of the "City Manual."

No. 4. Resolution to print certain Reports.

[Approved January 13, 1880.]

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

The annual report of the gauger.

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

The annual report of the superintendent of the North Burial Ground.

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

The annual report of the overseer of the poor.

No. 5. Resolution regulating the number of City Documents to be printed.

[Approved January 13, 1880.]

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

No. 6. Resolution referring the Mayor's Message and the stated reports to the proper committees.

[Approved January 13, 1880.]

RESOLVED, That the several joint standing committees of

the city council are hereby instructed to inquire into the subjects relating to their respective departments which are contained in the inaugural address of the mayor, and in the regular stated reports required of any officer or department, and to report thereon to the city council when deemed expedient by the committee.

No. 7. Resolutions to Index and Bind the Resolutions and City Documents for 1879.

[Approved January 13, 1880.]

RESOLVED, That the city clerk, under the direction of the joint committee on printing, is hereby instructed to cause an index to the printed resolutions of the city council, passed in 1879, to be prepared and printed, and also to cause said resolutions to be bound for the use of the city government.

RESOLVED, That the city clerk, acting under the direction of the same committee, is hereby instructed to cause two hundred copies of the documents of 1879, with a proper list of contents, to be bound for the use of the city.

No. 8. Thirty-third Annual Report of the City Auditor.

[Presented January 5, 1880.]

City document, No. 2.

No. 9. Annual Account of the City Treasurer.

[Presented January 5, 1880.]

In city document, No. 2.

No. 10. Sixth Annual Report of the Commissioners
of Sinking Funds.

[Presented January 5, 1880.]

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

The Board of Commissioners of Sinking Funds make this their sixth annual report of the condition of the several sinking funds under their control, on the thirty-first day of December, 1879.

Sinking fund to redeem the bonds due in 1885 (general purposes). This fund amounts to \$553,219.90, and is invested as follows : —

City of Providence bonds due in 1885,	-	\$215,000 00
City of Providence bonds due in 1893,	- -	123,000 00
City of Providence bonds due in 1895,	-	14,000 00
City of Providence bond due in 1899,	- -	170,000 00
City of Providence bonds due in 1900,	-	14,000 00
Cash on hand,	- - - - -	17,219 90
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Total,	- - - - -	\$553,219 90

Sinking fund to redeem bonds due in 1893 (war expenses). This fund amounts to \$206,078.78, and is invested as follows : —

City of Providence bonds due in 1885,	- -	\$9,000 00
City of Providence bonds due in 1893,	-	137,000 00
City of Providence bond due in 1899,	- -	59,000 00
Cash on hand,	- - - - -	1,078 78
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Total,	- - - - -	\$206,078 78

Sinking fund to redeem bonds due in 1895 (City Hall and sewer sterling loan). This fund amounts to \$165,443.65, and is invested as follows : —

City of Providence bonds due in 1895,	-	\$36,000 00
City of Providence bond due in 1899,	-	129,000 00
Cash on hand,	- - - -	443 65
Total,	- - - -	<u>\$165,443 65</u>

Sinking fund to redeem bonds due in 1899, City Hall and sewer loan. This fund amounts to \$15,589.00, and is invested as follows :

City of Providence bond due in 1899,	-	\$15,000 00
Cash on hand,	- - - -	589 00
Total,	- - - -	<u>\$15,589 00</u>

Sinking fund to redeem the water loan. This fund amounts to \$108,463.44, and is invested as follows :—

City of Providence bonds due in 1895,	-	\$75,000 00
City of Providence bond due in 1899,	-	33,000 00
Cash on hand,	- - - -	463 44
Total,	- - - -	<u>\$108,463 44</u>

North Burial Ground sinking fund. This fund amounts to \$5,210.21, and is invested as follows :—

City of Providence bond due in 1899,	-	\$4,000 00
Cash on hand,	- - - -	1,210 21
Total,	- - - -	<u>\$5,210 21</u>

Brook Street District sinking fund. This fund amounts to \$51,526.25, and is invested as follows :—

City of Providence bonds due in 1900,	-	\$3,000 00
City of Providence bond due in 1899,	-	40,000 00
Cash on hand,	- - - -	8,526 25
Total,	- - - -	<u>\$51,526 25</u>

The increase in the several sinking funds since the thirty-first day of December, 1878, has been as follows :—

In the fund of 1885,	-	-	-	\$35,241	51
In the fund of 1893,	-	-	-	13,898	31
In the fund of 1895,	-	-	-	42,508	02
In the fund of 1899,	-	-	-	15,589	00
In the Water Loan fund,	-	-	-	4,534	21
In the North Burial Ground fund,	-	-	-	912	68
In the Brook Street District fund,	-	-	-	16,212	88
Total,	-	-	-	\$128,896	61

Whole amount of the several sinking funds December 31, 1879, \$1,105,531.23.

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

THOMAS A. DOYLE, Mayor.

BENJAMIN TRIPP, City Treasurer.

JAMES M. CROSS, City Auditor.

OLIVER A. WASHBURN, Jr.

JESSE METCALF.

Board of Commissioners of Sinking Funds.

Providence, January 5, 1880.

No. 11. Annual Report of the Board of Engineers of
the Fire Department.

[Presented January 5, 1880.]

City document, No. 4.

No. 12. Annual Report of Lorin M. Cook, Police
Justice, for 1879.

[Presented January 5, 1880.]

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

In obedience to Section 4 of chapter 40 of the ordinances of

said city, the undersigned, one of the justices of the police court of said city, respectfully presents the following as his report of the amount and kind of business performed by him as such justice for the year ending December 31, A. D. 1879, arranged and classified as follows, viz. :—

Number of warrants issued, - - - -	1,524
Number of warrants served, - - - -	1,504
Number of warrants for drunkenness, - - -	1,377
Number of warrants for revelling, - - -	128
Number of warrants for throwing stones in the street,	8
Number of warrants for collecting swill without permit,	2
Number of warrants for bathing in city limits, -	4
Number of warrants for animals at large, -	2
Number of warrants for violation of hack ordinance, -	1
Number of warrants for keeping shop open after 12 P. M.,	2
Number of complaints discontinued on payment of costs,	198
Number of complaints discontinued without payment of costs, - - - - -	529
Number of complaints appealed, - - - -	3
Number of defendants committed to Providence Co. jail,	81
Amount of fines collected, - - - -	\$1,524 00
Amount of costs collected, - - - -	2,311 70
Total, - - - - -	\$3,835 70

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

Respectfully submitted,

LORIN M. COOK,

Justice of the Police Court of the City of Providence.

No. 13. Annual Report of Elias M. Jenckes, Police Justice, for 1879.

[Presented January 5, 1880.]

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

In obedience to section 4 of chapter 40 of the ordinances of said city, the undersigned, one of the justices of the police court of said city, respectfully presents the following as his report of the amount and kind of business performed by him as said justice for the year ending December 31, 1879, arranged and classified as follows, viz. :—

Whole number of warrants issued, - - -	1,752
Whole number of warrants served, - - -	1,724
Whole number of warrants for drunkenness, - -	1,602
Whole number of warrants for revelling, - -	124
Whole number of warrants for keeping shop open after 12,	1
Whole number of warrants for violation of hack ordinance, - - - - -	2
Whole number of warrants for throwing stones and other missiles on streets, - - - - -	11
Whole number of warrants for obstructing the sidewalk with merchandize, - - - -	1
Whole number of warrants for collecting swill without permit, - - - - -	1
Whole number of warrants for playing ball on public streets, - - - - -	3
Whole number of warrants for breaking street lights,	1
Whole number of warrants for bathing not being properly clothed, - - - - -	3
Whole number of warrants for horse car ordinance, -	1
Whole number of warrants for burying contents of cesspool, - - - - -	1
Whole number of warrants for no number on night soil cart, - - - - -	1

Whole number of warrants discontinued on payment of costs,	-	-	-	-	-	197
Whole number of warrants discontinued without costs,						541
Whole number of warrants appealed,	-	-				5
Whole number of warrants discharged by order of mayor,						1
Whole number of commitments to Providence Co. jail,						128
Amount of fines collected,	-	-	-	-	-	\$1,954 00
Amount of costs collected,	-	-	-	-	-	2,575 90
Total,	-	-	-	-	-	\$4,529 90

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

All of which is respectfully submitted,

ELIAS M. JENCKES,

Justice of the Police Court of the City of Providence.

No. 14. Annual Report of the Gauger for 1879.

[Presented January 5, 1880.]

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

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

From January 1, 1879, to January 1, 1880, the whole number of casks gauged by myself and my deputies was 45,256, of which number 29,547 contained oils of different kinds, and naphtha; 9,376 contained molasses and syrups; 5,195 contained whiskey, rum, gin and other liquors; 1,138 contained turpentine and alcohol. The amount of fees received, was \$3,911.

Respectfully submitted,

EDWARD G. FARMER, Gauger.

No. 15. Annual Report of the Trustees of the Providence Reform School.

[Presented January 5, 1880.]

City document, No. 5.

No. 16 Annual Report of the Joint Special Committee on the Brook Street District.

[Presented January 5, 1880.]

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

GENTLEMEN :—The joint special committee on the Brook street district, herewith submit their twelfth quarterly report of the receipts and expenditures, also, statement of receipts and expenditures to January 1, 1880, from the commencement.

Your committee would respectfully report that the work on said district is nearly completed, and but a small additional outlay will be required to complete the work.

There remained on the first day of January, 1880, twenty-two parties who had neither received the pay for their property condemned, nor had their property reconveyed to them.

In twelve of these cases, the city council has already authorized the reconveyance of the property, and your committee, acting in conjunction with the law department, are working earnestly to complete these reconveyances.

In the remaining ten cases, some of them will be willing to receive the reconveyance of their property, and your committee will probably soon ask your honorable body for the authority to cause said conveyances to be made.

Respectfully submitted for the committee,

THOMAS A. MILLETT, Chairman.

BROOK STREET DISTRICT.

Statement of receipts and expenditures from July 26, 1873, to January 1, 1880 :—

RECEIPTS.	
Rents, - - - - -	\$120,393 36
Sales of houses, filling land, etc., -	15,752 60
Assessments for betterments, - -	1,105 25
Sale of land, - - - - -	377 47
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Total, - - - - -	\$137,628 68
EXPENDITURES.	
Land and buildings, - - - - -	\$874,440 47
Grading land, - - - - -	104,540 74
Relocating and refitting buildings, -	97,054 85
Making streets, - - - - -	30,355 93
Sewers, - - - - -	28,966 24
Dredging, - - - - -	42 43
Repairs to buildings, - - - - -	14,428 02
Water for houses, - - - - -	4,324 60
Concreting, - - - - -	1,874 73
Retaining walls, - - - - -	830 00
Salaries, - - - - -	15,664 93
Sundries, including rent of office, care of office, office supplies, printing, profes- sional services, etc., - - - - -	4,397 32
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Total, - - - - -	\$1,176,920 26

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

[Presented January 5, 1880.]

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

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

 Receipts for the quarter ending December 31, 1879 :

Rents, - - - - -	\$2,856 45
Sales of old material, - - - - -	19 75
Assessment for betterments, - - - - -	60 00
Total, - - - - -	<u>\$2,936 20</u>

Expenditures for the quarter ending December 31, 1879 :—

Land and buildings, - - - - -	\$800 00
Relocating and refitting buildings, - - - - -	1,899 41
Repairs on buildings, - - - - -	148 69
Street curbing, - - - - -	2,542 48
Boat hire for engineers, - - - - -	3 60
Salaries, - - - - -	400 00
Office supplies, - - - - -	2 84
Total, - - - - -	<u>\$5,797 02</u>

Respectfully submitted,

THOMAS A. MILLETT, Chairman.

 Providence, January 1, 1880.

No. 18. Report of the Inspector of Kerosene.

[Presented January 5, 1880.]

 TO THE HONORABLE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
 PROVIDENCE :

Pursuant to requirement, I hereby make report of the transactions through this office, (since my occupancy of the same,) from December 3, to December 31, 1879.

There have been inspected and branded twenty-two hundred and fifty barrels of Kerosene oil, for which I have charged as

fees, \$337.50 ; expenses attending the same have been \$53.85 ; leaving a net income of \$283.65.

I have found no oil below the legal standard.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM D. CHILD, Inspector.

Providence, January 1, 1880.

No. 19. Monthly Report of City Auditor for December, 1879.

[Presented January 5, 1880.]

City council file, January 5, 1880.

No. 20. Monthly Report of the City Treasurer for December, 1879.

[Presented January 5, 1880.]

City council file, January 5, 1880.

No. 21. Monthly Report of the City Messenger for December, 1879.

[Presented January 5, 1880.]

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

In accordance with section 11, of chapter XXXVI., of the ordinances, the city messenger reports, that during the month of December last, the city hall and the sidewalks around the same have been kept, and are now in good condition.

Four storm windows, at an expense of \$53.00, have been placed upon the north windows of the office of the superintendent of health and superintendent of lights, in order to render them more comfortable in cold weather, and at the same time to economize in the heat.

New grates for the furnaces, to replace those which had been in use for three years, have been procured and put in at a cost of \$149.04.

Bills, including pay-rolls, have been paid during the month, amounting to \$1,008.79.

Respectfully submitted,

EDWARD S. RHODES,

City Messenger.

No. 22. Monthly Report of the Chief Engineer of
the Fire Department.

[Presented January 5, 1880.]

City council file, January 5, 1880.

No. 23. Resolution to pay the Firemen.

[Approved January 13, 1880.]

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer be authorized to pay the permanent members of the fire department for services rendered during the month of January, 1880, at a rate to be fixed by the board of engineers, not exceeding the amount paid for the corresponding month in 1879.

No. 24. Annual Report of the Overseer of the Poor
for 1879.

[Presented January 5, 1880.]

City document, No. 6.

No. 25. Resolution Continuing the Joint Special
Committee on the Brook Street District.

[Approved January 13, 1880.]

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

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

JANUARY 8, 1880.

The weekly report of the Dexter asylum, monthly report of the overseer of the poor, and quarterly report of the chief of police are severally read and received

The following accounts are examined and allowed :

Lewis Najac, lamp department.....	\$430 59	George W. Wightman, support of the poor..	\$1,925 16
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The appointment of Aurion V. Chevers to be deputy city clerk is confirmed.

The bonds of the following officers are severally read and approved, viz. :

Lorin M Cook, justice of the police court ;
 Oliver E. Greene, chief engineer of the fire department ;
 Gustavus A. Williamson, recorder of deeds.

Licenses to buy and sell junk and second hand articles are severally granted as follows :

To Thomas B. Fleming, on Pleasant View avenue ; Patrick Gorman, on Greeley street ; and Daniel Murphy, at the corner of Gano and Amy streets.

Licenses are granted as follows :

To John H. Berry, to keep one pool table and one billiard table at No. 25 North Main street ; Charles H. Jackson, to keep one pool table at No. 411 High street ; James Wood & Co., to keep one pool table at No. 211 Broad street ; William H. Easterbrooks, to keep a victualling house at No. 52 Washington street ; Thomas Quinn, to keep a victualling house at No. 55 Eddy street ; James Wood & Co., to keep a victualling house at No. 211 Broad street.

The following persons are designated and appointed to remove swill and offal :

William Ballou, from No. 9 Market square ;

Jacob Friedrick, from Nos. 46 and 48 Union street.

A resolution allowing one cent per name to the persons employed by the city registrar, to take the censuses of school children and militia, is read and passed.

The appointment of Thomas A. McMahan to be a policeman, is consented to.

A resolution to continue the joint special committee to examine and report upon the communication of the New York and New England railroad company relative to the cove lands, having passed the common council, is read, and the board of aldermen do not concur therein.

JANUARY 15, 1880.

The weekly report of the Dexter asylum is read and received.

The following accounts are examined and allowed :

Labor pay-roll, lamp department.....	\$60 67	G. M. Freeborn, bridge department.....	\$60 00
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The bonds of the following officers are severally read and approved, viz. :

Henry V. A. Joslin, city clerk ;

James M. Cross, city auditor ;

George B. Nichols, clerk of the municipal court ;

Obadiah Slade, superintendent of public buildings ;

Elias M. Jenckes, justice of the police court ;

Charles H. Hunt, chief of police.

The following are appointed auctioneers, viz. :

Eugene A. Dean,

William H. Herrick.

The following are appointed constables with power to serve civil process, viz. :

Frank Olney Ballou,	George Lawless,
Thomas R. Belcher,	William A. Potter,
Herbert E. Dodge,	Walter C. Smith,
John H. Cokeley,	Samuel Whitney,
Michael Craddock,	William P. Winslow.

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

Reuben A. Arnold,	Moses A. Claffin,
John S. Austin,	John O. Creighton,
James E. Babcock,	Samuel Crossman,
Augustus T. Baker,	James L. Crowell,
John M. Battey,	Edwin H. Cummings,
William H. Barker,	Samuel W. Drew,
Walter S. Baxter,	Nathaniel A. Fisher,
Charles W. Bemis,	Osborn W. Freese,
Almon G. Bennett,	James H. Galvin,
Lorenzo D. Bennett,	George W. Gooch,
George A. Billings,	John Hackett,
John B. Benson,	Thomas W. Hart,
William L. Blake,	James B. Hathaway,
James W. Brayman,	Stephen P. Henry,
Daniel G. Briggs,	Joseph Higgins,
Alden M. Brown,	Daniel Hill,
Horace L. Brown,	Holden O. Hill,
William N. Brown,	David E. Howard,
Eben Burlingame,	George R. Howard,
Herbert W. Burlingame,	Horace Jenckes,
John J. Butler,	Benjamin A. Johnson,
Charles P. Butts,	Joseph F. Johnston,
Rufus B. Carr,	Daniel Joslin,
Charles E. Chaffee,	John M. Knowles,
William Chapman,	George S. Knutton,

Barnabas Lewis,	J. Crawford Potter,
William B. Love,	William C. Potter,
James Major,	Edmund F. Prentiss,
James W. Martin,	William Pullen,
John G. Mathews,	William T. Robinson,
William Mathews,	James H. Roland,
William G. Mathews,	John A. Rood,
John T. Merrill,	Stephen S. Salisbury,
Frank F. Morrow,	Sidney A. Sears,
John G. McKay,	William H. Shepard,
Timothy McCarthy,	John Slocum,
Henry J. McElroy,	Levi R. Stearns,
Samuel Merry,	Z. Allen Swan,
David C. Moore,	Jacob Swarts,
Frank M. Munroe,	John T. G. Sweet,
John Nickerson,	Augustus C. Taber,
Samuel W. Norton,	Charles H. Thurber,
Charles B. Oakes,	John A. Thurston,
John R. Oakes,	Nicholas Underwood,
James T. Oatley,	Thomas W. Walcott,
John F. Parks,	Joseph N. Whelden,
Allen F. Poole,	Samuel Whitney,
Daniel L. Porter,	Benjamin A. Winsor,
Arnold L. Potter,	John L. Worden.
Henry A. L. Potter,	

Permission is granted to Cyrus O. Keech to operate a steam boiler on Henry street, near Long pond.

The following persons are designated and appointed to remove swill and offal :

Thomas F. Butler,	Albertus C. Sanford,
John Martin,	Benjamin W. Whipple.

Orders are severally passed as follows :

Changing the name of Dora street to Comstock avenue.

Approving the report of the committee, to lay out Benefit street, from Brown street to North Main street, and ordering the same to be recorded.

IN CITY COUNCIL.

No. 26. Resolution relative to the appointment of one Board of Commissioners to control or direct the Highway, Water and Sewer Departments.

[Approved January 21, 1880.]

RESOLVED, That the joint committee on ordinances and the chairmen of the joint committees on highways, water and sewers, with aldermen Briggs, Sampson and Gorman be appointed a joint special committee to report such changes in the existing laws and ordinances, as they may deem necessary to unite the water, sewer and highway departments, under the management of one department.

No. 27. Resolution authorizing the conveyance of land in the Brook Street District, to F. M. and C. M. Smith, Trustees.

[Approved January 21, 1880.]

RESOLVED, That the joint special committee on the Brook street district are hereby authorized to cause to be conveyed to Francis M. Smith and Charles Morris Smith, trustees, under the last will and testament of Amos D. Smith, late of Providence, deceased, to be subject to the provisions and directions of the trusts contained in said will; reference to said will on record in the municipal court of the city of Providence, being hereby had, a certain lot of land situate in said district, bounded and described as follows, viz. :

Beginning at a point in the northerly line of India street, situated one hundred and forty-five one hundredths (100.45) feet westerly from the northwesterly corner of said India street and Brook street; thence in a westerly direction on said northerly line of India street for a distance of two (2) feet; thence in a northerly direction making an interior angle of eighty-six (86) degrees and fifty-one (51) minutes, for a distance of eighty-five and one tenth (85.1) feet; thence in an easterly direction making an interior angle of ninety (90) degrees, for a distance of two (2) feet; thence in a southerly direction, making an interior angle of ninety (90) degrees, for a distance of eighty-four and ninety-nine one hundredths (84.99) feet to the point of beginning, whenever the said trustees shall convey the same to the city of Providence, by deed satisfactory to the city solicitor.

No. 28. Resolution authorizing the use for general purposes, the Appropriations for Special purposes, in the Brook Street District.

[Approved January 21, 1880.]

RESOLVED, That the joint special committee on the Brook street district are hereby authorized to use so much of the appropriation for "streets and curbing," and for "grading," as was authorized by joint resolution No. 113, approved March 13, 1879, for the maintenance and improvement of said district, as said committee may deem expedient.

No. 29. Deputy Gaugers.

[Approved January 21, 1880.]

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

I hereby nominate for deputy gaugers, for the year ensuing:

Zechariah C. Farmer,
Robert Sherman,

and respectfully request that they be confirmed.

EDWARD G. FARMER, Gauger.

Providence, January 12, 1880.

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

No. 30. Message of the Mayor relative to the Bean
Pneumatic Electric Lighting System.

[Presented January 19, 1880.]

CITY OF PROVIDENCE,
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, CITY HALL }
January 19, 1880.

GENTLEMEN OF THE CITY COUNCIL:

I have received from Thomas Richardson, of Portsmouth, New Hampshire, a second communication in relation to the "Bean Pneumatic Electric System," a copy of which is transmitted herewith.

It will be observed that he desires to purchase or *lease* the right, title and interest which the city acquired in the system, and, as this is a matter of revenue, it may be well that his proposition should be considered by the committee on finance.

THOMAS A. DOYLE, Mayor.

[COPY.]

PROVIDENCE, January 17, 1880.

HON. THOMAS A. DOYLE, MAYOR:

DEAR SIR:—On what terms will the city of Providence sell and convey or *lease* all their right, title and interest in and to the Bean Pneumatic Electric Lighting System, which the city acquired by purchase, with all the privileges of developing the same, for telegraphic, telephonic, police,

municipal and all other purposes of which the system is susceptible. Transferring thereby all their rights and privileges and granting to the purchaser, to stand in their stead to develop and maintain throughout the city of Providence as it now exists or may hereafter exist, any and all privileges, which the said city could by said purchase control.

Respectfully yours,

THOS. RICHARDSON,

Portsmouth, N. H.

No. 31. Message of the Mayor relative to the work done by the Highway Department on Reservoir Avenue.

[Presented January 19, 1880.]

CITY OF PROVIDENCE,
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, CITY HALL, }
January 19, 1880.

GENTLEMEN OF THE CITY COUNCIL :

In my inaugural address, on the fifth instant, I called your attention to certain defects in the management of the highway department, especially with reference to its neglect to use the skill and ability of the city engineer in the work under its charge, and the expense, trouble and annoyance it has caused to the water and sewer departments.

In illustration of what I said on that occasion, I invite your attention to some work done since then by this department on Reservoir avenue, at its junction with Adelaide avenue. For some years there has been complaint as to the grade of the highways at this point, and difficulty has been experienced from the surface water in storms. To remedy the trouble the board of aldermen in November last established a new grade on that portion of Reservoir avenue. On the eighth instant, the men and teams of the highway department were set at work to dispose of the surface water in accordance with the new grade and the ideas of the highway commissioners. This was done without the knowledge of the commit-

tee on highways. After the work was well under way, and the large water mains, through which the city obtains its supply had been uncovered, the services of the city engineer were called into requisition to furnish a plan for the completion of the work.

Upon visiting the premises and finding sewer work in progress, for which I had seen no order of the city council, I investigated the matter and as a result thereof, it appears that the work was undertaken without any vote of the board of highway commissioners, and up to the twelfth instant nothing appears upon their record book to show that any such vote was passed, although the ordinance defining their duties requires a record of their proceedings to be kept.

The work under way was the building of catch basins and drains, and yet the city engineer was not consulted as to the way in which the work should be done, nor the proper time therefor. The great water mains are laid in Reservoir avenue at the place where the proposed work was to be done, but no notice that the street was to be excavated was given to the water department. Had the city engineer been consulted, the work necessary for the proper disposal of the surface water could have been done at an outlay of less than one hundred dollars, and probably at not exceeding fifty dollars, instead of which, the work by the highway department has cost *four hundred and fifty-four dollars and twenty-two cents*.

It would have been far more for the comfort of the citizens at large if the money so recklessly and needlessly expended on Reservoir avenue had been used for the removal of the filth from the business streets, which are in a most disgraceful condition. I have requested the city auditor not to allow the bills for the above work, but as this would impose a burden upon the laborers employed, and as the city is compelled to pay the bills, I have reconsidered the matter and will draw my draft for the amount thereof, with the hope that by the early action of the city council such mistakes may be prevented in the future.

THOMAS A. DOYLE, Mayor.

No. 32. Resolution referring the Message of the Mayor relative to work done by the Highway Department on Reservoir Avenue.

[Approved January 24, 1880.]

RESOLVED, That the mayor's message dated January 19, 1880, in relation to certain work done by the highway department on Reservoir avenue at its junction with Adelaide avenue, be referred to the joint special committee appointed by resolution No. 26, current series, to "report such changes in the existing laws and ordinances, as they may deem necessary to unite the water, sewer and highway departments, under the management of one department."

No. 33. Annual Report of the Commissioners of the North Burial Ground.

[Presented January 19, 1880.]

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

The Commissioners of the North Burial Ground make this their annual report for the year ending December 31, 1879.

During the past year a good deal of attention has been paid to putting the avenues in such good condition that it is hoped a less sum annually will suffice to keep them in good order. To this end many gutters have been paved in the hilly portion of the ground, and in some cases the entire length of the avenue.

The approach to the receiving tomb has been greatly improved the past year, the avenue having been raised and concreted, and the banks on either side of the tomb regraded, so that carriages can arrive and depart with much greater facility than ever before. Late in the fall water pipes were laid in a portion of the ground, and your commissioners believe that the water thus obtained will prove to be so great a

benefit during the coming season that owners of lots in other portions of the ground will soon call for an extension of the pipes.

The swamp land east of the ridge has been drained to a depth of three feet. It is proposed to excavate the muck from a portion of this land for the double purpose of enriching other parts of the ground with the muck thus obtained, and to make an artificial lake which shall add to the general appearance of that vicinity. The remaining portion of this land, consisting of several acres, will be put under cultivation, and the turf, which may be cut therefrom in the course of two or three years, will be of no inconsiderable value.

The "Potter's Field," west of the ridge, is fast filling up, and additional land will soon be needed. In the report of the then commissioners for the year ending December 31, 1875, they unanimously recommended "the purchase of land on the west side of the Smithfield turnpike for the purpose of filling in the low land on the west side of the ridge." Your present commissioners have given this matter careful attention, and heartily endorse this recommendation. Unless some action of this kind is taken it will soon be necessary to use other and more valuable portions of the ground for a "Potter's Field."

The following exhibit shows the receipts and expenditures for the year ending December 31, 1879 :

RECEIPTS.

Balance Jan. 1st, 1879.....	\$1,924 52
From sales of 51 lots containing 14,448 square feet of land.....	5,609 72
From rent of buildings.....	1,075 00
" interments.....	1,592 00
" improvement of lots.....	1,993 84
" tomb rent.....	831 50
" brick graves.....	430 80
" certificates.....	46 00

From errors in Commissioners' account in October and December, 1876.	78	
Amount received by City Treasurer, March 21, 1876, for part payment on lot 161, Group No. 2, N. Smalley account	9	62
Amount received by City Treasurer, May 22, 1877, for part payment on lot 152, Group No. 25	19	00
Amount received by City Treasurer, July 23, 1879, for part payment on lot, N. Smalley account	48	00
	————	\$13,580 78

EXPENDITURES.

LABOR.

For graveling and cleaning avenues . . .	1,791	31	
" grading lots and avenues	2,382	02	
" interments	910	40	
	————		5,083 73

SUNDRIES.

For turf, manure, loam and earth	428	74
" head stones, bound stones and labor on curbing	159	35
" repairs, Corliss estate	306	20
" lumber and repairs on other build- ings and fences	307	55
" concrete	293	82
" new wagons and repairs	159	67
" new harnesses and repairs	100	83
" horse feed	324	91
" blacksmithing	99	30
" brick, stone and cement	46	01
" tools and hardware	95	51
" stove coal and stationery for office . .	47	52
" one horse mill and pump	25	15

For three horses	\$420 00	
" drain pipe.....	13 25	
" paving stone, paint, rubber boots, &c., &c.....	74 15	
" salaries	1,800 00	
Errors in Commissioners' account, No- vember, 1877.....	1 05	
Amount paid commissioners of sinking funds, October 1, 1879, being five cents per foot on land sold.....	555 29	
Amount paid Pardon T. Head, July 15, 1876, per resolution of City Coun- cil, No. 416.....	22 80	
Amount paid Sarah Sweet, February 24, 1879, per resolution of City Coun- cil, No. 79.....	69 60	
Amount paid Mary A. Covill, Septem- ber 30, 1879, per resolution No. 395	39 60	
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Balance in City Treasury subject to Commissioners' order.....		3,106 75
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		\$13,580 78

Inventory of property on hand September 30, 1879, \$2,045.

Respectfully submitted,

For the Commissioners,

OREN WESTCOTT,

Secretary and Treasurer.

No. 34. Annual Report of the Inspector of Buildings.

[Presented January 19, 1880.]

TO THE HONORABLE THE CITY COUNCIL :

GENTLEMEN :—In compliance with section 6 of chapter 688 of the public laws, the inspector of buildings herewith presents

his report of the proceedings of the department during the year ending December 31, 1879.

Under the provisions of the statute relating to buildings in the city of Providence, the department is charged with the duty of examining all buildings in process of erection, alterations or repairs, to issue permits for erecting stagings for that purpose, to have supervision over buildings that are reported unsafe. Also, with the approval of the highway commissioners, to issue permits for the removal of buildings, and to report all violations of this act to the city solicitor for prosecution.

OPERATIONS OF THE DEPARTMENT.

The whole number of buildings which have been erected during the year are 230, classed as follows: 206 of wood, 22 of brick, and 2 of wood and brick; of which in the first district are 14 of brick and 17 of wood; in the second district 8 of brick and 84 of wood; and in the outer district, brick, none; wood, 108; a total of new buildings, 230.

The whole number of additions and alterations to buildings already erected are 76, of which 10 were in the first district, 49 in the second district, and 17 in the outer district.

The number of permits issued for erecting stagings in the highway are 67.

And permissions granted for the removal of buildings number 38.

New buildings erected during the year for purposes as follows:

Dwellings, wood.....	177
" brick.....	7
Mechanical, wood.....	6
" brick.....	4
Mercantile, ".....	7
" wood.....	12
Restaurants, ".....	1
Skating Rinks, wood and brick.....	1

Churches, wood.....	2
Stables, ".....	2
Carpenters' shops, wood.....	2
Ice houses, ".....	2
Coal and wood sheds, ".....	1
Mission schools, ".....	1
Blacksmith shops, ".....	1
Hotels, brick.....	1
Offices, wood.....	3

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Old buildings altered or repaired :

Dwellings.....	50
Stores.....	8
Churches.....	1
Offices.....	4
Restaurants.....	2
Places of amusement.....	1
Hotels.....	1
Foundry and machine shops.....	2
Railroad freight depots.....	1
French roofs.....	6

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Buildings damaged by fire :

Dwellings.....	59
Manufactories.....	16
Stables.....	4
Boiler houses.....	2
Stores.....	11
Hotels.....	1
Lodging houses.....	1
Pork packing houses.....	2
Planing mills.....	2
Paint shops.....	2
Storehouses.....	1

Photograph.....	1
Railroad car houses.....	1
Smoke houses.....	1
Waste houses.....	2
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This number does not include those buildings where the damage was slight.

The probable causes of the fires were as follows :

Accident.....	13
Bedclothes in contact with stove.....	3
Blacksmith's forge, caught from.....	1
Careless use of matches.....	10
Defective chimneys.....	12
Kerosene lamps.....	8
Explosion of gunpowder.....	1
Defective furnace.....	1
Supposed incendiary.....	11
Lightning.....	1
Matches in hands of children.....	12
Picker, caught from.....	2
Defective stove pipes.....	2
Sparks from locomotive.....	1
Sparks from chimney.....	5
Foul chimneys.....	12
Lighted tobacco pipe in clothing.....	4
Spontaneous combustion.....	6
Gas jet against curtain.....	1
Boys setting brush on fire... :	5
Unknown	7
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Respectfully submitted,

OLIVER E. GREENE,
Inspector of Buildings.

Providence, December 31, 1879.

No. 35. Annual Report of the Chief of Police.

[Presented January 19, 1880.]

City document, No. 8.

No. 36. Monthly Report of the Finance Committee on the issue of Registered Bonds.

[Presented January 19, 1880.]

City council file, January 22, 1880.

No. 37. Monthly Report of the City Treasurer on the issue of Registered Bonds

[Presented January 19, 1880.]

City council file, January 22, 1880.

No. 38. Resolution accepting gift of Thomas J. Carpenter, to the North Burial Ground Fund.

[Approved January 24, 1880.]

RESOLVED, That the gift of Thomas J. Carpenter, executor, of the sum of one hundred dollars to the commissioners of the North Burial Ground, in trust, the income thereof to be applied under the provisions of chapter 367 of the public laws, to the preservation and care of the burial lot standing in the name of James H. Sabin, in said ground, be and the same is hereby accepted by the city council under the name of the James H. Sabin fund.

No. 39. Resolution accepting gift of Frederick Miller, Executor, to the North Burial Ground Fund.

[Approved January 24, 1880.]

RESOLVED, That the gift of Frederick Miller, executor, of the sum of fifty dollars to the commissioners of the North Burial Ground, in trust, the income thereof to be applied under the provisions of chapter 367 of the public laws, to the preservation and care of the burial lot standing in the name of Susan J. Winsor in said ground, be and the same is hereby accepted by the city council under the name of the Susan J. Winsor fund.

No. 40. Resolution appropriating \$700 for the construction of a fence enclosing the Williams Burying Ground in Roger Williams Park.

[Approved January 24, 1880.]

RESOLVED, That the joint committee on parks, are hereby authorized to cause a suitable fence to be constructed enclosing the Williams burying ground, in Roger Williams park, in accordance with the requirements and conditions contained in the will of the late Betsy Williams, at a cost not exceeding seven hundred dollars; which sum or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby transferred from the appropriation for contingencies, to the appropriation for said work.

No. 41. Resolution to lease the City Building for a term of Ten Years.

[Approved January 24, 1880.]

RESOLVED, That the joint standing committee on city property, is hereby authorized to lease for a term of not exceeding ten years from January 1, 1880, the city building on Market square, upon such terms and conditions as they may deem expedient, subject, however, to the approval of the mayor.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

JANUARY 22, 1880.

The weekly report of the Dexter asylum is read and received.

The following accounts are allowed :

F. C. Clark, post mortem.. \$10.00 | E. T. Gardner, post mortem.. \$50.00

The following persons are designated and appointed to remove swill and offal, viz. :

Horace F. Carpenter, from No 162 Pine street, corner of Richmond and Clifford streets, and from the New Zealand fish market on Broad street ;

Albertus C. Sandford, from Narragansett Hotel ;

Hoxsie Wilcox, from No. 12 Weybosset street and No. 39 Dyer street.

License is granted to John McDermott, to buy and sell junk and second-hand articles, at the corner of South Water and Cent streets.

The bonds of the following constables, are severally read and approved, viz. :

John H. Cokeley,

Walter C. Smith,

Michael Craddock,

Samuel Whitney,

George Lawless.

The mayor reports, that he has paid the rent of armories, as follows :

Cos. A, B, C, D,	1st Battalion of Infantry,	-	\$400 00
Co. E,	2d " " "	- -	100 00
Cos. A, B & D,	5th " " "	- -	300 00
Cos. A & B,	4th " " "	- -	200 00
Co. C,	6th " " "	- -	44 00
Co. B,	1st " " Cavalry,	- -	100 00
Total, - - - - -			\$1,144 00

David Glover is granted permission to build a barn at the corner of Camp and Jenkins streets.

A resolution authorizing the committee on city property to lease the city building, subject to the approval of the mayor and board of aldermen, is read and indefinitely postponed.

A resolution of the common council, inviting the mayor and board of aldermen to join in convention on Monday, February 2, 1880, at 8 o'clock P. M., for the purpose of electing a surveyor of lumber and other city officers, is read and accepted.

IN COMMON COUNCIL.

JANUARY 23, 1880.

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

E. S. Stanley, for abatement of tax; Oscar F. Lee, for abatement of tax.

The petition of Thomas Richardson, of Portsmouth, N. H., relative to purchase or lease of the Bean pneumatic electric lighting system, is read and indefinitely postponed.

Mr. Charles Anthony, councilman elect from the fifth ward, is present and the oath of office is administered to him by the president of the common council.

IN CITY COUNCIL.

No. 42. Report of the Committee on City Property, relative to the purchase of land for a School House in the 7th district, near Olneyville.

[Presented January 23, 1880.]

TO THE HONORABLE THE CITY COUNCIL :

The joint standing committee of the city council on city property, who by resolution No. 553 approved January 6,

1880, were authorized "to purchase a site for a primary and intermediate school house in the seventh school district, near Olneyville," respectfully report :

That in compliance with said instructions, the committee obtained the prices of several eligible lots, and selected what appeared to them to be the most suitable location, and which fortunately was the cheapest in price. The selection made, was not only the unanimous choice of the committee, but also, meets the approval of his honor the mayor, and the superintendent of public schools.

Therefore, your committee beg leave to report, that they have bought from Susan and Patrick McKenna the four lots of land occupying the corner of Amherst and La Vaughn streets, for the sum of two thousand dollars.

The deed and title to this property is satisfactory to the city solicitor, and his certificate accompanies the deed.

Respectfully submitted for the committee,

JAMES McNALLY, Chairman.

No. 43. Annual Report of the Surveyor of Lumber.

[Presented February 2, 1880.]

City council file, February 2, 1880.

No. 44. Monthly Report of City Auditor for January, 1880.

[Presented February 2, 1880.]

City council file, February 2, 1880.

No. 45. Monthly Report of the Chief Engineer of the
Fire Department.

[Presented February 2, 1880.]

City council file, February 2, 1880.

No. 46. Thanks of the Providence Police Association,
for gift of lot in North Burial Ground.

[Presented February 2, 1880.]

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

At the annual meeting of the members of the Providence
Police Association held this day, the secretary was instructed
to convey their thanks to the honorable city council of the city
of Providence for the favor accorded them, by their action in
setting apart a burial lot in the North Burial Ground, for the
use of the deceased members of said association.

SETH L. HORTON, Secretary.

Providence, January 12, 1880.

No. 47. Resolution to hire the Hall in Kennedy &
Gough's Building, on Manton avenue, for School
Purposes.

[Approved February 4, 1880.]

RESOLVED, That the joint standing committee on city prop-
erty, are hereby authorized to hire for temporary school use,
the hall in Kennedy & Gough's building on Manton avenue;
providing the cost thereof, including sufficient land for a play
ground, shall not exceed the sum of forty-one dollars per
month; said sum to be paid from the appropriation for public
schools.

No. 48. Resolution to fit up Hall in Kennedy & Gough's Building, for School Purposes.

[Approved February 4, 1880.]

RESOLVED, That the superintendent of public buildings, acting under the advice and direction of the joint standing committee on city property, is hereby directed, from the stock of furniture on hand, to fit up the hall in Kennedy & Gough's building on Manton avenue, for primary and intermediate school purposes. The cost attending the same to be paid from the appropriation for public buildings.

No. 49. Resolution to pay John B. Hennessey for gravel taken from his land.

[Approved February 4, 1880.]

RESOLVED, That resolution No. 477, series of 1879, approved November 11th, 1879, is hereby revoked, and the city treasurer is hereby directed to pay John B. Hennessey the sum of one hundred and four dollars, whenever said Hennessey shall execute and deliver to the city of Providence, a release satisfactory to the city solicitor of all his claims against said city, for gravel taken from his land; said payment to be charged to the highway appropriation for unpaved streets.

No. 50. Resolution to pay the Firemen.

[Approved February 4, 1880.]

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer be authorized to pay the permanent members of the fire department for services rendered during the month of February, 1880, at a rate to be fixed by the board of engineers, not exceeding the amount paid for the corresponding month in 1879.

No. 51. Resolution to lay Water Pipes in Oxford and Calais streets.

[Approved February 4, 1880.]

RESOLVED, That the water commissioners are hereby directed to cause to be laid, about twenty-five feet of eight-inch water pipe in Oxford street east of the present end of the pipe near Harriet street; and also about one hundred and fifty feet of six-inch pipe in Calais street, southerly from the present end of the pipe in that street.

No. 52. Resolution discharging Joint Special Committees.

[Approved February 4, 1880.]

RESOLVED, That all joint special committees of the city council, which were appointed before January 5, 1880, and which have not been continued in existence by resolutions of the city council of that date, or of subsequent date, are hereby discharged.

No. 53. Monthly Report of the City Messenger for January, 1880.

[Presented February 2, 1880.]

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

In accordance with section 11, of chapter XXXVI, of the ordinances, the city messenger reports, that during the month of January last, the city hall and the sidewalks around the same have been kept, and are now in good condition.

The gas bill for the quarter ending December 31, 1879, amounting to \$691.08, has been presented and paid.

The total amount of bills paid during the month, including gas bill and pay rolls, was \$2,190.39; this unusually large sum has been caused by the quarterly gas bill, and the expenditures made for new grates for the furnaces, and repairs on the stone work over the porticoes of the outside doors, as mentioned in my former report, and also by the bills for coal, and repairs on furniture in the rooms of the city engineer, the latter being recommended by the committee on the city engineer's department.

Respectfully submitted,

EDWARD S. RHODES, City Messenger.

No. 54. Report of the Joint Special Committee, relative to printing proceedings at the dedication of the City Hall.

[Presented February 2, 1880.]

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

The joint special committee who were by resolution approved October 15th, 1879, appointed to print the proceedings at the dedication of the city hall, &c., respectfully report; that they are making progress in the work committed to them, and hope to be able to make a final report soon.

For the committee,

E. C. MOWRY, Chairman.

No. 55. Resolution continuing the Joint Special Committee, to print the proceedings at the dedication of the City Hall.

[Approved February 4, 1880.]

RESOLVED, That the joint special committee appointed by resolution No. 434, approved October 15, 1879, to print the proceedings at the dedication of the city hall, be hereby continued.

- No. 56. Resolution authorizing the placing of a Telephone in the City Clerk's Office.

[Approved February 4, 1880.]

RESOLVED, That the city messenger be hereby authorized to cause a telephone to be placed in the office of the city clerk, for the purpose of facilitating the transaction of business with the city printers, the same to be connected with the wires running to the telephone in the office of the city messenger; the expense thereof to be charged to the appropriation for the city hall.

- No. 57. Resolution appointing a Joint Special Committee to settle Pending Suits.

[Approved February 4, 1880.]

RESOLVED, That Aldermen Peckham; Gorman and Smith, with Messrs. F. E. Anthony, Hopkins and Greene, of the common council, be and are hereby appointed a committee, acting under the advice and direction of the city solicitor, and subject to his approval and that of the mayor, to compromise, settle and refer, on behalf of the city, any action either at law or equity or any statutory proceedings in which the city is a party, now pending in the courts of the state.

- No. 58. Resolution directing the Committee on City Property, to report suitable locations for a School House, in 6th school district, for Primary and Intermediate Scholars.

[Approved February 4, 1880.]

RESOLVED, That the joint standing committee on city property are hereby directed to report suitable locations for a school building for primary and intermediate scholars, in that portion of the sixth school district located in the vicinity of Broad and Clinton streets, together with the price thereof.

No. 59. Resolution authorizing the Conveyance of Land in the Brook Street District to Mary A. Gerald.

[Approved February 4, 1880.]

RESOLVED, That the joint special committee on the Brook street district are hereby authorized to cause to be conveyed to Mary A. Gerald, certain land in the Brook street district, bounded and described as per description hereunto annexed, whenever she shall release to the city of Providence in a manner satisfactory to the city solicitor her rights in and to a certain gangway adjoining the northwesterly corner of her land in said Brook street district.

DESCRIPTION.

Beginning at a point in the intersection of a line drawn eighty and two-tenths (80.2) feet northerly from and parallel with the northerly line of India street, and a line drawn seventy-seven and sixty-eight one hundredths (77.68) feet westerly from and parallel with the westerly line of Grosvenor street as established in a new layout approved November 13, 1876; thence in an easterly direction in a line parallel with said northerly line of India street, for a distance of sixteen and sixty-three one hundredths (16.63) feet; thence in a westerly direction, making an interior angle of seventeen (17) degrees and forty-five (45) minutes, for a distance of seventeen and forty-six one hundredths (17.46) feet; thence in a northerly direction, making an interior angle of seventy-two (72) degrees and fifteen (15) minutes, for a distance of five and thirty-two one hundredths (5.32) feet to the point of beginning.

CHAPTER CXLVI.

No. 60. An Ordinance in amendment of Chapter XIII, of the Ordinances.

[Approved February 4, 1880.]

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

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

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

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

IN COMMON COUNCIL.

FEBRUARY 2, 1880.

Upon the petition of Joseph Baker et al., for the curbing of a portion of Bernon street, it is ordered that the petitioners have leave to withdraw.

A resolution requesting the mayor to sign a contract for supplying water to the state farm, is read and indefinitely postponed.

The following are appointed members of the joint standing committee on sewers, viz.: Messrs. Millett, Hamill, Harris and Miller.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

FEBRUARY 2, 1880.

Weekly report of the Dexter asylum, monthly report of the inspector of boilers, and annual report of the superintendent of lights, are severally read and received.

The following accounts are severally examined and allowed:

BRIDGE BILLS.

Arthur C. Williams.....	\$13 51	Peter Thompson.....	\$4 78
Pay roll Point Street Bridge	286 75	Dexter Gorton & Co.....	7 00
Rice, Starkweather & Co...	9 57	L. L. Fales.....	62 83
E. Windsor & Co.....	13 27	George Hutchins.....	5 50
American Ship Windlass Co	7 76	Hopkins, Pomroy & Co....	14 84
Belcher Bros.....	16 65	Gearhard and Dailey.....	13 00
J. L. Pierce & Co.....	16 43	Labor pay roll for January.	213 51
H. M. Angell & Co.....	7 05		

POLICE BILLS.

George W. Sabre.....	\$275 36	Patrick Barker.....	\$30 00
James J. Morrally.....	36 00	Earl Carpenter & Sons....	30 72
William Stanley.....	25 00	Janitor's pay roll.....	286 50
Billings Bros.....	17 25	L. Wright.....	39 00
Chambers, Calder & Co....	10 73	David J. Barr....	12 64
C. H. Peabody.....	10 00	J. H. & J. B. Sweet.....	151 00
Providence County Jail....	50 00	Charles H. Hunt, miscel-	
E. F. Allen.....	50 00	laneous bills.....	61 98
Pay roll.....	14,886 24		

Resolution advising the city engineer in repairing the Delaine street bridges, to cause the same to be raised to the grade as recommended by him.

The following policemen are appointed, viz. :

Frank R. Weeden, William Chapman.

A resolution announcing the appointment of Messrs. Millett, Hamill, Harris and Miller, upon the joint standing committee on sewers, came from the common council, and is read.

IN CONVENTION.

FEBRUARY 2, 1880.

Nathaniel C. Bushee is elected Surveyor of Lumber.

The following officers are elected, viz. :

Surveyors and Corders of Wood :

Thomas S. Battey,	Darwin R. Mowry,
Charles D. Cobb,	John Medley,
Elam H. Gates,	Jabez C. Olney,
Stephen P. Henry,	Esek H. Pierce,
James S. Hudson,	Theodore W. Reed,
Christopher L. Holden,	Edwin L. Spink,
Robert Manchester,	Franklin A. Steere,
Theodore V. Matteson,	George L. Wood.

Surveyors and Measurers of Stone :

William F. Andrews,	Walter J. Paine.
George W. Cady,	Alfred Stone,
Clifton A. Hall,	Charles F. Wilcox,

Inspectors and Measurers of Carpenters', Masons' and Painters' Work :

Jonathan S. Angell,	Edson S. Jones,
John Buckley,	Robert Manchester,
George W. Cady,	Charles E. Paine,
Charles F. Griffin,	Walter J. Paine,
Henry A. Grimwood,	Alfred Stone,
Isaac N. Hallett,	Niles B. Schubarth,
Clifton A. Hall,	Charles F. Wilcox.

Measurers of Grain, Salt and Sea Coal :

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

Weighers of Cotton :

Charles H. Cowell,	Jacob Morgan, Jr.,
Arthur W. Dennis,	George W. Ray,
Charles Dyer,	Samuel R. Simmons,
James Herbert Foster,	G. Richard Uhlig,
William H. Wing.	

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

FEBRUARY 12, 1880.

The weekly report of the Dexter Asylum, and monthly report of the overseer of the poor, are severally read and received.

The following accounts are severally examined and allowed :

George W. Wightman,	George W. Wightman,	
support of poor.....	Charity building and	
\$1,247 11	wood yard.....	462 42
Edwin M. Snow, census...	193 70	

William Conneelley is appointed an undertaker.

The bond of Charles D. Cobb, weigher for the platform scales at the Haymarket, is approved.

Licenses are granted as follows :

To James Flynn, to buy and sell junk and second hand articles at No. 63 Transit street ; Charles E. Woodman, at No. 79 Crary street ; and German Turners Society, to give a masquerade ball at Turners Hall, March 1, 1880.

The following persons are designated and appointed to remove swill and offal, viz. :

Peter Creegan, from No. 27 Pine street ; David Moore, Jr., from No. 44 Washington street, 9 and 13 Fulton street, 23 and 24 Exchange place, and 195 South Main street.

Permission to build barns is granted as follows :

To Francis W. Carpenter, on Congdon street ; Richard W. Comstock, in rear of No. 124 Waterman street.

A resolution authorizing the city registrar to collate from the school census, the facts required by the commissioner of public schools under the State law, is read and passed.

Upon the petition of Charles D. Cobb for increase of fees as weigher for the platform scales at the haymarket, it is ordered that the petitioner have leave to withdraw.

A resolution directing the city solicitor to apply to the General Assembly for the passage of a law providing for the registration of voters by the ward and district clerks, and the collection of the registry tax within thirty days of any election, is taken from the table, put to vote and lost.

The following resolutions are read and passed :

RESOLVED, That the city engineer be hereby directed to prepare and report plans and maps for the relief of the several railroad grade crossings, rendering them more safe and convenient, and also for the extension and relaying of Harris avenue at its easterly end, in order that easier access may be had to the large manufacturing industries which are located in the Woonasqua-

tucket valley and the western portion of the city, and any general plans relating thereto which he may deem practical and of importance to the interests of the city.

RESOLVED, That the several orders to lay out the following streets, passed by the board of aldermen on the following dates, viz. :

Asia street, December 2, 1879;

Capwell street, November 13, 1879,

Powdermill street, November 13, 1879,

Westminster street, December 2, 1879, be hereby rescinded, and that the several committees appointed to lay out said streets be hereby discharged from the further consideration thereof.

RESOLVED, That the board of aldermen, as the advising committee on bridges, hereby request the city engineer to cause a test to be made of the Washington bridge at India Point, for the purpose of determining, so far as possible, the amount of weight said bridge will sustain with safety, and to notify the board of aldermen when said test is to be made.

Jurors are drawn to serve at the March term of the supreme court, and court of common pleas, respectively.

IN CITY COUNCIL.

No. 61. Resolution referring the petition of Martin V. B. Wilcox to the Committee on Pending Suits.

[Approved February 18, 1880.]

RESOLVED, That the petition of Martin V. B. Wilcox for compensation for injuries sustained by the non-repair of Broad street, be and the same is hereby referred to the joint special committee, appointed by resolution No. 57, approved February 4, 1880, to settle pending suits, with the same power and authority in reference to his matter as is conferred upon the committee in regard to suits pending in the courts.

No. 62. Message of the Mayor relative to the disposal of the Providence Reform School Estate to the State of Rhode Island.

[Presented February 12, 1880.]

CITY OF PROVIDENCE,
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, CITY HALL, }
February 12, 1880.

GENTLEMEN OF THE CITY COUNCIL :

A committee of the General Assembly has under consideration, " what course is most advisable for the state to pursue in relation to the future management of the Providence Reform School, and the expediency of transferring the control of said school from the city of Providence to the state."

Before this committee can make a report, and as a preliminary thereto, it desires to be advised as to the course the city will pursue in relation to the buildings and estate now occupied by the school, and as to the land lying between the school estate and Ives street, if it should be wanted for the purposes of the institution.

It is manifestly for the interest of the city that the school should be continued where it is, and it is also for the well-being of the institution itself, that it should remain on its present site. Such is the testimony of all familiar with its history.

That the maintenance of a reform school is of more importance to the city than to any of the other towns of the state, is well understood, but consider the rest of the state as a whole, with regard to the public morals and policy thereof, and such an institution is as much required therefor as for the city.

The city should therefore pursue a liberal policy with the state in fixing a price for the reform school property, or for the adjoining land, or for an annual rental thereof for a term of years, and I suggest, as perhaps most equitable for both parties, that the annual rent or a price for the premises be fixed by commissioners, to be appointed by the Supreme Court on the joint application of the state and city authorities.

It may be objected to such a commission that it would be composed of persons not residents or tax-payers of the city, but that does not necessarily follow, inasmuch as it would be manifestly unfair for all the members of the commission to be interested for the state, and the fact that a person was a tax-payer in Providence ought not to disqualify him to decide upon a matter at issue between the state and city; while a person familiar with the value of property in the city would be better qualified thereby to act in the case.

It is important that an early decision should be made by the city council in the matter, and I therefore suggest prompt action thereon.

THOMAS A. DOYLE, Mayor.

No. 63. Resolution referring Message of the Mayor, relative to the disposal of the Providence Reform School Estate.

[Approved February 18, 1880.]

RESOLVED, That the message of the mayor, dated February 12, 1880, relative to the disposal of the Providence Reform School property to the State of Rhode Island be, and the same is hereby referred to the joint standing committee on finance to examine and report thereon.

No. 64. Annual Report of the City Engineer upon the condition of the Public Bridges.

[Presented February 12, 1880.]

City document, No. 12.

No. 65. Resolution requesting the Board of Aldermen to lay out West River street.

[Approved February 18, 1880.]

RESOLVED, That the board of aldermen be, and are hereby requested to lay out West River street, from Charles street to Branch avenue.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

FEBRUARY 19, 1880.

The weekly report of the Dexter Asylum is read and received.

The following accounts are examined and allowed :

Edwin M. Snow, census.....	\$30 25	James F. Miner, bridge de-	
Providence Press Co.....	24 50	partment.....	\$3 15
Michael Murphy, bridge de-		Labor pay roll, lamp depart-	
partment.....	7 25	ment.....	47 10

Cornelius C. Gardner is appointed a police constable without power to serve civil process.

Lucius F. Rankin is appointed an auctioneer.

Philip Creed is designated and appointed to remove swill and offal.

License is granted to Spooner & Dailey, to keep a victualling house at No. 171 Westminster street.

S. A. Hammond is granted permission to operate a steam boiler at Messrs. Taft & Weeden's mill in Olneyville.

Upon the petition of Mary A. Peckham for remission of tax, it is ordered that the petitioner have leave to withdraw.

The following resolution is read and passed :

RESOLVED, That the city registrar be hereby appointed to arrange, alphabetically, a list of the enrolled militia, and place the same in the hands of the city clerk, as required by law.

The report of the committee to lay out Fenner street, from High street to Broad street, is rejected.

A resolution is passed, directing the city engineer to prepare a plan that shall include a sufficient portion of the street or streets, necessary to the proper disposal of the surface water, previous to bringing to grade any portion of a street or streets, opposite individual estates included in the district bounded by Ship and Richmond streets, Broad and Weybosset streets, and Dyer street and the river.

IN CITY COUNCIL.

CHAPTER CXLVII.

No. 66. An Ordinance in amendment of Chapter XXXVI. of the Ordinances of the City of Providence, "Officers of the City and their Duties."

[Passed in Board of Aldermen, February 2, 1880. Passed in Common Council, February 2, 1880. Became a law upon the adjournment of the Board of Aldermen, February 19, 1880.]

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

SECTION 1. A commission shall issue to every person elected to any of the offices enumerated in this chapter.

SECTION 2. Every person so elected to office shall, within thirty days after the date of his commission, duly engage himself to the faithful performance of the duties of his office, before the city clerk, who shall keep a record thereof.

No. 67. Monthly Report of the Finance Committee on the issue of Registered Bonds.

[Presented February 16, 1880.]

City council file, February 19, 1880.

No. 68. Monthly Report of the City Treasurer on the issue of Registered Bonds.

[Presented February 16, 1880.]

City council file, February 19, 1880.

No. 69. Monthly Report of the City Treasurer.

[Presented February 16, 1880.]

City council file, February 19, 1880.

No. 70. Resolution to pay George W. White for damages sustained on Manton avenue.

[Approved February 24, 1880.]

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer is hereby directed to pay to George W. White the sum of one hundred dollars, whenever said White shall execute and deliver to the city of Providence, a discharge and release satisfactory to the city solicitor, for any damages arising out of the collision of his team with the post set to protect a hydrant on Manton avenue; and to charge the same to the appropriation for contingencies.

No. 71. Resolution to procure plans and estimates for a Primary and Intermediate School House, at the corner of LaVaughan and Amherst streets.

[Approved February 24, 1880.]

RESOLVED, That the joint standing committee on education be, and are hereby instructed to procure and present to the city council, plans and estimates for a primary and intermediate school building, to be located upon the lot owned by the city, corner of LaVaughan and Amherst streets.

No. 72. Resolution to place a Telephone in the Battery Room of the City Hall.

[Approved February 24, 1880.]

RESOLVED, That the city messenger be hereby authorized to cause a telephone to be placed in the battery room of the city hall, to connect with the headquarters of the fire department in the fire station on Exchange place; the expense thereof to be charged to the appropriation for the care of the city hall.

No. 73. Resolution to lay Water Pipes in Amherst and Bowdoin streets.

[Approved February 24, 1880.]

RESOLVED, That the water commissioners are hereby directed to cause six-inch water pipes to be laid from the pipes now in Putnam street, through Amherst and Bowdoin streets, about four hundred and eighty-four feet easterly and southerly.

No. 74. Resolution to pay Elizabeth Lovering et al., for damages caused by grading Jackson avenue.

[Approved March 2, 1880.]

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer is hereby directed to pay to Elizabeth Lovering and others interested, the sum of one hundred dollars, whenever they shall execute and deliver to the city of Providence a release satisfactory to the city solicitor, of all claims against said city, and any person acting in its behalf, for damages to their estate, being lots Nos. 423, 424, 425, 426, assessors' plat No. 50, situate on Jackson avenue, arising from any work heretofore done, or caused to be done, by said city upon said avenue, the payment to be charged to the appropriation for contingencies.

No. 75. Annual Report of the City Engineer for 1879.

[Presented February 19, 1880.]

City document, No. 13.

No. 76. Resolution appointing a Joint Special Committee, to report a plan to place the Police force more completely under the control of the Chief of Police.

[Passed in Common Council February 2, 1880. Passed in Board of Aldermen February 2, 1880. Became a law upon the adjournment of the Common Council, March 1, 1880.]

RESOLVED, That the joint standing committee on police, and the committee on police of the board of aldermen, be, and they hereby are, appointed a special committee to examine and report a plan for placing the police force more completely under the control of the chief of police.

No. 77. Message of the Mayor relating to the Providence Reform School.

[Presented March 1, 1880.]

CITY OF PROVIDENCE,
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, CITY HALL, }
March 1, 1880.

GENTLEMEN OF THE CITY COUNCIL :

The condition of the Providence Reform School requires that definite action shall be taken in regard to its future management at the present session of the General Assembly. It is therefore very important that the city council shall decide at the earliest practicable date, upon what terms the real and personal property of the institution will be leased or sold.

The joint committee on finance has given considerable atten-

tion to the matter, and is ready to report upon the same. If this report should be considered by the city council in convention, the decision of that body on the point desired by the committee of the General Assembly would be arrived at more easily and in a shorter space of time, than if the ordinary and usual course of action by the separate boards was taken.

For this reason I have deemed it proper to request your attendance at this time, and suggest that the city council meet in convention and in executive session, for a full and free consideration of matters relating to the reform school property, as a preliminary to final action thereon.

THOMAS A. DOYLE, Mayor.

No. 78. Report of the Joint Committee on Finance, upon the Mayor's Message relative to disposal of the Providence Reform School Estate.

[Presented March 1, 1880.]

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

The joint standing committee on finance, to whom was referred by resolution No. 63, of the city council, approved February 18th, 1880, the message of the mayor relative to the disposal of the Providence Reform School property to the State of Rhode Island, to examine and report thereon, respectfully report that the committee have held two meetings, and have given the matter much consideration.

A portion of the committee have conferred with the chairman of the joint committee of the legislature, and find that the committee have not given the matter sufficient consideration to be able to offer any terms for the purchase or lease of the property.

The suggestion of the mayor in regard to the appointment of commissioners by the supreme court would, if carried into effect,

cause a considerable delay, which, if possible, should be avoided, and the committee therefore decided that the better course would be for the matter to be acted upon at once by the city council, and they therefore, after consultation with the mayor, approved of his calling a special meeting of the city council for the purpose of considering the subject, and, if possible, agreeing upon a definite plan in regard to the school.

The committee therefore request that they may be relieved from the further consideration of the subject.

For the committee,

J. W. CROOKER, Chairman.

No. 79. Resolution appointing a Joint Special Committee to Lease the Providence Reform School Estate.

[Approved March 2, 1880.]

RESOLVED, That the leasing of the Providence Reform School estate be hereby referred to a joint special committee, consisting of the members of the joint standing committees on finance and city property, together with His Honor the mayor, with full power and authority to lease said reform school estate to the State of Rhode Island, and also with authority to sell the personal estate used therewith.

No. 80. Message of the Mayor relative to the consolidation of the Boston and Providence Railroad, with the Boston and Albany Railroad.

[Presented March 1, 1880.]

CITY OF PROVIDENCE,
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, CITY HALL, }
March 1, 1880.

GENTLEMEN OF THE CITY COUNCIL:

On Wednesday next, 3d inst., at 10 o'clock A. M., the com-

mittee on railroads of the General Court of Massachusetts, will give a hearing "to parties interested in the petition of Mr. Aspinwall and others concerning the union of the Boston and Albany and Boston and Providence railroad corporations," at the State House in Boston.

This matter concerns not merely the stockholders of the corporations, but is one affecting materially the interests of the citizens of Providence as well as of the towns and villages along the line of the Boston and Providence road. This corporation has for more than forty years been managed for the convenience of the passenger and business traffic of the two cities which it connects, and the intervening territory.

It is now proposed that this system shall be changed, and that this local corporation and its interests shall be merged in a large corporation, whose interests are entirely distinct, and away from those of the former, and to whose railroad the Boston and Providence road will be but a spur track.

Railroad corporations are chartered for the public good, and for that reason are given unusual rights and privileges, and it is the duty of the State and municipal authorities to see that the public welfare is not sacrificed to the designs and wishes of individuals.

So far as the people of Providence and Pawtucket are concerned, the wiping out of the Boston and Providence Railroad as a separate corporation will be a great public injury, and is one that should be prevented by all-legal and proper means. There is no more reason why these two corporations should be united, than that the Boston and Providence corporation should be merged with the Boston and Lowell, or any of the other railroad lines in Massachusetts, which have no tracks in this State, and no special interest therein.

The desire of the Boston and Albany road to use the passenger station of the Providence road in Boston, is not a sufficient reason to warrant the proposed consolidation, and this attack upon the interests of this city.

I deem this matter to be of such importance as to require the action of the city council thereon, and I recommend that the city solicitor be instructed to attend the above hearing, and in behalf of the city of Providence to oppose the proposed consolidation of the Boston and Providence and Boston and Albany railroads.

THOMAS A. DOYLE, Mayor.

No. 81. Resolution instructing the Mayor and City Solicitor, to oppose the proposed consolidation of the Boston and Providence Railroad, with the Boston and Albany Railroad.

[Approved March 2, 1880.]

RESOLVED, That the city solicitor, together with His Honor the mayor, be hereby instructed to attend the meeting of the committee on railroads of the General Court of Massachusetts, to be held at the State House in Boston, on Wednesday, March 3d, inst., and in behalf of the city of Providence, to oppose the proposed union of the Boston and Albany and the Boston and Providence railroad corporations.

No. 82. Annual Report of the Water Commissioners.

[Presented March 1, 1880.]

City document, No. 11.

No. 83. Annual Report of the Superintendent of Public Buildings.

[Presented March 1, 1880.]

City document, No. 3.

No. 84. Monthly Report of the City Auditor for
February, 1880.

[Presented March 1, 1880.]

City council file, March 1, 1880.

No. 85. Monthly Report of the Chief Engineer of the
Fire Department.

[Presented March 1, 1880.]

City council file, March 1, 1880.

No. 86. Resolution instructing the City Solicitor to
apply to the General Assembly for authority to bor-
row \$75,000 for Harbor Improvement.

[Approved March 2, 1880.]

RESOLVED, That the city solicitor is hereby instructed to ap-
ply to the General Assembly, for authority for the city of Prov-
idence to borrow the sum of seventy-five thousand dollars, the
same to be applied to the improvement of the harbor, and to issue
its notes or bonds for the same, to be paid in equal sums of fif-
teen thousand dollars annually for five years.

No. 87. Resolution appointing a Joint Special Com-
mittee to examine and report upon the expediency of
building a Bridge across the Seekonk river.

[Approved March 2, 1880.]

RESOLVED, That Messrs. C. Anthony, Morris and Phillips of
the common council, with aldermen Greene, Carpenter and
Briggs, are hereby constituted a joint special committee to ex-
amine into and report to the city council, whether it is expedient

for the city of Providence, either by itself or in connection with other parties, to take measures towards building a bridge across the Seekonk river, from Front street in the city of Providence, to the foot of Warren avenue in East Providence, with the view of the discontinuance of the Washington bridge.

No. 88. Resolution to pay the Firemen.

[Approved March 2, 1880.]

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer be authorized to pay the call men of the fire department, for services rendered during the quarter ending March 31, 1880, at a rate to be fixed by the board of engineers, not exceeding the rate paid for the corresponding quarter in 1879.

No. 89. Resolution to pay the Firemen.

[Approved March 2, 1880.]

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer be authorized to pay the permanent members of the fire department for services rendered during the month of March, 1880, at a rate to be fixed by the board of engineers, not exceeding the rate paid for the corresponding month in 1879.

No. 90. Resolution requesting the Board of Aldermen to lay out Joslin street.

[Approved March 2, 1880.]

RESOLVED, That the board of aldermen be, and they are hereby requested to lay out Joslin street, from Atwell's avenue to Amherst street, as a public highway.

No. 91. Resolution to pay Alexander Grant \$28.87,
for Work done on the City Hall.

[Approved March 2, 1880.]

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer be, and is hereby authorized and directed to pay Alexander Grant twenty-eight dollars and eighty-seven cents, the same being the amount of his account for work done on the city hall; said payment to be charged to the appropriation for care of the city hall.

No. 92. Monthly Report of the City Messenger for
February.

[Presented March 1, 1880.]

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

In accordance with section 11, of chapter xxxvi. of the ordinances, the city messenger reports, that during the month of February last, the city hall and the sidewalks around the same have been kept, and are now in good condition. A telephone has been placed in the office of the city clerk, in accordance with resolution No. 56, current series.

Bills have been paid, including pay rolls, amounting to \$914.09.

Respectfully submitted,

EDWARD S. RHODES,

City Messenger.

No. 93. Resolution requesting the Board of Aldermen
to lay out Westminster street.

[Approved March 2, 1880.]

RESOLVED, That the board of aldermen are hereby requested to lay out Westminster street, from the northwest corner of the William Sheldon estate, as occupied, to Jackson street.

IN COMMON COUNCIL.

MARCH 1, 1880.

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

Jacob Lang, for damages caused by the death of his son, by drowning, in a cistern in Summer street; Elizabeth Francis et al., for the receiving of Duncan alley; and Solomon W. Thornton, for a crosswalk on Pond street.

A resolution requesting the board of aldermen to straighten Oxford street, is indefinitely postponed.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

MARCH 1, 1880.

The weekly reports of the Dexter Asylum, and quarterly report of the superintendent of hacks, are severally read and received.

The following accounts are examined and allowed:

MISCELLANEOUS BILLS.

Edwin E. Calder, inspector of milk.....	\$50 00	Edwin M. Snow, census.....	\$20 00
A. E. Field & Son, health de- partment.....	550 00	Mary Josephine Peckham, census.....	16 25

BRIDGE BILLS.

Labor pay roll.....	\$115 84	Wm. H. Miller & Co.....	\$2 46
Hopkins, Pomroy & Co....	18 00	J. L. Peirce & Co.....	11 10
Ryder Bros.....	3 00	L. L. Fales.....	8 37
E. Allen.....	3 50	Belcher Bros.....	3 20
H. M. Angell & Co.	13 08	A. Williams.....	9 53
E. Winsor & Co.....	3 49	Point street bridge, pay roll.	268 25
L. F. Pease.....	5 12		

POLICE BILLS.

Charles H. Hunt.....	\$67 89	S. S. Sprague & Co.....	\$18 18
“ “ “ bell ringing.	82 00	T. W. Rounds & Co.....	13 72
J. O. Swan.....	11 40	Hopkins, Pomroy & Co.....	136 00
James J. Monally.....	50 00	Joseph Cogan	8 00
Louis W. Clark, agent.....	19 25	J. H. & J. B. Sweet.....	73 15
Louis W. Clark.....	8 90	Janitor's pay roll	279 50
Billings Bros.....	17 63	Pay roll.....	13,538 15

LAMP DEPARTMENT.

Pay roll.....	\$2,223 01	Labor pay roll.....	\$47 10
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The invitation of the Social Turnverein is read and accepted.

The following persons are appointed undertakers, viz. :

Edward A. Baker, William R. Briggs.

The following persons are designated and appointed to remove swill and offall, viz. :

Philip Demby, from 233 Broad street; George W. Hull, from Ardoene's on Westminster street, and from the Adams House; and Byron Mathewson, from 380 and 447 High street, and 56 Washington street.

Licenses to buy and sell junk and second hand articles, are severally granted to the following persons, viz. :

Jeremiah Gearin,	James Kirkwood,
John Gearin,	William O'Hern,
William Gearin,	George H. Smith.

License is granted to Frank W. Huntoon & Co., to keep six billiard tables at the city hotel, upon payment of \$60.

Thomas McMurrough is granted permission to build a barn, at the corner of Pond and Fenner streets.

Canvass meetings are ordered to be held on Wednesday, March 31, and Saturday, April-3, 1880, at 7.30 o'clock, P. M.

The following resolutions are read and passed :

RESOLVED, That the grade of Baker avenue from High street to Broadway, is hereby established as the grade of said

avenue, as delineated upon the profile and plan this day presented to the board of aldermen, and recommended by the city engineer.

RESOLVED, That the superintendent of the Dexter Asylum be hereby directed not to provide the regular quarterly dinners for the present municipal year.

Upon the report of the street committee, to whom was referred a resolution relative to changing the name of Sheridan street, it is ordered that the same be received, and that said resolution be indefinitely postponed.

Upon the petition of John O'Connor for compensation for use of wharf, it is ordered that the petitioner have leave to withdraw.

IN CONVENTION.

MARCH 1, 1880.

Frank L. Sheldon is elected weigher of cotton.

IN CITY COUNCIL.

No. 94. Resolution to lay a Crosswalk across Hospital Street.

[Approved March 10, 1880.]

RESOLVED, That the highway commissioners be, and they are hereby directed to lay a crosswalk across Hospital street, at the south side of Langley street, at a cost not to exceed thirty dollars, to be paid out of the appropriation for unpaved streets.

No. 95. Resolution to Curb Mathew Street.

[Approved March 10, 1880.]

RESOLVED, That the highway commissioners be, and they are hereby directed to cause curb stones to be set and gutters paved on Mathew street, from Filmore street to the Catholic cemetery, at a cost not to exceed five hundred and twenty-six dollars; to be paid out of the appropriation for highways for new work.

No. 96. Deputy Surveyors of Lumber.

[Approved March 10, 1880.]

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

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

Frank B. Chedell, Charles A. Manchester, John B. Winship, Robert Carlisle, Frank S. Roberts, William G. Burtis. Robert Manchester, for ship timber.

Respectfully submitted,

NATHANIEL C. BUSHEE, Surveyor of Lumber.

Providence, February 5, 1880.

No 97. Resolution granting permission to the American Screw Co., to build a bridge across Stevens street.

[Approved March 10, 1880.]

RESOLVED, That permission is hereby granted to the American Screw Company to construct an iron railway bridge across Stevens street, to connect with their two mills on opposite sides of said street, provided, said American Screw Company shall

at all times indemnify and save harmless and defend the city of Providence, of and from all damages, costs and expenses to which said city may be subjected or made liable, by any proceedings at law, or in equity or otherwise, growing out of the grant or continuance of the permission and privileges granted to said company by this resolution, or out of the exercise and enjoyment of the same by such company; said bridge to be built to the satisfaction of the city engineer; and provided, also, that before proceeding to do any work under this resolution, the said American Screw Company shall file in the city clerk's office their acceptance in writing of the conditions of this resolution; provided, further, that the said railway shall be removed at any time by order of the city council.

No. 98. Monthly Report of the Finance Committee on the issue of Registered Bonds.

[Presented March 8, 1880.]

City council file, March 11, 1880.

No. 99. Monthly Report of the City Treasurer on the issue of Registered Bonds.

[Presented March 8, 1880.]

City council file, March 11, 1880.

No. 100. Monthly Report of the City Treasurer..

[Presented March 8, 1880.]

City council file, March 11, 1880.

No. 101. Resolution to lay Water Pipes in Almy street.

[Approved March 16, 1880.]

RESOLVED, That the water commissioners are hereby directed to cause six-inch water pipes to be laid in Almy street, from Penn street to Tell street, the distance being about two hundred and twenty-five feet.

No. 102. Resolution to pay bill of Knowles, Anthony & Danielson, amounting to \$8.45.

[Approved March 16, 1880.]

RESOLVED, That the bill of Knowles, Anthony & Danielson, amounting to eight dollars and forty-five cents, for Daily Journal, furnished to the Mayor's office, is hereby allowed and ordered paid.

No. 103. Resolution directing the Highway Commissioners to cause Chutes to be placed in Reservoir avenue.

[Approved March 16, 1880.]

RESOLVED, That the highway commissioners be, and they are directed to cause chutes to be put in on Reservoir avenue, near Mashapaug pond, in accordance with the plans of the city engineer, provided the cost thereof shall not exceed one hundred dollars, to be charged to the appropriation for highways.

No. 104. Report of the Joint Standing Committee on Ordinances, relative to the Amendment of the Ordinances relating to the employees of the Water Department.

[Presented March 8, 1880.]

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

The joint standing committee on ordinances, which was directed by resolution No. 491, series 1879, to report an ordinance amending section 4 of chapter 89 of the ordinances, respectfully reports :

That in view of the probable consolidation of the water, highway and sewer departments, it does not deem it advisable, at the present time at least, to amend the ordinance referred to. Your committee therefore ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

For the committee,

J. C. B. WOODS, Chairman.

IN COMMON COUNCIL.

MARCH 8, 1880.

The following petitioners have leave to withdraw, viz. :

Franklin Brothers, for repeal of that part of the hack ordinance, which requires lamps to be placed on hackney carriages, and kept lighted after dark ; George Henry, for reduction of taxes.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

MARCH 11, 1880.

The monthly report of the overseer of the poor and of the inspector of steam boilers, and quarterly report of the city clerk, are severally read and received.

The following accounts are severally examined and allowed :

George W. Wightman, support of poor.....	\$1,509 71	William H. Palmer, M. D., post mortems.....	\$210 00
Sheffield Smith, Jr., M. D., post mortem.....	25 00	Providence Gas Company, Lamp Department.....	193 56

Seth M. Vose is appointed an auctioneer.

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

George Allen,	Milton H. Shattuck,
John S. Austin,	Henry A. Spicer
Lucius F. Rankin,	James M. Wiggin.

Permission is granted to the Jewellers' Social Club to give a masquerade ball at No 51 Dorrance street.

The following persons are designated and appointed to remove swill and offal, viz. :

Daniel O. Angell, from corner of Dorrance and Pine streets.

George W. Bowen, from Nos. 297, 311 and 361 High street, and from No 24 Crauston street.

Lewis Simms, from No. 231 Westminster street.

License is granted to William A. Barron to keep a victualing house at No. 260½ Broad street.

Joseph L. Saunders is granted permission to build a barn at the corner of Smith and Ruggles streets.

Resolutions are severally passed as follows :

Requesting the highway commissioners to cause concrete side-

walks to be laid as follows : On north side of Power street, from Hope street to Governor street ; north side of Charles Field street, from Brown street to Hope street ; and on the west side of Hope street, from Power street to Benevolent street.

Directing the highway commissioners to cause the sidewalks on Weybosset street, between Dorrance street and Orange street, and on Eddy street, between Friendship and Clifford streets, to be immediately made safe and convenient to the public, in accordance with the plans of the city engineer therefor.

Severally granting permission to the Providence Telephone Exchange Co., and to the American Union Telegraph Co., to construct, maintain, and operate lines of wires, and to erect and maintain poles for their wires, in the highways and public streets of the city.

Orders are severally passed as follows :

To lease the James street ferry to Moses Smith for one year from March 6, 1880.

Designating the places for holding ward meetings for the state election.

Requesting the city solicitor to apply to the General Assembly for such legislation as may be necessary to prevent the driving of vehicles upon red bridge, when the signal for opening the draw thereof has been given by the keeper of said bridge.

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

Walter Blodget, relative to the award of the contract for naphtha ;

Walter S. Burges and Gorham Thurber, relative to a change of name of Comstock avenue.

An estimate of \$15,400, the amount required for the maintenance of the public bridges for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1881, is approved and adopted.

Jurors are drawn to attend the Municipal Court, to be holden on the 24th day of March, A. D. 1880.

The following policemen are appointed, viz. :

John Wendall Poiner, Winfield Scott Phillips, and Edwin Oscar Harvey.

IN CITY COUNCIL.

No. 105. Resolution requesting the Board of Aldermen to lay out Federal street.

[Approved March 16, 1880.]

RESOLVED, That the board of aldermen be, and they are hereby requested to lay out Federal street, from its present westerly termination, as a public highway, to the westerly line of Tefft street, as platted on map recorded in plat book No. 13, page 10, in the office of the recorder of deeds.

No. 106. Resolution requesting the Board of Aldermen to lay out Asia street.

[Approved March 16, 1880.]

RESOLVED, That the board of aldermen are hereby requested to lay out Asia street, from America street to Tefft street, as platted and recorded in plat book No. 13, page 10, in the office of the recorder of deeds.

No. 107. Resolution requesting the Board of Aldermen to lay out Power street.

[Approved March 16, 1880.]

RESOLVED, That the board of aldermen be, and they are hereby requested, to lay out Power street, from Governor street to the harbor line of Providence river.

No. 108. Resolution requesting the Board of Aldermen to lay out Union street.

[Approved March 16, 1880.]

RESOLVED, That the board of aldermen be, and they are hereby requested to lay out Union street, from Broad street to Westminster street.

No. 109. Report of the Joint Special Committee upon the matter of placing the Police Force more completely under the control of the Chief of Police.

[Presented March 8, 1880.]

TO THE CITY COUNCIL:

The joint special committee created by resolution number seventy-six, series of 1880, were by said resolution instructed to examine and report a plan for placing the police force of this city more completely under the control of the chief of police.

Your committee have carefully examined the matter, and find that under the present law and the ordinances of the city of Providence, the only power that the chief of police has is the power of suspension for fifteen days, *provided the mayor consents*; that appointments, removals, promotions, details, and all other powers and duties with reference to the management and control of the police force are given to and imposed upon the mayor of the city. Your committee are unanimous in pronouncing this system radically defective. The law under which the mayor is given the power of appointment and removal was passed May, A. D. 1855, when the duties imposed upon the executive of the city of Providence, whose population at that time but little exceeded forty thousand, were not so onerous but that the detail management of the police force could properly be left to him. But to-day, when the population of our city is more than one hundred thousand, with a proportional increase of police work to be performed, the duties of the executive increasing in every department, it is palpably unwise to continue

a policy which imposes upon the mayor the duties properly belonging to the office of chief of police. The citizens of Providence, through the city council, look to the chief of police as the head of the force, and hold him responsible for any mismanagement thereof. While your committee believe that the mayor, as the executive of the city, should be the head of the police department, they also believe that if the chief is to be held responsible for the operations of that department, he at least should have a voice in the selection of the material of which it is composed; the weeding out of incompetent and inefficient men, and the details, general management, and control of the force as a whole.

Your committee believe that all work performed by the police force should be through the chief and under his supervision; that he should be cognizant at all times of the whereabouts and occupation of the members of his department while on duty. This is what is expected of every other department, and is pre-eminently essential in a police force if effectiveness is desired or expected. The authority to issue orders without the power to enforce their execution, is worse than useless, as the effect rather tends to demoralization than to the promotion of discipline.

Your committee, therefore, beg leave to submit, in accordance with their instructions, the following plan:

First—Appointments shall be made by the chief of police, by and with the consent of the mayor and board of aldermen.

Second—Removals shall be made by the chief of police whenever in his opinion the interests of the city shall require such removals, provided, however, such removal shall not be made without the consent of the mayor, or in case he shall refuse or decline to give his consent, then said removal may be made by the chief, by and with the consent and approval of the board of aldermen.

Third—All details and the general management of the force shall be made by the chief of police.

The first step towards the adoption of this plan being the procurement of appropriate legislation from the General Assembly, your committee have requested the city solicitor to prepare the act which accompanies this report, and unanimously recommend the passage of the accompanying resolution.

For the Committee,

EDMUND S. HOPKINS, Chairman.

No. 110. Invitation of Thomas E. Noonan, et al., inviting the City Council to attend the Irish Relief Demonstration.

[Presented March 15, 1880.]

PROVIDENCE, March 12, 1880.

HON. CITY COUNCIL, CITY OF PROVIDENCE :

GENTLEMEN :—You are respectfully invited to attend the Irish relief demonstration which is to take place in Light Infantry armory hall on Wednesday evening, March 17, 1880.

In behalf of the committee of arrangements,

THOMAS E. NOONAN,
JOHN McCORMICK,
THOMAS CULLEN.

No. 111. Resolution to lay Water Pipes in Bergen and Ceylon streets.

[Approved March 22, 1880.]

RESOLVED, That the water commissioners are hereby directed to cause six-inch water pipes to be laid in Bergen street from Chalkstone avenue to Ceylon street and in Ceylon street, from Bergen street to a point opposite Geneva street, the entire distance being about eight hundred and fifty feet.

No. 112. Resolution instructing the Joint Committee on Education to report relative to increased school accommodations in the neighborhood of Admiral street, in Tenth ward.

[Approved March 22, 1880.]

RESOLVED, That the joint standing committee on education be, and they are hereby instructed to enquire into and report as soon as practicable, what action is necessary to afford sufficient school accommodations in the neighborhood of Admiral street, in the tenth ward.

No. 113. Resolution directing the Committee on City Property to report a plan for Ward Room in Sixth Ward.

[Approved March 22, 1880.]

RESOLVED, That the joint standing committee on city property is hereby instructed to report to the city council a plan for, and estimate of the cost of providing the citizens of the sixth ward with a ward room.

No. 114. Resolution referring the Annual Report of the Chief of Police for 1879, to the Joint Standing Committee on Police, to examine and report thereon.

[Approved March 22, 1880.]

RESOLVED, That the annual report of the chief of police for 1879, be referred to the joint standing committee on police, with instructions to consider the recommendations and suggestions therein contained, and report to the city council, the conclusions to which they may arrive.

No. 115. Resolution directing the City Solicitor to apply to the General Assembly for power to regulate the putting up, laying, use and maintenance of Telegraph and other wires.

[Approved March 22, 1880.]

RESOLVED, That the city solicitor is hereby instructed to apply to the general assembly for the passage of an act which shall empower the city council to regulate by ordinance or otherwise, the putting up, laying, use and maintenance of telegraph and other wires, and appurtenances thereto, under and over the highways, streets and sidewalks within the city limits; and which shall also empower the city council to provide for the removal of any or all telegraph and other wires, and the appurtenances thereto, which may imperil the safety of the city from fire or other causes.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

MARCH 18, 1880.

The weekly report of the Dexter asylum, is read and received.

The following accounts are examined and allowed :

George W. Wightman, Charity building and wood yard...\$822 85	B. F. Gorman, M. D., post mortems.....\$50 00
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Permission is granted to the following persons to connect their estates with the drains in the streets as follows, viz. :

John Keefe, in Bacon street; Matthew O'Brien, in Webster street.

The following persons are designated and appointed to receive swill and offal, viz. :

Moses Hennessey, from No. 102 South Water street;

Henry B. West, from No. 8 Wickenden street.

Abner T. Kirby is granted permission to build a barn at the corner of Almy and Tell streets.

A resolution directing the highway commissioners to cause sidewalks on the west side of Greenwich street, from Sprague street to Carter street, to be covered with concrete or some other hard substance; and on the west side of Stewart street, between Broad street and Pine street, is read and passed.

Estimates of the amount required for the maintenance of the poor department, health department, and asylum walls and buildings, for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1881, are approved and adopted as follows:

For the poor department, \$16,000;

For the health department, \$12,000;

For the asylum walls and buildings, \$1,000.

The report of the committee to lay out Dexter avenue, from Broad street to Lockwood street, is read and rejected.

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

Patrick O'Connell, to remove swill and offal;

S. B. Westcott, et al., relating to the sewer in Pitman street;

A. I. C. Dwight, et al., for new curbing on Benefit street near Angell street;

P. M. Mathewson, relative to the use of a locomotive on South Water street;

Ellathear Perry, for refunding of tax;

Hacker Photograph Company, for allowance of bill.

The following matters are indefinitely postponed, viz.:

Petition of John B. Livsey, for curbing of Eddy street;

Communication of superintendent of health on necessity for a sewer in Congdon street;

Report of the joint committee on highways on the subject of Post Office court.

IN CITY COUNCIL.

No. 116. Resolution requesting the Board of Aldermen to lay out Aborn street.

[Approved March 25, 1880.]

RESOLVED, That the board of aldermen be, and they are hereby requested to lay out Aborn street, from Westminster street to Washington street.

No. 117. Resolution requesting the Board of Aldermen to lay out Capwell street.

[Approved March 25, 1880.]

RESOLVED, That the board of aldermen are hereby requested to lay out Capwell street, from West River street to Powdermill street, and of a uniform width of forty feet.

No. 118. Resolution requesting the Board of Aldermen to lay out Powdermill street.

[Approved March 25, 1880.]

RESOLVED, That the board of aldermen are hereby requested to lay out Powdermill street from West River street to the southerly line, as occupied, of land belonging to George H. Corliss, and of a uniform width of thirty feet.

No. 119. Resolution to pay bill of Hacker Photograph Company, amounting to \$20.

[Approved March 25, 1880.]

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer be hereby directed to pay

the Hacker Photograph Co. the sum of twenty dollars, being the amount of their bill for a photograph of the city of Providence, now in the executive department; said sum to be charged to the appropriation for contingencies.

No. 120. Resolution granting permission to Lawrence Taft to raise a building.

[Approved March 25, 1880.]

RESOLVED, That permission be granted to Lawrence Taft to raise a certain building located at No. 77 Diamond street, pursuant to his petition.

No. 121. Resolution requesting the Board of Aldermen to lay out Beverly street.

[Approved March 25, 1880.]

RESOLVED, That the board of aldermen be, and they are hereby requested to lay out Beverly street, from Fountain street to Sabin street, as a public highway.

No. 122. Message of the Mayor relative to bills contracted by the Inspector of Buildings under Section 9 of Chapter 688 of the Public Laws.

[Presented March 22, 1880.]

CITY OF PROVIDENCE,
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, CITY HALL, }
March 22, 1880.

GENTLEMEN OF THE CITY COUNCIL:

Section 9 of chapter 688, of the public laws, passed April 12, 1878, being "An Act in relation to buildings in the city of Providence, and for other purposes," reads as follows:

“Any excavation upon a lot adjoining a street shall be properly guarded and protected by the person having charge of such excavation, so as not to become dangerous to public travel. Whenever any excavation shall be commenced upon a lot of land, and there shall be a party or other wall standing upon or near the boundary line of said lot, if the person whose duty it shall be to preserve and protect said wall from injury shall neglect or fail so to do for twenty-four hours after notice in writing from the inspector of buildings, left at the usual residence or place of business of such person, said inspector may enter upon the premises, and employ such labor, obtain such material and take such other steps as may be necessary to make the same safe and to prevent the same from becoming unsafe, at the expense of the person owning said wall or building; and such inspector may recover of such person all money so expended, as if he had been employed by such person to expend the same.”

Section 6 of the same act provides “that the chief engineer of the fire department shall, by virtue of his office, be the inspector of buildings in the city of Providence, and is charged with the duty of executing the provisions of this act.”

It will be observed that under section nine there are certain cases in which the chief engineer, in his capacity of inspector of buildings, may be compelled to employ labor and obtain materials in order to discharge the duties required of him by the act, and such a case has arisen in the construction of a building by the neglect or refusal of the person whose duty it is to protect an adjoining wall, and who has been notified so to do by the inspector. It is, therefore, obligatory upon this officer to take action in the premises, but he has no appropriation upon which he can draw to pay for such labor and materials as may be required, and he cannot defray the expenses from his private means.

I therefore recommend that the city treasurer be authorized to pay such bills as the inspector, acting under the advice of

the city solicitor, shall be obliged to contract in the discharge of his duty under said section 9, and that the city solicitor be directed to institute proceedings to collect said bills of the party made responsible therefor by the act.

THOMAS A. DOYLE, Mayor.

No. 123. Resolutions directing the City Treasurer to pay bills contracted by the Inspector of Buildings under Chapter 688 of the Public Laws.

[Approved March 26, 1880.]

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer be, and is hereby authorized and directed to pay such bills for labor and materials as may be contracted by the inspector of buildings, under section 9 of chapter 688 of the public laws, *provided*, said bills shall be certified by the city solicitor to have been contracted in accordance with his advice and direction; the amount so paid, to be charged to the appropriation for contingencies.

RESOLVED, That the city solicitor be hereby instructed to take such proceedings at law or otherwise, to collect the amount of any bills paid by the city treasurer under the preceding resolution, from the party or parties made liable for the payment thereof under said chapter 688 of the public laws.

No. 124. Resolution to build a School House on lot corner LaVaughn and Amherst streets.

[Approved March 26, 1880.]

RESOLVED, That the joint standing committee on education be hereby authorized and directed to cause a four-room wooden school house to be erected on the lot owned by the city, corner of LaVaughn and Amherst streets, substantially in accordance with plans of George W. Cady, architect, submitted to

the city council March 22, 1880, provided, that the cost of the same shall not exceed the sum of seven thousand dollars; said sum or so much thereof as may be required for said purpose, to be paid from the appropriation for school houses and lots.

No. 125. Resolution to lay Water Pipes in Almy street.

[Approved March 26, 1880.]

RESOLVED, That the water commissioners are hereby directed to cause about seventy feet of six-inch water pipe, to be laid in continuation of the pipe in Almy street, at Tell street.

No. 126. Resolution granting permission to Patrick Nolan to raise a building.

[Approved March 26, 1880.]

RESOLVED, That permission be granted to Patrick Nolan, to raise a certain building, located at No. 230 India street, pursuant to his petition.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

MARCH 25, 1880.

The weekly report of the Dexter Asylum is read and received.

Lucius M. Thayer is granted license to keep three billiard tables at Hotel Dorrance, upon payment of \$30.

Licenses to keep victualling houses are severally granted as follows:

To Phillipps & Howland, at No. 113 Broad street; and Frederick Kiess, at No. 7 Colfax street.

Licenses to buy and sell junk and second-hand articles, (without keeping a shop), are granted to the following persons, viz.:

Hugh Chauncy, residing at No. 7 Tyler street; James Cosgrove, residing at No. 516 Eddy street; William Daly, residing at No. 54 Blackstone street; Frank Lahew, residing at No. 23 Webster street.

James Hill is granted permission to operate a steam boiler at No. 257 Dyer street.

Lucius F. Rankin is appointed auctioneer.

The following persons are granted permission to build barns, viz. :

T. C. Negrete, on Wilson street; William Reynolds, at the corner of Homestead and Hamilton avenue; and Patrick Quinn, on Broadway, near the railroad bridge.

The resignation of Thomas R. Belcher of the office of constable, is read and accepted.

A communication of Anson W. Aldrich, objecting to the inspector of buildings doing any work upon the walls of a building on his estate without his consent thereto, is read and received.

Lewis H. Comstock is drawn to serve as first class petit juror at the March term of the Supreme Court, 1880, in place of Augustus W. Mathewson.

IN CITY COUNCIL.

No. 127. Resolution authorizing the Mayor to Subscribe for a Daily Newspaper.

[Passed in Common Council March 8, 1880. Passed in Board of Aldermen March 11, 1880. Became a law upon the adjournment of the Common Council, March 29, 1880.]

RESOLVED, That the mayor is hereby authorized to subscribe for such daily newspaper, for use in the mayor's office, as he shall select, the cost thereof to be charged to the appropriation for contingencies.

No. 128. Message of the Mayor, returning with his objections, Resolutions directing application to be made to the General Assembly for amendments to the Act, relative to the appointment and removal of Police.

[Presented March 29, 1880.]

CITY OF PROVIDENCE,
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, CITY HALL, }
March 29, 1880.

GENTLEMEN OF THE COMMON COUNCIL:

Two resolutions, directing application to be made to the General Assembly for amendments to the act entitled, "An act to provide for the mode of appointment and removal of the city marshal, police constables and city watchmen of the city of Providence," passed in May, 1855, have been presented to me for approval, and are returned for your further consideration.

The first resolution passed the common council on the 8th inst., and requests that the above act may be so amended, as that the power to appoint and remove members of the police force, which has been for the past twenty-five years vested in the office of mayor, may hereafter be vested in the office of chief of police, and the second resolution which passed the common council on the 15th inst., requests that the act may further be amended, so as to provide that "the mayor of the city of Providence shall have the power in any emergency to take full charge of the whole or any part of the police force in said city."

The legislation thus asked for is of more importance to the people of this city than any which has been attempted since its incorporation, for it proposes to confer upon the office of public prosecutor extraordinary and arbitrary powers, not, so far as I am informed, before conferred upon a chief or superintendent of police in this country, and which are wholly inconsistent with the principles of a free government, a power, which, in the hands of an ambitious man, may be exercised to an extent dangerous to the rights of the citizen.

Under the new legislation the chief of police can direct the force at his own will and pleasure, subject only to the supervision of the board of aldermen, and however important this oversight may be in theory, as a matter of practice it will be of little or no consequence, while under the law as it now exists, the chief executive has daily information of the movements of the force, and may obtain his knowledge entirely independently of the chief, a check salutary in its operation, and most necessary to the citizen.

The charter of this city, in defining the duties of the mayor, is almost a literal copy of the charter of the city of Boston. In the latter city, when the power of appointing and removing police was taken from the mayor, it was conferred upon three commissioners, but his authority, as the chief executive, was preserved in the act providing for the commission, by giving to him the right to nominate the commissioners, and to remove them from office for cause. Furthermore, his approval is required to the appointment of superintendent, deputy superintendent, and captains of police, and in any emergency, of which *he is the judge*, he may take command of the whole or any part of the police force.

Contrast this legislation with that proposed for this city, and note the difference: the mayor of Boston is still the chief executive officer of the city, while in Providence it is proposed that the important obligations of the city charter shall continue to rest upon the mayor, without, however, the power to enforce the authority of his office.

The mayor of Providence, elected by the general voters, is declared by the city charter "to be the chief executive officer thereof," and is required "to be at all times vigilant and active in causing the laws to be executed and enforced," and "to inspect the conduct of subordinate officers, and cause all negligence, carelessness and violation of duty to be duly prosecuted and punished." This officer, it is intended by the city council, shall hereafter be in fact subordinate to an officer of its own appoint-

ment, while the members of the city council are elected by a limited class of voters. If this proposed legislation is to be enacted, the appointment or election of chief of police should also be changed and brought nearer to the general voters.

Since the first inauguration of mayor Smith the police have been appointed by the mayor, with the consent of the board of aldermen. The new legislation proposes that the chief of police shall henceforth make the appointments, with the consent of the mayor and the board of aldermen. It would be better for the city, as well as for the mayor, if this new policy is to be adopted that the sole responsibility should rest upon the chief of police and the board of aldermen, inasmuch as the only power the mayor can exercise is to object to an appointment.

Removals from the police are now made by the mayor, "whenever in his opinion the interests of the city shall require such removal." It is proposed that hereafter such removals shall be made by the chief of police, "provided, however, such removal shall not be made without the consent of the mayor of said city; or in case the said mayor shall refuse to give his consent to such removal, then said removal may be made by said chief of police, by and with the consent or approval of the board of aldermen." If the change in the law shall be made, the mayor can only obtain information as to the movements of the force and reasons for removal from the chief of police or board of aldermen, and he would therefore be unfitted to act impartially upon the removal of a member of the force. Should he seek information from such member or from any of the subordinate officers, or any member of the force, it might be deemed an intrusive interference with the powers of the chief, and certainly any voluntary information to the mayor from such persons, except through the chief would be deemed an act of insubordination and subversive of the discipline, which it is the object of the proposed legislation to secure.

Had the city council only contemplated such changes in the

organization of the police force, as would not have conflicted with the duties and responsibilities imposed upon me by my oath of office, I would cheerfully have assented thereto. The appointment and removal of members of the police is not a privilege to be sought, but is a responsibility devolving upon me by law and by the votes of the people, and is so connected with the rights of the people that I cannot surrender it without a protest.

When inaugurated I made oath to faithfully perform the duties of the office for the then ensuing year, and I am bound by that oath. Elected by a constituency comprising all the electors, and with full knowledge on their part of the duties thereby imposed upon me, I cannot in good faith to them and with loyalty to my oath, consent that the powers of the executive office shall be diminished for the enlargement of the powers of those who were elected by a much smaller constituency, and who were not expected at the time of their election to have such enlarged authority conferred upon them.

While the city council may from time to time obtain from the general assembly additional powers for itself and for officers by it elected or appointed, it will be a question of some importance whether the general assembly can properly deprive a municipal officer, elected by the people, of vested authority which he not only may exercise, but which under his oath of office and under the law he must exercise, until his term of office expires. As the representative of all the people of the city, I should be unworthy of the high honor so often conferred upon me and derelict in my duty to them, if I gave my assent to any legislation which seeks to deprive the executive office of its legitimate authority.

The city council, on its part, should be prepared to give good and sufficient reasons for the change. It cannot say that the present system, which has existed for a quarter of a century, has been a failure. It cannot point to a police force undisciplined, inefficient and demoralized as the results of that

system. It will not venture to assert that any chief executive has abused his authority or otherwise exercised it than for the public good. It will be admitted that the powers sought to be taken from the office of mayor are important, and require great discrimination in their judicious exercise, and the city council should make it appear conclusively that, in conferring them upon a chief of police of its own choice, they will be vested in one more competent, from his experience and judgment in dealing with important public trusts, than a mayor who will be chosen by the people.

In looking over the names of the men who have, prior to the present officials, occupied the respective positions of mayor and chief of police, the general assembly may the more readily determine whether the people or the city council will in the future choose the more wisely, in selecting the persons to wield such authority.

For the reasons above set forth, I object to the passage of the two resolutions herewith returned.

THOMAS A. DOYLE, Mayor.

No. 129. Resolution directing the City Solicitor to apply to the General Assembly for certain amendments to the Act providing for the appointment and removal of Police.

[Passed in Common Council, March 29, 1880, and in the Board of Aldermen on the same day, the objections of the Mayor to the contrary notwithstanding.]

RESOLVED, That the city solicitor be, and he hereby is directed to apply at the present January session of the General Assembly, for the passage of the accompanying draft of an act entitled, "An act in amendment of an act entitled, 'An act to provide for the mode of appointment and removal of the city marshal, police constables and city watchmen of the city of Providence.'"

BILL.

An Act in Amendment of an Act entitled, "An Act to provide for the mode of appointment and removal of the City Marshal, Police Constables and City Watchmen of the City of Providence."

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 1 of said act is hereby amended so as to read as follows: "Section 1. The police constables and city watchmen of the city of Providence shall hereafter be appointed by the chief of police of said city, by and with the consent of the mayor of said city and the board of aldermen thereof."

SEC. 2. Section 2 of said act is hereby amended so as to read as follows: "Section 2. The chief of police of said city shall have power to remove any of said officers from office whenever in his opinion the interests of said city shall require such removal; provided, however, such removal shall not be made without the consent of the mayor of said city, or in case the said mayor shall refuse to give his consent to such removal, then said removal may be made by said chief of police by and with the consent or approval of the board of aldermen."

SEC. 3. All acts and parts of acts inconsistent herewith, are repealed.

SEC. 4. This act shall go into effect on and after its passage.

No. 130. Resolution instructing the City Solicitor to apply to the General Assembly for An Act in Amendment to An Act relating to the appointment and removal of Police.

[Passed in Common Council, March 29, 1880, and in the Board of Aldermen on the same day, the objections of the Mayor to the contrary notwithstanding.]

RESOLVED, That the city solicitor be instructed to apply to the general assembly at its present session for the passage of

an act in amendment to "an act to provide for the mode of appointment and removal of the city marshal, police constables and city watchmen of the city of Providence," passed May, 1855, which shall provide as follows :

"The mayor of the city of Providence shall have the power in any emergency to take full charge of the whole or any part of the police force in said city."

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

MARCH 29, 1880.

The weekly report of the Dexter Asylum is read and received.

The following accounts are examined and allowed :

POLICE BILLS.

Chas. H. Hunt.....	\$38 72	J. J. Monally.....	\$40 00
J. H. Atwater.....	17 40	Hopkins, Pomroy & Co.....	24 40
H. A. Fuller.....	75 00	J. H. & J. B. Sweet.....	116 28
Mason & Moran.....	6 04	Louis Clark.....	15 06
L. Wright.....	24 00	Janitor's pay roll.....	286 50

MISCELLANEOUS BILLS.

Samuel Greene, finding dead body.....	\$5 00	John Kelleher, finding dead body.....	\$5 00
Frank E. Miller, finding dead body.....	5 00	John Burke, finding dead body.....	5 00

Upon the petition of Mary E. Low, for compensation for injury caused by falling on Chapel street, it is ordered that the petitioner have leave to withdraw.

IN COMMON COUNCIL.

MARCH 29, 1880.

Upon the resolution directing the city solicitor to apply to the general assembly for amendments to the city charter, relating to the presiding officer of the board of aldermen; it is ordered that the same be indefinitely postponed.

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

Emanuel Eastwood, et al., for the lay out of Pettis street ;

George W. Payton and wife, relative to damages to their estate caused by the lay out of Lippitt street ;

James Haggerty and wife, for compensation for damages caused by a sewer in Blackstone street.

IN CITY COUNCIL.

No. 131. Report of the Joint Standing Committee on Police, upon the Annual Report of the Chief of Police.

[Presented March 29, 1880.]

TO THE CITY COUNCIL :

The joint standing committee on police, to whom was referred under resolution No. 114 of current series, " Report of the chief of police for 1879," respectfully report :

That they have carefully considered the same, and the recommendations and suggestions therein contained.

It has been the custom for a number of years for your committee to make a tour of inspection twice a year, visiting the several stations and noting their condition, &c.

The sixth station has long been a theme of discussion in committee, and the advisability of calling the attention of the

council to its utter inadaptability to the uses to which it is put, has been suggested, but never acted upon.

The building is an old structure of one and one-half stories, formerly used by the town of North Providence for a school house, later for a polling place and court room, then for a police station. It is worthless as a police station, and with the rapidly increasing demand for larger accommodations, your committee would recommend that the matter be referred to the committee on city property, under the accompanying resolution.

The attention of the same committee is also called to the necessity for stable accommodations at the third police station.

On page 12 of the chief's report, it will be seen that the attention of the city council is called to chapter cxxi. of the ordinances.

Your committee agree with the chief in the position taken by him, and therefore recommend the passage of the accompanying bill for an ordinance.

Your committee has considered the matter of granting licenses in this city, and would recommend a thorough revision of the laws and ordinances referring to the same, and to further that object, recommend the reference of the matter by the accompanying resolution to the committee on ordinances.

On page 21 of the report, attention is called to the fact that the sum of \$1,600 remains in the city treasury, the amount of the profits by the city on cloth sold by the city to the members of the department. This extra charge or profit is, so far as your committee is advised, unauthorized, and the practice of charging a profit has been discontinued, as your committee believe very wisely, and inasmuch as the entire amount now in the treasury has been paid by members of the department, your committee has adopted the chief's suggestion and recommend the passage of the accompanying resolution disposing of the same by payment to the Providence Police Association.

For the committee,

EDMUND S. HOPKINS, Chairman.

No. 132. Resolution directing the Joint Standing Committee on City Property to report relative to a new Police Station in Sixth Police District, also to report a plan for stable accommodations at the Third Police Station.

[Approved April 5, 1880.]

RESOLVED, That the joint standing committee on city property be and they hereby are directed to inquire into the expediency of erecting a new station house of wood on the site of the present sixth police station, and also to report a plan for stable accommodations at the third police station as soon as may be.

No. 133. Resolution to pay bill of James McNally and Joseph W. Padelford, amounting to \$60.

[Approved April 5, 1880.]

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer be, and hereby is directed to pay the account of James McNally and Joseph W. Padelford for amount paid the water commissioners June 29, 1876, for laying water pipes in Tefft street, north of Spruce street, the same amounting to the sum of sixty dollars.

No. 134. Resolution accepting gift of Thomas A. Millett, to the North Burial Ground Fund.

[Approved April 5, 1880.]

RESOLVED, That the gift of Thomas A. Millett of the sum of two hundred dollars to the commissioners of the North Burial Ground, in trust, the income thereof to be applied under

the provisions of chapter 367 of the public laws, to the preservation and care of the burial lot standing in the name of the said Thomas A. Millett, in said ground, be and the same is hereby accepted by the city council under the name of the Thomas A. Millett fund.

No. 135. Resolution granting permission to Heirs of A. H. Chace to raise a building.

[Approved April 5, 1880.]

RESOLVED, That permission be granted to heirs of A. H. Chace to raise a certain building located at No. 27 Ring street, pursuant to their petition.

No. 136. Resolution granting permission to Abner Shawcross to raise a building.

[Approved April 5, 1880.]

RESOLVED, That permission be granted to Abner Shawcross to raise a certain building, located at No. 492 Valley street, pursuant to his petition.

No. 137. Resolution to lay Water Pipes in Bowdoin and Updike streets.

[Approved April 5, 1880.]

RESOLVED, That the water commissioners are hereby directed to cause about one hundred and fifty feet of six-inch water pipes to be laid in Bowdoin street northerly from Amherst street; and about sixty-four feet of six-inch water pipes in Updike street northerly from Mawney street.

No. 138. Resolution instructing the Joint Standing Committee on City Property, to confer with the Trustees of Allen C. Mathewson, deceased, relative to the Rone Estate.

[Approved April 5, 1880.]

RESOLVED, That the joint standing committee on city property be hereby instructed to confer with Franklin H. Richmond, Charles K. Richmond, John S. Fenner and Sylvanus M. Lewis, trustees of the estate of Allen C. Mathewson, deceased, lessee of the Rone estate, so called, in reference to the purchase, by the city, of the building on said estate, also relative to a joint sale of the entire property by the city and said trustees, and also in reference to a renewal of the lease of said estate on the first day of January next, and to report thereon as soon as practicable to either branch of the city council, and upon all matters relating thereto, with such recommendations as said committee may deem proper.

No. 139. Resolution directing the Joint Standing Committee on Education, to select location for School House in Third School District.

[Approved April 5, 1880.]

RESOLVED, That the joint standing committee on education are hereby directed to report suitable locations for a school building, for primary and intermediate scholars, in the third school district, together with the price thereof.

No. 140. Resolution directing the City Solicitor to apply to the General Assembly, relative to the payment for advertising applications for liquor licenses.

[Approved April 5, 1880.]

RESOLVED, That the city solicitor be hereby directed to

apply to the General Assembly, for such legislation as will require that all notices of applications for, or transfers of licenses for the sale of intoxicating liquors required by chapter 508 of the public laws, shall be advertised at the expense of the applicants therefor.

No. 141 Resolution directing the City Solicitor to apply to the General Assembly for an act to establish a board of Public Works.

[Approved April 8, 1880.]

RESOLVED, That the city solicitor is hereby directed to apply to the General Assembly for the passage of an act, in substance as follows, viz. :

An Act in amendment of Chapter 598 of the Statutes, entitled "An Act to revise, consolidate, and amend the act, entitled 'An Act to incorporate the City of Providence,' and the several Acts in addition thereto, and in amendment thereof.

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows :

SECTION 1. A board of public works is hereby established in the city of Providence, to be composed of two persons, together with the city engineer of the city of Providence, which two persons shall be elected by the city council in said city by concurrent vote of the two branches thereof, and shall hold their offices as follows : The person first elected on said board shall hold his office for the term of two years, the second person elected for the term of one year from the first Monday in March, A. D. 1880, and until their successors are duly elected and qualified to act, and in the month of February in each year after the year 1880, there shall be one member of said board elected for the term of two years from the first Monday in March in the year in which he is elected, and until his suc-

cessor is elected and qualified to act; provided, however, that the city council, by concurrent vote of two-thirds of the members elected to each branch thereof voting in the affirmative, may remove said board, or any member thereof, from office for any misconduct, neglect, incapacity, or unfaithful performance of duty. In case of a vacancy in the board by death, removal, or resignation, such vacancy shall be filled by the election of another person as a member of said board, in manner provided for in this section, who shall hold his said office for the residue of the unexpired term, with all the powers and subject to all the restrictions in this act contained. Said board may elect one of their members to act as president of the board, and two of the board shall be a quorum for the exercise of all the powers and the performance of all the duties of the board. Said board may employ such agents and servants as they may deem necessary, and agree with them for their compensation; provided, however, that when such compensation shall exceed the sum of one thousand dollars *per annum*, such compensation shall be subject to the approval of said city council; and provided, further, that the aggregate amount paid for such compensation shall not exceed the amount appropriated therefor by said city council, which said compensation shall be paid out of the city treasury.

SEC. 2. The board of public works shall have, subject to the control of the city council, the general charge and management of the construction, reparation, and maintenance of all common sewers and drains, whether laid in public streets, or through private property.

SEC. 3. The said city council may, by ordinance, confer upon said board all the authority conferred upon and given to said city by chapter 640 of the statutes, passed January session, 1866; also said board shall have the power to make all assessments authorized to be made under the provisions of chapters 807, passed January session, 1869, and 931, passed January session, 1871, of the statutes, and of chapter 313 of the public

laws, passed January session, 1873, and the several acts in amendment thereof, and under the provisions of this act for the payment of the costs of the construction of sewers already built, or which may be hereafter built, under the provisions of said chapters or this act.

SEC. 4. All such assessments shall be made upon estates abutting upon that portion of any street or highway in which any sewer has been, or may be constructed, under the provision of said chapters and of this act, at the rate of sixty cents for each front foot of such estate upon such street or highway, and one cent for each square foot of such estates between such street or highway, and a line not exceeding one hundred and fifty feet distant from and parallel with the line of such street or highway, provided, however, that where any estate is situated between two streets or highways, the area upon which said assessment of one cent per square foot is made shall not extend to more than one-half the distance between such streets or highways; and provided also that when any estate is situated at the corner of two streets or highways, or otherwise so situated as to be assessed for the expenses of making a sewer on one of such streets or highways, that portion of such estate assessed for a sewer in one of such streets or highways shall not be liable to be assessed upon its area for the cost of constructing a sewer in the other of such streets or highways, but only for its frontage upon such streets; and provided also, that no estate or portion of estate shall be assessed for the construction of any sewer, unless such estate, or some portion thereof, shall abut and be bounded upon the street on which said sewer shall have been constructed, or unless such estate has a right of access to said street or highway by a private gangway.

SEC. 5. Any land or estate which has been heretofore assessed for a sewer tax, the collection of which has been forbidden by chapter 635 of public laws passed May 31, A. D. 1877, and any land or estate already assessed for a sewer tax which has been collected, which shall have been or may be re-

funded under the provision of said chapter, may be re-assessed whenever any sewer shall be constructed in any street or highway upon which said land or estate, or some part thereof, shall abut.

SEC. 6. When any such assessment shall be made upon any land for the expense of constructing any such sewer, the owner of the land so assessed shall have the right to connect such land with such sewer under such general rules and regulations as said board of public works shall prescribe upon executing to said city a release of all damages which may at any time happen to such estate in any way resulting from such connection.

SEC. 7. All assessments made under the authority of this act shall be a lien upon the estate upon which they are made from the date upon which they are certified by said board to the city treasurer for collection, and shall be due and payable one year after the lodgment thereof as aforesaid; provided, however, that if one-third of any such assessment shall be paid to the city treasurer on or before the day the same becomes due and payable, the remainder of such assessment may be and remain unpaid for one year from the day the said assessment was due, when the same, with six per cent. interest thereon, shall become due and payable; and provided, further, that if the one-half of said assessment then remaining unpaid, and all interest upon the whole amount shall then be paid to said city treasurer, the remainder of said assessment shall not be due and payable until one year from the last named date, when it and six per cent. thereon as interest shall be due and payable. If, however, either of such sums or parts of such assessments shall not be paid on or before the date that either of them shall become due and payable as aforesaid, then, and in that case, the whole assessment shall be due and payable, and shall thereafter bear interest at the rate of seven per cent. per annum, and shall be collected as the ordinary taxes of the city are collected.

SEC. 8. Any person paying the whole of any assessment so made upon any estate as aforesaid, before the expiration of one

year after the same shall be certified to the city treasurer, shall be entitled to receive and may receive a discount thereon at the rate of six per centum per annum to the time said assessment is due and payable as first aforesaid.

SEC. 9. Any person may pay the amount of any such assessment or balance due thereon at any time after the expiration of one year after the same shall be certified to the city treasurer as aforesaid, by paying in addition thereto interest at the rate of seven per centum from the time said assessment is due and payable as first aforesaid, with all the expenses incurred for the collection thereof, if any there be.

SEC. 10. The board of public works shall have and exercise all the powers now by law vested in surveyors of highways, or highway commissioners.

SEC. 11. The said city council may also by ordinance confer upon said board the power to construct, repair, and maintain bridges and such other public works and public buildings as said city council may deem expedient.

SEC. 12. The said city council may immediately elect said board of public works and fix their compensation, and may also require each member of said board to give bond to the city for the faithful performance of the duties of his office, with such conditions as said city council shall prescribe.

SEC. 13. Upon the election of the board of public works, the term of office of the highway commissioners and water commissioners shall terminate.

SEC. 14. All acts and parts of acts inconsistent with the provisions of this act are hereby repealed.

SEC. 15. This act shall take effect on and after its passage.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

APRIL 8, 1880.

The weekly report of the Dexter asylum; monthly report of the inspector of steam boilers, and of the overseer of the poor; quarterly report of the superintendent of lights, and of the chief of police; and annual report of the inspector of milk, are severally read and received.

The following accounts are severally examined and allowed:

BRIDGE BILLS.

Lewis L. Fales	\$2 25	Potter & Gardiner.....	\$9 71
William H. Miller & Co.....	4 70	Chatterton File Works.....	5 59
S. S. Sprague & Co.....	30 59	R. I Locomotive Works.....	84 19
A. C. Eddy & Studleys.....	14 13	Wood & Winsor.....	84 94
J. L. Peirce & Co.....	86 04	Arthur C. Williams.....	12 84
Fuller Iron Works.....	42 16	Point street bridge, pay roll..	286 75
Hopkins, Pomroy & Co	17 25	Labor pay roll.....	104 89
Clarence H. Carpenter.....	7 80		

LAMP DEPARTMENT BILLS.

Providence Gas Co.....	\$182 25	Labor pay roll.....	\$106 80
Pay roll.....	2,446 41		

MISCELLANEOUS BILLS.

Edwin E. Calder, inspector of milk.....	\$50 00	Edwin M. Snow, militia en- rollment.....	\$35 00
A. E. Field & Son, health department.....	550 00	Geo. W. Wightman, charity building and wood yard..	395 44
Police department, pay roll.	14,275 40	Geo. W. Wightman, support of the poor.....	1,608 73

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

Charles H. Thurber,

J. Crawford Potter.

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

Andrew Comstock,

Charles W. Moore,

George W. Sherman,

Lawson W. Gale,

Henry W. Kimball,

Alfred W. Fisk.

Licenses to keep victualling houses are severally granted as follows :

To Peleg A. Sunderland, at No. 34 Chestnut street, and George F. Russ, at No. 34 Dyer street.

License is granted to Hart B. Pierce to keep a tavern at No. 45 Mathewson street.

Licenses to buy and sell junk and second hand articles, (without keeping a shop,) are severally granted to the following persons, viz. :

Thomas Fanning, Lilac street ; Patrick Hackett, Eagan street ; Dennis McCawlay, Faith street ; Patrick McKenna, Van Zandt street ; James St. James, No. 23 Barre street, and Alexander Willis, No. 3 Warner's lane.

Licenses are severally granted as follows :

To Anson W. Aldrich, to keep two billiard tables at the Aldrich House, upon payment of twenty dollars ; Fred T. Buffum, to keep one pool table at No. 11 High street, upon payment of ten dollars ; Joseph Fletcher, to keep one pool table at the corner of Oxford and Miner streets, upon payment of ten dollars ; E. E. Henrys & Co., to keep one pool and two billiard tables at No. 86 Weybosset street, upon payment of thirty dollars ; Peter McGough, to keep two billiard tables at No. 211 North Main street, upon payment of twenty dollars ; and to James E. Walsh & Co., to keep one pool table at No. 49 Charles street, upon payment of ten dollars.

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

Nelson Brown, for license to keep billiard tables at No. 237 Broad street ;

Joseph S. Enos, to keep a victualling house at No. 406 South Main street.

A resolution changing the grade of Adelaide avenue from Broad street to Emerson street, is read and passed.

The following policemen are appointed, viz. :

George B. Leonard,	Thomas Brady,
Herbert C. Blood,	Frederick W. Hopkins,
Elwin E. Hewett.	

The ballots given in at the general election held on the first Wednesday in April, 1880, for Senator and Representatives and for school committee, are counted in open board meeting, and the persons receiving the majority of the votes therefor are declared to be duly elected, and the clerk directed to furnish to each of them a certificate of election.

There being no election for senator and third representative to the general assembly, and of members of the school committee in the ninth ward, it is

Ordered, that a new election be held on Friday April 16, 1880.

Canvass meetings are ordered to be held on Wednesday, April 14, 1880, at 7.30 o'clock, p. m.

An order is passed discharging the committee appointed to lay out Joslin street, from the further consideration of the same.

A Resolution directing the city treasurer to pay moneys accrued from the sale of police cloth, to the Providence Police Association, having passed the common council, is read, and the board of alderman do not concur therein.

IN CITY COUNCIL.

No. 142. Resolution to provide accommodations for a Police Matron, and Female Prisoners at the Central Police Station.

[Approved April 9, 1880.]

RESOLVED, That the superintendent of public buildings, acting under the direction of the committee on city property,

is hereby directed to cause such alterations to be made in the central police station as may be necessary to provide accommodations for a police matron, and better accommodations for female prisoners, provided the cost of such alterations shall not exceed the sum of one thousand dollars, the same to be charged to the appropriation for public buildings.

No. 143. Resolution directing the Joint Standing Committee on Ordinances to report relative to changes in the present laws relating to the granting of Licenses.

[Approved April 10, 1880.]

RESOLVED, That the joint standing committee on ordinances be and they hereby are directed to examine the present laws relating to the granting of licenses in the city of Providence, and report such changes or amendments in the same as will place the matter more directly under the supervision of the police.

No. 144. Resolution directing the City Solicitor to apply to the General Assembly for certain amendments to the City Charter.

[Passed in Common Council, March 29, 1880. Concurred with amendments, in Board of Aldermen, March 29, 1880. Amendments concurred, in Common Council, March 29, 1880. Became a law upon the adjournment of the Common Council, April 12, 1880.]

RESOLVED, That the city solicitor is hereby directed to apply to the General Assembly for amendments to the city charter and amendments thereto in substance as follows :

To amend section II, clause 2, so that it may read as follows :

Clause 2. The aldermen and common council in their joint capacity shall be styled the city council.

To amend section IV, clause 1 so that it may read as follows :

Clause 1. The aldermen shall compose one board to be known as the board of aldermen, and at all meetings thereof except during the transaction of concurrent business, the mayor, if present, shall preside but have no vote.

To amend section VII, clause 7, and section 2, of chapter 744 of the public laws, passed March 10, 1879, so that together they may read as follows :

Clause 7. Every ordinance, order, resolution, or vote to which the concurrence of the board of aldermen and of the common council may be necessary (except on a question of the convention of the two branches), and every order or resolution of either branch, involving the expenditure of money, shall be presented to the mayor, and if he approve thereof he shall signify his approbation by signing the same; but if not he shall return the same with his objections, to the branch in which it originated, and if it shall then pass such board by a vote of three-fifths in the common council and three-fifths in the board of aldermen of all the persons elected thereto, it shall be sent, together with such objections, to the other board, and if approved by the other board by a three-fifths majority of all persons elected thereto it shall become a law. But if such order or resolution involving the expenditure of money be passed by either branch and which shall not require the concurrence of the other board, the same shall become a law, if such order or resolution shall then be passed by three-fifths of all the members elected to the board passing the same. If any ordinance, order, resolution or vote shall not be returned by the mayor before the end of the meeting holden next after the lapse of ten days subsequent to the passage of the ordinance, order, resolution or vote, the same shall be a law in like manner as if he had signed it.

Add to section VII, a clause to be known as "clause 10," as follows: "Clause 10. In all cases where anything is or may be required or authorized by any law or ordinance to be done by the mayor and board of aldermen, the board of aldermen shall first act thereon."

No. 145. Resolution authorizing the conveyance of land in the Brook Street District to the Heirs of Michael Gleason.

[Passed in Common Council March 29, 1880. Passed in Board of Aldermen same day. Became a law upon the adjournment of the Common Council, April 12, 1880.]

RESOLVED, That the joint special committee on the Brook street district are hereby authorized to cause to be conveyed to the heirs of Michael Gleason, a certain lot of land situate in said district, bounded and described as follows, viz. :

Beginning at the southeasterly corner of estate at a point in the northerly line of India street, one hundred forty-nine and eight tenths (149.8) feet westerly from the northwesterly corner of Gano street, and the said India street, (as per the new lay out) ; thence in a westerly direction, in the said northerly line of said India street, for a distance of twenty-seven and fifty-seven one hundredths (27.57) feet ; thence in a northerly direction at right angles to the said northerly line of India street, for a distance of eighty and two tenths (80.2) feet ; thence in an easterly direction, making an interior angle of ninety (90) degrees, for a distance of twenty-seven and fifty-seven one hundredths (27.57) feet ; thence in a southerly direction, making an interior angle of ninety (90) degrees, for a distance of eighty and two tenths (80.2) feet, to the point of beginning, the same being lot numbered forty-six (46) on assessors' plat number seventeen (17), whenever the said heirs shall convey the same to the city of Providence by deed satisfactory to the city solicitor.

IN COMMON COUNCIL.

APRIL 12, 1880.

Upon the petition of George O. Legg, et al., for the improvement of driveways around the New York and New England freight depot, it is ordered that the petitioners have leave to withdraw.

 IN CITY COUNCIL.

No. 146. Resolution to curb Candace street.

[Approved April 19, 1880.]

RESOLVED, That the highway commissioners be, and they are hereby directed to cause curbstones to be set and gutters paved on Candace street, from Chalkstone avenue to Douglas avenue, at a cost not to exceed one thousand and eighty-four dollars; to be paid from the appropriation for highways for new work.

No. 147. Report of the Overseer of the Poor in relation to the operations of the Charity Wood Yard.

[Presented April 12, 1880.]

City document, No. 15.

No. 148. Twentieth Quarterly Report of the Commissioners of Sinking Funds.

[Presented April 12, 1880.]

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

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

The amount of funds in the control of the board December 31, 1879, was—

Of the fund of 1885.....	\$553,219 90
Of the fund of 1893.....	206,078 78
Of the fund of 1895.....	165,443 65
Of the fund of 1899.....	15,589 00
Of the water loan.....	108,463 44
Of the North Burial ground.....	5,210 21
Of the Brook street district.....	51,526 25
Whole amount.....	\$1,105,531 23

The amount on hand March 31, 1880, was—

Of the fund of 1885.....	\$567,874 57
Of the fund of 1893.....	216,256 51
Of the fund of 1895.....	169,542 66
Of the fund of 1899.....	15,968 22
Of the water loan.....	111,106 96
Of the North Burial ground.....	5,318 65
Of the Brook street district.....	55,788 98
Whole amount.....	\$1,141,856 55

The increase in the several funds has been—

In the fund of 1885.....	\$14,654 67
In the fund of 1893.....	10,177 73
In the fund of 1895.....	4,099 01
In the fund of 1899.....	379 22
In the water loan.....	2,643 52
In the North Burial ground.....	108 44
In the Brook street district.....	4,262 73
Whole increase.....	\$36,325 32

Respectfully submitted by order of the board of commissioners,

THOMAS A. DOYLE,

Mayor and Chairman.

Providence, April 7, 1880.

No. 149. Quarterly Report of the Joint Special Committee on the Brook Street District.

[Presented April 12, 1880.]

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

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

Receipts for quarter ending March 31, 1880 :—

Rents.....	\$2,992 05
Sales of old material, etc.....	21 12
Assessment for betterments.....	120 00
Total.....	<u>\$3,133 17</u>

Expenditures for quarter ending March 31, 1880 :—

Land and buildings.....	\$9,514 08
Relocating and refitting buildings.....	506 76
Repairs to buildings.....	60 81
Water for houses.....	957 67
Claims for damages.....	150 00
Salaries.....	200 00
Stationery and books.....	6 41
Total.....	<u>\$11,395 73</u>

Respectfully submitted,

THOMAS A. MILLETT, Chairman.

Providence, April 1, 1880.

No. 150. Monthly Report of the Finance Committee
on the issue of Registered Bonds.

[Presented April 12, 1880.]

City council file, April 17, 1880.

No. 151. Monthly Report of the City Treasurer on
the issue of Registered Bonds.

[Presented April 12, 1880.]

City council file, April 17, 1880.

No. 152. Monthly Report of the City Auditor.

[Presented April 12, 1880.]

City council file, April 17, 1880.

No. 153. Monthly Report of the City Treasurer.

[Presented April 12, 1880.]

City council file, April 17, 1880.

No. 154. Monthly Report of the City Messenger for
March.

[Presented April 12, 1880.]

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

In accordance with section 11, of chapter xxxvi of the ordinances, the city messenger reports, that during the month of March last, the city hall and the sidewalks around the same have been kept, and are now in good condition.

Two gas standards have been placed on the president's desk in the common council chamber, at a cost of \$39.50.

Bills for the month including pay rolls, have been presented and paid, amounting to \$842.69.

Respectfully submitted,

EDWARD S. RHODES,

City Messenger.

No. 155. Resolution to lay a Crosswalk across Douglas avenue, at Candace street.

[Approved April 19, 1880.]

RESOLVED, That the highway commissioners be, and they are hereby directed to cause a cross-walk to be laid across

Douglas avenue, at the east side of Candace street, at a cost not to exceed seventy-two dollars, to be paid from the appropriation for unpaved streets.

No. 156. Resolution to lay Water Pipes in Cedar and Chad Brown streets.

[Approved April 19, 1880.]

RESOLVED, That the water commissioners are hereby directed to cause six-inch water pipes to be laid in Cedar street, from Acorn street to Murphy street; and in Chad Brown street, about two hundred and thirty feet easterly from Oakland street.

No. 157. Resolution to pay Judgment of James Lynch, against Abel C. T. Wheeler, Denis H. Perry and James M. Wiggin, Police officers.

[Approved April 19, 1880.]

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer be, and he hereby is directed to pay the amount of the judgment and costs obtained against Abel C. T. Wheeler, Denis H. Perry and James M. Wiggin, by James Lynch at the October term, A. D. 1879, of the Supreme Court; amounting to the sum of forty-six dollars and ninety cents; and the same be charged to the appropriation for the police.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

APRIL 17, 1880.

The weekly report of the Dexter Asylum is read and received.

The following accounts are examined and allowed :

William Duffy, Coroner.....	\$12 00	Pay roll, bridge department..	\$56 49
Secretary of State, envelopes.	6 00	Providence Gas Co., bridge	
Narragansett Hotel.....	15 00	department.....	26 97

Charles F. Eldridge is appointed a police constable, without power to serve civil process.

Licenses to buy and sell junk and second hand articles, (without keeping shop,) are severally granted to the following persons, viz. :

James W. Allen, No. 140 Babcock street ; William Lee, No. 37 Burrington street ; and Archidi Di Robie, No. 32 Acorn street.

License is granted to Thomas Farrell to keep a victualling house at No. 30 Cove street.

The following persons are designated and appointed to remove swill and offal, viz. :

Moses Hennessey, from No. 15 College street ; Charles D. Wilbur, from Narragansett Hotel and the restaurant at the Depot on Exchange place ; and Wayland R. Smyth, from No. 34 North Main street, and from the corner of Market square and North Main street.

Licenses are granted as follows :

To L. H. Humphreys, to keep five billard tables at the Narragansett Hotel, upon payment of fifty dollars ; and to William Jeffs, to keep one pool table and two billiard tables at No. 46 Union street, upon payment of thirty dollars.

Permission is granted to Mrs. George H. Hoppin to connect her estate with the old drain in Fountain street.

P. W. Lippitt is granted permission to build a barn on Daboll street, near Greenwich street.

The following resolutions are read and passed, viz. :

Directing the superintendent of lights to set up two lamps on Emerson street ;

Establishing the grade of Butler avenue, from Hawthorne avenue to President avenue ;

Changing the grade of Power street, from Benefit street to Brown street.

An order is passed authorizing the sub-committee on bridges to allow the keeper of Red bridge the sum of three dollars per week for additional assistance at said bridge until November 1st, 1880.

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

George L. Clarke, *et al.*, for lamps on Thayer street ; William H. Washburn, for lamps on Cady's lane ; Patrick Higney to keep a tavern at No. 34 North Main street.

The ballots given in at the new election held April 16, 1880, for senator, and third representative to the general assembly, and for school committee in the ninth ward, are counted in open board meeting, and the persons receiving the majority of the votes therefor are declared to be duly elected, and the clerk directed to furnish to each of them a certificate of their election.

There being no election for third representative to the general assembly, it is

Ordered, That a new election be held on Monday, April 26, 1880.

Canvass meetings are ordered to be held on Saturday, April 24, 1880, at 7.30 o'clock, P. M.

A resolution to remit the tax of \$28.00 assessed against S. S. Bucklin, trustee, having passed the common council, is read, and the board of aldermen do not concur therein.

IN COMMON COUNCIL.

APRIL 26, 1880.

A resolution for curbing Butler avenue, from South Angell street to Hawthorne avenue, is read and indefinitely postponed.

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

William Y. Potter, for compensation for services, as secretary of the committee to procure furniture for the city hall ;
A. S. Packard, Jr., for remission of tax.

IN CITY COUNCIL.

No. 158. Annual Report of the City Auditor, of the estimated Receipts and Expenditures for the financial year ending September 30, 1881.

[Presented April 26, 1880.]

City document No. 17.

No. 159. Resolution declining to lease to the State of Rhode Island, the personal property of the Providence Reform School, for any length of time after July 1, 1880.

[Approved April 29, 1880.]

RESOLVED, That inasmuch as by a resolution of the city council, approved May 7th, 1879, the State of Rhode Island was given the free use of the entire real and personal property of the Providence Reform School until July 1st, 1880, and inasmuch as the committee appointed by a resolution approved

March 2d, 1880, has offered the use of the buildings and grounds now occupied by the school to the state for a further term, at a moderate annual rent, provided the state will purchase the personal property used in connection therewith, and which is detailed in the inventories thereof, heretofore taken from time to time under the direction of the board of trustees of said school; therefore, in the opinion of the city council, it is inexpedient for the city to retain the control of said personal property after said July 1st, 1880, and that any offer by the state to lease the same for a longer or shorter period thereafter be respectfully declined.

No. 160. Resolution directing the joint Standing Committee on Ordinances to report such legislation as will be necessary to prescribe the duties of the Board of Public Works.

[Approved April 29, 1880.]

RESOLVED, That the joint standing committee on ordinances is hereby instructed, after advising with the city engineer and the chairmen of the joint standing committees on highways, water and sewers, to report in print any legislation which may be necessary to prescribe the duties of the "board of public works," authority to establish which was granted by the general assembly at the January session, A. D. 1880, being chapter 815 of the public laws.

No. 161. Report of the Joint Standing Committee on City Property relative to providing accommodations for a Police Matron and Female Prisoners, at the Central Police Station.

[Presented April 26, 1880.]

TO THE HONORABLE THE CITY COUNCIL:

The joint standing committee on city property respectfully

represent, that on the 9th ultimo, a resolution was approved, "directing such alterations to be made at the central police station as might be necessary to provide accommodations for a police matron, and better accommodations for female prisoners." Your committee would further represent that in their judgment certain repairs and improvements are imperatively demanded at this station, and which are not embraced in the resolution referred to above, to wit, the water supply for the cell room, which is now totally inadequate, should be extended and enlarged; the stairs should be repaired, and the court room and corridors painted. Your committee deem it for the best interest of the city that these improvements should be carried on together, and under one contract, and in furtherance of said object submit and recommend the passage of the accompanying resolution.

For the committee,

JAMES McNALLY, Chairman.

No. 162. Resolution to make certain repairs at the Central Police Station.

[Approved April 29, 1880.]

RESOLVED, That the superintendent of public buildings, acting under the advice and direction of the committee on city property is hereby directed to cause such repairs to be made at the central police station, as said committee shall deem necessary in accordance with their report herewith submitted, and that the sum of five hundred dollars or so much thereof as may be necessary for said purpose, is hereby appropriated, to be paid from the appropriation for public buildings.

No. 163. Resolution to raise and improve the Sixth Police Station.

[Approved April 29, 1880.]

RESOLVED, That the superintendent of public buildings,

acting under the advice and direction of the joint standing committee on city property, is hereby directed to improve the sixth police station, by raising the same and putting a story beneath, in accordance with the plans presented to the city council April 26, 1880, provided, the cost of the same shall not exceed the sum of fourteen hundred dollars; which sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for said purpose, is hereby appropriated, to be paid from the appropriation for public buildings.

No. 164. Resolution to purchase a site for a Primary and Intermediate School House, near Broad and Clinton streets.

[Approved April 29, 1880.]

RESOLVED, That the joint standing committee on city property is hereby authorized to purchase a suitable site for a primary and intermediate school house between Broad street and Prairie avenue, and in the neighborhood of Peace, Clinton and Robinson streets, at a cost not to exceed the sum of fifty-six hundred dollars; which sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for the above purpose, shall be paid from the appropriation for school houses and lots, the title to said property being to the satisfaction of the city solicitor.

No. 165. Resolution to Sprinkle the streets in the vicinity of the City Hall.

[Approved April 29, 1880.]

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

No. 166. Resolution to lay Water Pipes in Pioneer street, in the Town of Johnston.

[Approved April 29, 1880.]

RESOLVED, That the water commissioners are hereby directed to cause water pipes to be laid in Pioneer street, in the town of Johnston, from Plainfield street northerly, a distance of about thirteen hundred and eighty feet.

No. 167. Resolution to lay Water Pipes in Wesleyan avenue and Lloyd street.

[Approved April 29, 1880.]

RESOLVED, That the water commissioners are hereby directed to cause six-inch water pipes to be laid in Wesleyan avenue, from Broad to Taylor streets; and in Lloyd street, about two hundred and fifty-nine feet westerly from Thayer street.

No. 168. Resolution accepting gift of the R. I. Hospital Trust Co., Executors and Trustees, under the will of Stephen T. Olney, to the North Burial Ground Fund.

[Approved April 29, 1880.]

RESOLVED, That the gift of the R. I. Hospital Trust Co., executors and trustees under the will of Stephen T. Olney, of one hundred dollars to the commissioners of the North Burial Ground, in trust, the income thereof to be applied under the provisions of chapter 367 of the public laws, to the preservation and care of the burial lot standing in the name of said Stephen T. Olney, in said ground, be and the same is hereby accepted by the city council under the name of the Stephen T. Olney fund.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

APRIL 27, 1880.

The weekly reports of the Dexter Asylum are read and received.

The following accounts are severally examined and allowed :

POLICE BILLS.

Charles H. Hunt.....	\$30 05	Charity Building Wood Yard..	27 25
J. H. & J. B. Sweet.....	69 37	Excelsior Nickel Plating	
Hopkins & Pomroy	176 80	Works.....	20 25
Chambers Calder & Co.....	15 68	J. H. Atwater.....	26 70
John C. Payne	50 70	Mason & Moran.....	19 33
James J. Monally.....	40 00	Bugbee & Kelly.....	115 79
J. E. Sturdy	14 76	Providence Gas Co	853 12
Geo W. Sabre.	31 87	Janitor's pay.....	283 00

MISCELLANEOUS BILLS.

George S. Knutton, Elections	\$75 00	Charles Adams, for finding the	
Edmund H. Gray, for finding		body of Addison Rose.....	5 00
the body of Reuben S. Dorr,	5 00	S. D. Gray, lamp department..	34 25

The following persons are appointed undertakers, viz. :

John B. Ames, James F. Padien,

Licenses to keep victualling houses, are severally granted to the following persons viz. :

C. C. Cooke & Co., at No. 49 Dorrance street ; Nathan Kenyon & Co., at No. 23 Canal street.

License is granted to James S. Shattuck, to keep a tavern at No. 45 Washington street.

Licenses to buy and sell junk and second hand articles without keeping shop, are severally granted to the following persons, viz. :

Patrick Gorman, at No. 1 Greeley street ; Hugh McKenna, at No. 19 Barker street ; Joseph R. Tompkins, at No. 38 Laura street ; William McWeeney, on Jefferson avenue ; and Sarah White, at No. 123 Charles street.

The following persons are designated and appointed to remove swill and offal, viz. :

Laban Hodges, from Nos. 53 and 61 Weybosset street ;
Charles H. Swan, from Nos. 5 and 7 Mathewson street, and from No. 148 Westminster street.

Permission is granted to John L. Clark, to operate a steam boiler at No. 34 Ashburton street.

The following persons are granted permission to build barns, viz. :

John Hoffman, at the corner of Pacific avenue and Tyler street ; Mary McCabe, on Academy avenue ; William W. Redfern, at No. 24 Delaine street ; and Edward P. Chapin, at No. 774 High street.

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

Robert Anderson, to remove swill and offal ; Henry B. Franklin, for permission to erect a building over the river at Canal street.

The report of the joint committee on city property upon a resolution directing the city messenger to purchase a safe for the water department, is read and received, and it is ordered that the further consideration of the resolution be indefinitely postponed.

The ballots given in at the new election held April 26, 1880, for third representative are counted in open board meeting, and John F. Tobey having received a majority of the votes therefor, is declared to be duly elected, and the clerk is directed to furnish him with a certificate of his election.

The appointment of Frank M. Miller to be a policeman is consented to.

A jury list for the year is made of such persons, inhabiting the city, as the board of alderman think well qualified to serve as jurors and who are not exempted by law.

The following having passed the common council are severally read, and the board do not concur therein, viz. :

Resolution relative to transferring five thousand dollars from the appropriation for cleaning streets, to the appropriation for repairs on paved streets, and the paving of unpaved streets.

Resolution relative to sprinkling the streets around the city hall.

IN CITY COUNCIL.

No. 169. Resolutions for curbing Butler avenue, from South Angell street to Hawthorne avenue.

[Approved May 4, 1880.]

RESOLVED, That the highway commissioners be, and they are hereby directed to cause curbstones to be set and gutters paved on Butler avenue, from South Angell street to Hawthorne avenue, at a cost not to exceed twelve hundred dollars, to be paid from the appropriation for highways for new work; said work to be done in accordance with the plans and specifications of the city engineer.

RESOLVED, That the highway commissioners are hereby directed to advertise for proposals for performing the work named in the foregoing resolution, and to contract for said work, with the lowest responsible bidder, provided, that the accepted bid shall not exceed the said sum of twelve hundred dollars, said bidder, before signing the contract, being required to give satisfactory bonds for the faithful performance of the contract, and to receive no compensation therefor until after the whole work has been completed to the satisfaction of the city engineer, to be expressed by him in writing.

No. 170. Resolution transferring five thousand dollars from the appropriation for highways for cleaning streets from Ice and Snow to the appropriation for Repairs on Paved streets.

[Approved May 4, 1880.]

RESOLVED, That the sum of five thousand dollars be, and the same is hereby transferred from the appropriation for highways for cleaning streets from ice and snow, and the setting of curbstones, to the appropriation for highways for repairing paved streets.

No. 171. Resolution transferring two thousand five hundred dollars to the appropriation for the construction of Sewers.

[Approved May 4, 1880.]

RESOLVED, That the sum of twenty-five hundred dollars is hereby added to the appropriation for the construction of sewers; said sum to be transferred from the amount in the treasury received for sewer assessments.

No. 172 Resolution granting permission to Hannah C. Colwell to raise a building.

[Approved May 4, 1880.]

RESOLVED, That permission be granted to Hannah C. Colwell to raise a certain building located at No. 689 Broad street, pursuant to her petition.

No. 173. Resolution granting permission to Susan Rice to raise a building.

[Approved May 4, 1880.]

RESOLVED, That permission be granted to Susan Rice to raise a certain building located at No. 16 Susan street, pursuant to her petition.

No. 174. Resolution appointing a Joint Special Committee to report a plan to carry into effect Chapter 804 of the Public Laws relative to Telegraph Wires.

[Approved May 4, 1880.]

RESOLVED, That the joint standing committee on the fire department and the joint standing committee on ordinances are constituted a joint special committee, with instructions to report a plan to the city council which will carry into effect the powers conferred upon the city council, by chapter 804 of the public laws, passed at the January session, 1880, of the General Assembly.

No. 175. Semi-Annual Report of the City Solicitor.

[Presented May 3, 1880.]

City council file, May 3, 1880.

No. 176. Monthly Report of the City Auditor.

[Presented May 3, 1880.]

City council file, May 3, 1880.

No. 177. Monthly Report of the Chief Engineer of
the Fire Department.

[Presented May 3, 1880.]

City council file, May 3, 1880.

No. 178. Monthly Report of the City Messenger for
April.

[Presented May 3, 1880.]

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

In accordance with section 11, of chapter xxxvi of the ordinances, the city messenger reports, that during the month of April last, the city hall and the sidewalks around the same have been kept, and are now in good condition. The gas bill for the quarter ending March 31st was \$566.28. Bills have been paid including pay rolls and gas bill amounting to \$1,431.38.

Respectfully submitted,

EDWARD S. RHODES,
City Messenger.

No. 179. Resolution directing the Joint Standing Committee on Finance to report an Ordinance for the Assessment and Collection of the Annual Tax.

[Approved May 4, 1880.]

RESOLVED, That the report of the city auditor of the estimated receipts and expenditures for the fiscal year ending September 30th, 1881, be referred to the joint standing committee on finance, and that they be directed to report an ordi-

nance for the assessment and collection of the annual tax, for the support of the city government for the year beginning October 1st, 1880, and ending September 30, 1881.

No. 180. Resolution authorizing the City Clerk to employ Assistance in Assorting and Filing Old Papers and Reports.

[Approved May 4, 1880.]

RESOLVED, That the city clerk be and is hereby authorized to employ such assistance as may be necessary in assorting and filing old papers and reports, and the expense thereof, not to exceed the sum of one hundred dollars, to be charged to the appropriation for contingencies.

No. 181. Resolution to pay the Firemen.

[Approved May 4, 1880.]

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer be authorized to pay the permanent members of the fire department for services rendered during the month of April, 1880, at a rate to be fixed by the board of engineers, not exceeding the rate paid for the corresponding month in 1879.

No. 182. Resolution to pay the bill of Thomas Wyatt, amounting to \$20.

[Approved May 4, 1880.]

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer be and is hereby authorized and directed to pay Thomas Wyatt twenty dollars, the amount of his bill for chain and block, said payment to be charged to the appropriation for care of the city hall.

No. 183. Resolution to lay Water Pipes in Dwight street and Pavilion avenue.

[Approved May 4, 1880.]

RESOLVED, That the water commissioners are hereby directed to cause six-inch water pipes to be laid in Dwight street, about eighty-five feet north from Lippitt street; and in Pavilion avenue, about five hundred and forty-two feet northeasterly from Prairie avenue.

No. 184. Resolution granting permission to Lewis Carr to raise a building.

[Approved May 4, 1880.]

RESOLVED, That permission be granted to Lewis Carr to raise a certain building located at No. 339 Friendship street, pursuant to his petition.

No. 185. Resolution to pay the bill of Providence Press Co. for printing blanks for City Weigher.

[Approved May 4, 1880.]

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer be, and he is hereby authorized and directed to pay the Providence Press Company twenty-four dollars and fifty cents, the amount of its bill for printing blanks for the use of the weigher at the city scales, said amount to be charged to the appropriation for printing.

IN COMMON COUNCIL.

MAY 3, 1880.

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

Sarah Patton, for remission of tax; Charles H. Smith et al., for curbing Greenwich street and Reservoir avenue; Frank Smith, for curbing Clinton street, from Broad street to Prairie avenue.

A resolution to appropriate \$500 for Decoration Day, is read and not passed.

The following resolution is read and passed, and ordered communicated to the board of aldermen:

RESOLVED, That Nicholas Van Slyck be hereby elected city solicitor for the year ending on the first Monday in May, 1881.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

MAY 3, 1880.

The weekly report of the Dexter Asylum is read and received.

The following accounts are examined and allowed:

MISCELLANEOUS BILLS.

Edwin E. Calder, inspector of milk.....	\$50 00	Pay roll of the lamp department for April.....	\$2,395 35
A. E. Field & Son, health department.....	550 00	Labor pay roll of the lamp department.....	118 00
Pay roll of the police department for the month of April.....	13,707 49	Henry V. A. Joslin, streets	27 00
		Edward S. Rhodes, "	27 00

BRIDGE BILLS.

Rice, Starkweather & Co....	\$5 80	Pay roll from April 16th to the 30th.....	35 38
A. C. Eddy & Studleys.....	13 00	Arthur Williams.....	10 68
S. S. Sprague & Co.....	28 18	Stephen P. Henry.....	13 00
C. J. Claffin & Co.....	10 00	Point street bridge pay roll for April.....	277 50
James A. Potter & Co.....	17 47		
W. H. Miller & Co.....	2 21		

Licenses to keep taverns are severally granted as follows :

To Daniel B. Campbell, at No. 128 Pine street ; William Jeffs, at No. 46 Union street ; and John H. Watson, at No. 17 Snow street.

License is granted to Nathaniel H. Wales to keep a pawnbroker's shop at No. 94 Eddy street.

The following persons are designated and appointed to remove swill and offal, viz. :

John McElroy, from No. 55 Weybosset street ; Hart B. Pierce, from No. 45 Mathewson street.

Permission is granted to Esther Sautmann to build a barn on Danforth street.

The following resolutions are read and passed, viz :

Directing the superintendent of lights to set up lamps on the following streets, viz. :

On Concord street, three lamps ; on Pratt street, one lamp ; and on Spring street, one lamp.

Directing the highway commissioners to cause concrete sidewalks to be laid on Barnes street, from Prospect street to Thayer street.

Upon the petition of Henry L. Johnson for allowance of pay as policeman, it is ordered that the petitioner have leave to withdraw.

William H. Teel is elected license commissioner for three years, from the first Monday in June, 1880.

The following resolution is read and passed and ordered communicated to the common council :

RESOLVED, That Nicholas Van Slyck be hereby elected city solicitor for the year ending on the first Monday in May, 1881.

Jurors are drawn to serve at the June term of the court of common pleas.

 IN COMMON COUNCIL.

 MAY 17, 1880.

Upon the petition of Joseph G. Johnson for refunding of tax, it is ordered that the petitioner have leave to withdraw.

 IN CITY COUNCIL.

No. 186. Resolution directing the Joint Special Committee, appointed by resolution No. 76 to wait upon the General Assembly, relative to the passage of the Police Act.

[Passed in Common Council May 3, 1880. Passed in Board of Aldermen same day. Became a law upon the adjournment of the Common Council, May 17, 1880.]

RESOLVED, That the joint special committee appointed under resolution No. 76, be directed to wait upon the General Assembly at its May session at Newport and urge the passage of the act entitled "An act entitled an act in amendment of an act to provide for the mode of appointment and removal of the city marshal, police constables and city watchmen of the city of Providence." Also,

RESOLVED, That the senator and representatives of the city of Providence be and they hereby are requested to use their utmost endeavors to obtain the passage of said act.

No. 187. Monthly Report of the Finance Committee on the issue of Registered Bonds.

[Presented May 17, 1880.]

City council file, May 20, 1880.

No. 188. Monthly Report of the City Treasurer on
the issue of Registered Bonds.

[Presented May 17, 1880.]

City council file, May 20, 1880.

No. 189. Monthly Report of the City Treasurer.

[Presented May 17, 1880.]

City council file, May 20, 1880.

No. 190. Report of the Joint Committee on Finance,
upon the Annual Report of the City Auditor and
City Treasurer.

[Presented May 17, 1880.]

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

The joint standing committee on finance, to whom was referred the annual report of the city auditor, and the accounts of the city treasurer, for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1879, respectfully report, that they have examined the same, and compared them with the vouchers, and find them to be correct.

For the committee,

J. W. CROOKER, Chairman.

No. 191. Report of the Joint Committee on City
Property, upon purchase of Building on the Rone
Estate.

[Presented May 17, 1880.]

TO THE HONORABLE THE CITY COUNCIL :

The joint standing committee on city property, who, by resolution approved April 5, 1880, were instructed to confer

with the trustees of the estate of Allen C. Mathewson, deceased, in reference to the purchase of the building upon the Rone estate so called; to a sale of the entire property by the city, and said trustees, also in reference to a renewal of said lease; and to report relating thereto with such recommendations as they may deem proper, respectfully submit:

That they have conferred with said trustees and persons representing them, and have learned that it is their intention to close the affairs of the estate without delay, and a renewal of the lease is not desired upon any terms.

Your committee have also in a body, and as individuals, made a thorough examination of the building, its condition and sources of revenue. They do not recommend a joint sale of the property, but have come to the conclusion that the interest of all parties can be best subserved by the purchase of the building by the city.

Your committee have learned from Mr. John S. Fenner, who claims to represent the trustees, that the building is now renting for thirty-one hundred dollars, from which must be deducted the taxes, the cost of supplying power, water, etc., say eight hundred dollars, making a nett income of twenty-three hundred dollars. In the event of purchase, arrangements can be made for a continuance of the supply of power for the present.

Your committee feel assured in recommending this course, that not only more amicable arrangements can be made, but the city will be in a better condition to make a sale of the entire property whenever a favorable opportunity does occur, your committee recommend that the lease referred to, terminate on the first day of July proximo, and that the building be purchased by the city provided it can be done at a cost not to exceed the sum of four thousand dollars. In furtherance of said object they submit and recommend the passage of the accompanying resolution.

For the committee,

JAMES McNALLY, Chairman.

No. 192. Resolution to purchase the Building standing upon the Rone lot, so called.

[Approved May 22, 1880.]

RESOLVED, That the joint standing committee on city property be and they are hereby directed, on or before the first day of July, 1880, to purchase of the trustees of the estate of Allen C. Mathewson, deceased, the building owned by said estate, standing upon the Rone lot, so called, providing the same be done at a cost not to exceed the sum of four thousand dollars, which sum is hereby appropriated, to be paid from the appropriation for contingencies.

No. 193. Report of the Joint Committee on City Property, upon the purchase of a School lot on Peace street.

[Presented May 17, 1880.]

TO THE HONORABLE THE CITY COUNCIL:

The joint standing committee on city property, who, by resolution approved April 29, 1880, were directed to purchase a suitable site for a primary and intermediate school house, between Prairie avenue and Broad street, and in the neighborhood of Peace, Clinton and Robinson streets, respectfully report:

That in compliance with said instruction, they have selected and purchased of Mrs. Susan P. Dart, three lots, containing about eleven thousand square feet of land, situate on the north side of Peace street, between Prairie avenue and Taylor street, for the sum of thirty-five hundred dollars.

The deed and title to this property is satisfactory to the city solicitor, and his certificate accompanies the same.

Respectfully submitted for the committee,

JAMES McNALLY, Chairman.

No. 194. Resolution directing the Joint Committee on Education to procure Plans and Estimates for a School House on Peace street.

[Approved May 22, 1880.]

RESOLVED, That the joint committee on education be, and they are authorized and directed to procure plans and estimates for the erection of a primary and intermediate school house, to be located on Peace street, and the cost thereof.

No. 195. Report of the Joint Standing Committee on City Property, upon Resolution to provide a Ward Room for the Sixth Ward.

[Presented May 17, 1880.]

TO THE HONORABLE THE CITY COUNCIL :

The joint standing committee on city property, to whom was referred resolution No. 113, approved March 22, 1880, instructing them to report a plan for, and estimate of the cost of providing the citizens of the sixth ward with a ward room, respectfully report :

That they have visited such localities as have been considered to be the most desirable, and have received proposals from several parties. The proposition which your committee considers the most favorable has been received from Messrs. Winsor & Brown, a copy of which is herewith submitted.

For the committee,

JAMES McNALLY, Chairman.

No. 196. Resolution to erect a Storehouse for the Fire Department.

[Approved May 22, 1880.]

RESOLVED, That the joint standing committee on city property, be and they are hereby authorized and directed to

locate and cause to be erected within the enclosed portion of the Cove lands, a one story building, about twenty-five by sixty feet, to be used as a storehouse by the fire department; and that the sum of six hundred dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary for said purpose, is hereby appropriated, to be paid from the appropriation for public buildings.

No. 197. Resolutions to procure from the General Assembly a reduction in the amount of State Tax, levied upon and collected from the City of Providence.

[Approved May 22, 1880.]

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

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

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

No. 198. Resolutions making an Appropriation of \$500 for Decoration Day and appointing a Committee to expend the same.

[Approved May 22, 1880.]

RESOLVED, That the sum of five hundred dollars is hereby appropriated towards defraying the expenses of a suitable observance of Decoration Day, said sum to be charged to the appropriation for contingencies.

RESOLVED, That Messrs. Millett, Potter and Harris of the common council, with alderman Barker, be hereby appointed a committee to carry the foregoing resolution into effect.

No. 199. Resolution directing the Joint Committee on Railroads to confer with the Railroad Corporations relative to increased facilities for Passengers and Freight.

[Approved May 22, 1880.]

RESOLVED, That the joint standing committee on railroads be, and they are hereby instructed to confer with the several railroad corporations relative to better and increased accommodations for passengers and freight, at their several depots in this city; and further, to examine and report upon all matters relating to the terminal facilities of the several railroads leading into this city.

No. 200. Resolution to lay Water Pipes in Gaspee, Valley, Oak and Trainor streets.

[Approved May 22, 1880.]

RESOLVED, That the water commissioners, in accordance with their recommendations, are hereby instructed to cause the following lines of cast iron water pipes to be laid, viz. :

About seven hundred feet of ten-inch in Gaspee street, from Promenade street southerly; about two hundred and thirty-seven feet of eight-inch in Valley street, from Dike street southerly to Oak street; about one hundred and sixty feet of six-inch in Oak street, westerly from said eight-inch line in Valley street, and about fifty-eight feet of six-inch in Trainor street, east from Crout street.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

MAY 20, 1880.

The weekly reports of the Dexter Asylum, monthly report of the overseer of the poor and of the inspector of boilers, are severally read and received.

The following accounts are severally examined and allowed :

George W. Wightman, support of poor	\$609 91	Charitable Baptist Society, use of bell.....	125 00
Geo W. Wightman, Charity Building and Wood Yard.	1 21	W. N. Landerkin, lamp department....	165 77
Providence Telephone Exchange Co., police department.....	22 00	Providence Gas Co.....	201 36
		Henry A. Chace, trustee, ward room	70 00
		Pay roll, bridge department.	49 38

The following are appointed special constables under the tramp act, viz. :

Edmund F. Prentiss, J. Crawford Potter.

Stanton A. Gray is appointed a police constable, without power to serve civil process.

Licenses to keep victualling houses are severally granted to the following persons, viz. :

Alonzo Dodge, at No. 54 Charles street ; P. Paule Eble, at No. 13 Peck street.

License is granted to Larry Sullivan to buy and sell junk and second hand articles.

Licenses are granted as follows :

To P. Clarke & Co., to keep one pool table at No. 203 Broad street until December 31, 1880, upon the payment of ten dollars ; to Frank O. Nichols, to keep one billiard table at No. 85 Weybosset street until December 31, 1880, upon the payment of ten dollars ; and to Herbert Phillips, to keep a pawnbroker's shop at No. 110 Westminster street.

John Cornell is designated and appointed to remove swill and offal from the City Hotel.

Permission is granted to Joseph Davol to build a barn at No. 48 Parkis avenue.

Permission to operate steam boilers is granted, as follows :

To Ryder Bros., at Duncan Wharf, and

To Joseph L. Smith, at No. 238 Lilac street.

The following are severally read and passed :

Resolution directing the highway commissioners to cause concrete sidewalks to be laid on the west side of Thayer street, between George and Waterman streets, adjoining land of Brown University.

Resolution directing the superintendent of lights to set up lamps on the following streets, viz. :

Aldrich, Aleppo, Handy, Hyatt, Joslin, Lilac and Seabury streets, and on Steere avenue and Tannery court.

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

William Tootle, to buy and sell junk ; James Brennan, for the removal of certain buildings near the Point street bridge ; Lawrence Taft, to build a vault under the sidewalk at No. 49 Superior street ; Daniel Grimes, for lamps on Milk street ; Francis Hanley et al., for lamps on Unit and Aldine streets ; and Thomas Howland et al., for lamps on Robinson and Gay streets.

The report of the committee to lay out Washington street, from Cove street to Walker street, is read and approved, and ordered to be recorded.

The following policemen are appointed, viz. :

George J. Grinnell, Matthew F. Fitzpatrick, and Abel G. Whidden.

Jurors are drawn to serve at the United States Circuit Court, to be held in Providence on the 15th day of June, 1880.

An order is passed directing the joint committee on ordinances to report relative to a pound in the 9th ward.

A resolution appropriating forty-five hundred dollars for the fourth of July celebration, and appointing a joint special committee of arrangements therefor, having passed the common council, is read and the board of aldermen do not concur therein.

IN CITY COUNCIL.

No. 201. Resolution relating to the Annual Report of the City Registrar. [City Document, No. 18.]

[Approved June 2, 1880.]

RESOLVED, That the twenty-fifth annual report of the city registrar, for the year ending December 31, 1879, be received, and that six hundred copies thereof, and of the communication accompanying the same, be printed in pamphlet form for the use of the city council, under the direction of the joint committee on printing.

No. 202. Resolution relative to a suitable location for a Grammar School House in the western district of the Ninth Ward.

[Approved June 2, 1880.]

RESOLVED, That the joint standing committee on education, are hereby directed to report a suitable location for a grammar school building in the western district of the ninth ward.

No. 203. Message of the Mayor relative to the Reform School.

[Read. in Convention, May 31, 1880.]

City document, No. 19.

No. 204. Report of the Joint Committee on Finance relative to the Apportionment of School Money for State of Rhode Island.

[Presented May 31, 1880.]

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

The joint standing committee on finance to whom, on May 17, 1880, was referred the communications of the city treasurer, and the commissioner of public schools, relative to the sum required to be appropriated by the city council for the support of public schools, report: That they have investigated the matter, and the chairman has conferred with the public school commissioner. As the proper return will be made by the secretary of the school committee to the commissioner of public schools, in accordance with the statute, therefore no further action is considered necessary on the part of the city council.

For the committee,

J. W. CROOKER, Chairman.

Providence, May 21, 1880.

No. 205. Resolution appointing a Joint Special Committee to report relative to the establishment of an Industrial School.

[Approved June 2, 1880.]

RESOLVED, That Messrs. McNally, C. Anthony and Allen Greene, of the common council, with aldermen Gorman and Greene, of the board of aldermen, are hereby appointed a committee, and are directed to inquire into the advisability of the city of Providence establishing and maintaining an industrial school for juvenile offenders and homeless children, and to report whether the present reform school estate would be suited for such a school, or what other place would be a desirable location for the same.

No. 206. Resolution to lay Water Pipes in Amy street and Brook street.

[Approved June 2, 1880.]

RESOLVED, That the water commissioners are hereby directed to cause six inch water pipes to be laid in Amy street, from Ives street to Gano street; and in Brook street, about one hundred and fifty feet southerly from Waterman street.

No. 207. Resolution authorizing the Water Commissioners to purchase Water Pipes and Special Castings.

[Approved June 2, 1880.]

RESOLVED, That the request of the water commissioners "for authority to purchase three hundred tons of six-inch cast iron water pipes, and four tons of special castings," be granted; and they are hereby authorized to make such purchase.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

MAY 31, 1880.

The weekly reports of the Dexter Asylum are severally presented, read and received.

The following accounts are examined and allowed:

POLICE BILLS.

Mason & Moran.....	\$38 27	Charles H. Hunt.....	\$27 48
William Sweeney.....	18 25	J. H. & J. B. Sweet.....	54 49
Angell & Barney.....	77 38	C. Farnum & Co.....	30 75
Joseph B. Coleman.....	36 00	William H. Barney.....	10 12
Edward T. Caswell.....	15 00	Louis W. Clarke.....	11 07
D. B. Lee.....	75 00	Charles H. Hunt.....	117 97
Charles F. Pope.....	12 09	Janitors' pay roll.....	286 50
Hopkins & Pomroy.....	57 80	James J. Morrally.....	50 00

MISCELLANEOUS BILLS.

Edwin E. Calder, inspector of milk.....	\$50 00	James M. Degnan, finding dead body.....	\$5 00
John Callihan, finding dead body.....	5 00		

Harrison G. Macomber is appointed a police constable, without power to serve civil process.

License is granted to Henry T. Austin to buy and sell junk in rear of No. 12 Governor street.

Patrick Higney is granted a license to keep a victualling house at No 117 North Main street.

Permission is granted to the following persons to build barns, viz. :

John Cullen, on Pleasant View avenue ; Joseph Dronsfeld, on Eagle Park street ; William McDonnell, at No. 53 Bishop street ; Amanda M. F. Brayton, at the corner of Bucklin and Burnett streets ; I. E. Pabodie, at No. 14 Sprague street ; and Horatio Phinney, at No. 141 Hospital street.

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

William A. Barron, to keep a tavern at No. 27 Pine street ; Cicero M. Cooke, to keep a tavern at No. 156 Westminster street ; Peter Creed, to keep a tavern at No. 60 Washington street ; Henry G. Sperry, to keep a tavern at No. 881 Broad street ; and Joshua Hoyle, to buy and sell junk and second-hand articles at No. 126 Canal street.

Resolutions severally granting permission to the Woonsocket Rubber Company and Dunnell Manufacturing Company to construct, maintain and operate telephone lines in the highways and public streets of the city, are read and passed.

An order is passed directing the highway commissioners to make their annual report, as required by ordinance.

The following policemen are appointed, viz. :

George E. Ordway, Isaac D. Huling,
James P. McLaughlin.

IN COMMON COUNCIL.

JUNE 7, 1880.

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

Samuel H. Flagg, administrator, for remission of tax; and Henry M. Chase and A. W. Mathewson, administrators, for the remission of tax.

The following are presented and disposed of as follows :

A resolution to lay noiseless pavements around the city building is read and not passed.

A resolution making an appropriation of \$3,000 for a proper municipal celebration of the Fourth of July, is read and rejected.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

JUNE 7, 1880.

The weekly report of the Dexter Asylum, monthly report of the overseer of the poor, and quarterly report of the city clerk are severally read and received.

The following accounts are examined and allowed, viz. :

MISCELLANEOUS BILLS.

A. E. Field & Son, health department.....	\$550 00	George W. Wightman, support of poor ...	\$582 20
		Pay roll, police department	14,167 02

BRIDGE BILLS.

Pay roll.....	\$47 25	C. H. Carpenter.....	\$28 20
Pay roll Point street bridge..	268 75	E. Winsor & Co.....	8 22
S. S. Sprague & Co.....	27 98	Wood & Winsor.....	13 72
L. L. Fales.....	6 86	A. C. Eddy & Studleys.....	13 00
Joseph Smith & Co.....	4 20	Stephen P. Henry.....	12 00
Belcher Brothers.....	5 03	Providence Water Works...	1 84
John Armstrong.....	8 69	Arthur C. Williams.....	15 18
Hopkins, Pomroy & Co.....	14 79		

LAMP DEPARTMENT BILLS.

Providence Gas Co.....	\$179 45	Labor pay roll.....	\$135 65
Pay roll.....	2,498 10		

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

Martin P. Butts, Denis H. Perry,
John H. Pullen.

License is granted to Furman & Tourtellott to keep a victualling house at No. 317 Westminster street.

Permission to operate steam boilers is granted, as follows :

To George M. Gerhard, at the corner of Point and Eddy streets ; William A. Harris, at the corner of Francis and Gaspee streets ; and Joseph H. Spooner, on Eddy street near Potter's avenue.

Permission to build barns is granted, as follows :

To John A. Bennett, at the corner of High street and Baker avenue ; Asa Pike, in the rear of Cypress street ; John Steere, at No. 197 Broadway ; and Union Railroad Co., at the corner of Prairie and Thurber avenues.

A resolution is passed directing the superintendent of lights to set up two lamps on Bridgham street, between High and Cranston streets.

The following orders are severally read and passed, viz. :

Instructing the city engineer to cause the telegraph pole on the sidewalk of the estate No. 417 North Main street to be removed to such location as he may designate.

Directing the chief of police to prevent lounging on Red bridge on the day of, and during the progress of the international regatta.

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

Patrick J. Coleman, for damages ; Mary E. Leddy, for abatement of tax.

The following policemen are appointed, viz. :

William E. Foster, Andrew P. Martin.

A resolution to purchase a lot for a primary and intermediate school-house in the third district having passed the common council, is read, and the board do not concur therein.

IN CONVENTION.

JUNE 7, 1880.

The following officers are elected, viz. :

Assessor of Taxes, James C. Hidden.

Water Commissioner, (passed).

Special Constable under the bird law, J. Crawford Potter.

IN CITY COUNCIL.

No. 208. Resolution requesting the Board of Aldermen to lay out Williams Street.

[Approved June 7, 1880.]

RESOLVED, That the board of aldermen be, and they are hereby requested to lay out Williams street, on the south side thereof, from Hope street to Governor street.

No. 209. Resolution directing the Committee on Education to report a salary bill, for the Officers and Teachers in the Public Schools.

[Approved June 10, 1880.]

RESOLVED, That the joint committee on education be hereby directed to report at the next meeting of either branch of the

city council, a bill for an ordinance fixing the salaries of the officers and teachers of the public schools, from and after the first Monday in September, 1880.

No. 210. Resolution relative to a reduction in the rates charged for water, furnished to large consumers.

[Approved June 10, 1880.]

RESOLVED, That the joint standing committee on water be, and they are hereby directed to inquire into, investigate and report, to what extent manufacturers and other large consumers of water are discontinuing the use of Pawtuxet water for manufacturing purposes, and substituting other water therefor, and also to report whether or not it would be advisable for the city to reduce the present rates for large consumers of water for manufacturing purposes.

No. 211. Annual Report of the Commissioners of the North Burial Ground upon the Receipts and Expenditures of the Trust Fund.

[Presented June 7, 1880.]

City council file, June 7, 1880.

No. 212. Annual Report of the Commissioners of the North Burial Ground upon the Trust Fund.

[Presented June 7, 1880.]

City council file, June 7, 1880.

No. 213. Monthly Report of the City Auditor.

[Presented June 7, 1880.]

City council file, June 7, 1880.

No. 214. Monthly Report of the City Treasurer.

[Presented June 7, 1880.]

City council file, June 7, 1880.

No. 215. Monthly Report of the Chief Engineer of
the Fire Department.

[Presented June 7, 1880.]

City council file, June 7, 1880.

No. 216. Monthly Report of the City Messenger for
May.

[Presented June 7, 1880.]

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

In accordance with section 11 of chapter xxxvi of the ordinances, the city messenger reports that during the month of May last the city hall and the sidewalks around the same have been kept, and are now, in good condition. Bills, including pay rolls, have been paid during the month amounting to \$894.89.

Respectfully submitted,

EDWARD S. RHODES,
City Messenger.

No. 217. Report of the Committee on Education relative to the use of the Fountain Street School-house.

[Presented June 7, 1880.]

TO THE HONORABLE THE CITY COUNCIL :

The joint standing committee on education, to whom was re-

ferred a request of the school committee to use the Fountain street building for primary and intermediate schools, respectfully report that, inasmuch as there is in the immediate vicinity a school-house of the same grade, fully equipped, with an attendance not up to its capacity, your committee see no reason for incurring the necessary expense, and deem the change inexpedient.

Respectfully submitted for the committee,

FRED. I. MARCY, Chairman.

No. 218. Report of the Committee on Education upon the Erection of a School-house on Peace street.

[Presented June 7, 1880.]

TO THE HONORABLE THE CITY COUNCIL:

The joint standing committee on education, who, by resolution approved May 22, 1880, were directed to "procure plans and estimates for a primary and intermediate school building to be located on Peace street, with the cost thereof," respectfully report recommending the erection of a building similar in design to that submitted to and adopted by your honorable body, for the school-house on Amherst and LaVaughn streets, the estimated cost of which was seven thousand dollars.

Your committee recommend the passage of the accompanying resolution.

For the committee,

FRED. I. MARCY, Chairman.

No. 219. Resolution to erect a School-house on Peace Street.

[Approved June 10, 1880.]

RESOLVED, That the joint standing committee on education

be hereby authorized and directed to cause a four-room wooden school-house to be erected on the lot owned by the city on Peace street, provided that the cost of the same shall not exceed the sum of seven thousand dollars, said sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for said purpose, to be paid from the appropriation for school-houses and lots.

No. 220. Report of the Special Committee on Decoration Day.

[Presented June 7, 1880.]

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

GENTLEMEN :—Your committee appointed by joint resolution No. 198, current series, approved May 22, 1880, to carry into effect said resolution, would respectfully report, that they have attended to the duties thereof, and have allowed bills amounting to five hundred dollars, leaving the balance to be paid by the Grand Army of the Republic, under whose charge the services of decoration day were carried out.

Respectfully submitted,

THOMAS A. MILLETT,	} Committee.
A. S. POTTER,	
C. E. HARRIS,	
H. R. BARKER,	

No. 221. Resolution relative to Heating and Furnishing the School-house at the corner of La Vaughn and Amherst Streets, and fencing in and grading the lot around the same.

[Approved June 10, 1880.]

RESOLVED, That the joint standing committee on education

are hereby authorized to cause the school-house corner of Amherst and La Vaughn streets to be heated and furnished: the lot to be graded and fenced, also suitable out-buildings constructed; provided the cost thereof shall not exceed the sum of three thousand dollars, and which sum is hereby appropriated to be paid from the appropriation for school-houses and lots.

No. 222. Resolution to pay the Firemen.

[Approved June 10, 1880.]

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer be authorized to pay the call men of the fire department, for services rendered during the quarter ending June 30, 1880, at a rate to be fixed by the board of engineers, not exceeding the rate paid for the corresponding quarter in 1879.

No. 223. Resolution to pay the Firemen.

[Approved June 10, 1880.]

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer be authorized to pay the permanent members of the fire department for services rendered during the month of June, 1880, at a rate to be fixed by the board of engineers, not exceeding the rate paid for the corresponding month in 1879.

No. 224. Resolution to Re-curb Benevolent Street.

[Approved June 10, 1880.]

RESOLVED, That the Highway Commissioners be, and they are, hereby directed to cause new curb stones to be set and the gutters re-paved on Benevolent street, from Brown street to Hope street, at a cost not to exceed one thousand and fifty-five dollars, to be paid from the appropriation for highways for new work.

No. 225. Resolution accepting gift of George B. Peck, Jr., to the North Burial Ground Fund.

[Approved June 10, 1880.]

RESOLVED, That the gift of George B. Peck, Jr., of the sum of two hundred and fifty dollars to the commissioners of the North Burial Ground, in trust, the income thereof to be applied under the provisions of chapter 367 of the public laws, to the preservation and care of the burial lot standing in the name of George B. Peck, in said ground, be and the same is hereby accepted under the name of the George B. Peck, Jr., fund.

No. 226. Report of the Joint Special Committee relative to the disposal of the Reform School Property.

[Presented June 7, 1880.]

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

The joint special committee of the city council to whom was referred resolution No. 79, approved March 2, 1880, relative to the leasing of the real estate and the sale of the personal property of the Reform School to the state of Rhode Island, respectfully report that they have finally arranged on satisfactory terms with the state, as the accompanying correspondence will show.

For the committee,

J. W. CROOKER, Chairman.

CORRESPONDENCE.

OFFICE BOARD STATE CHARITIES, &c., }
PROVIDENCE, June 1, 1880. }

J. W. CROOKER, Esq., Chairman, &c. :

DEAR SIR:—Your favor of June 1, 1880, is at hand, communicating the fact that both branches of the city council still refuse to lease the personal property of the reform school, thereby leaving our board only the alternative to purchase said personal property. Therefore, earnestly de-

siring to bring these negotiations to a close, we have concluded to offer for the furniture and personal property now in said school the sum of seven thousand dollars; also to take a lease of the real estate now occupied by said school for one year from July 1, 1880, at a rental of five thousand dollars, less five hundred dollars to be expended in alterations, for the protection of the children against accident by fire; with the privilege of extending said lease from year to year, not exceeding two years, at an annual rental of five thousand dollars. The above named offers are made conjointly as one proposition.

For the committee,

J. M. PENDLETON, Chairman.

PROVIDENCE, June 7.

THE HON. J. M. PENDLETON, Chairman :

I have your favor of June 1st, and have laid the same before the special committee of the city council. The committee, after a full consideration of the matter, feel compelled to decline your offer, and I am authorized to make the following proposition to your committee, viz. : that the state shall pay five thousand dollars per annum for the rent of the real estate of the Providence Reform School, and the city will sell to the state all the personal property, rejecting fixtures, for the sum of seven thousand five hundred dollars. The above offer includes the privilege of renewing said lease from year to year, not exceeding two years, at the same annual rental, also giving permission to make such necessary alterations and repairs for the better protection of the children against fire as may be needed. I sincerely hope that your committee will accept this proposal and thereby adjust the matter which has been so long under consideration, and which has caused so much discussion.

J. W. CROOKER, Chairman.

OFFICE BOARD STATE CHARITIES, &C., }
PROVIDENCE, June 7, 1880. }

J. W. CROOKER, Esq., Chairman, &c. :

DEAR SIR :—Yours of this date is at hand. You decline our proposition of June 1st, and offer to lease to the state the real estate of the reform school for one year, from July 1st, 1880, for the sum of five thousand dollars, with the privilege of extending said lease from year to year, not exceeding two years, at the same annual rental. Also, to sell the personal property of said school to the state for the sum of seven thousand five hundred dollars. While we believe our last offer of seven thousand dollars for the personal property was a liberal one, yet earnestly desiring, as before, to terminate these negotiations, we accept your proposition of this date, as a compromise.

For the committee,

J. M. PENDLETON, Chairman.

No. 227. Resolution approving the action of the Joint Special Committee upon the disposal of the Reform School.

[Approved June 10, 1880.]

RESOLVED, That the action of the joint special committee, under resolution No. 79, approved March 2, 1880, relating to the disposal of the reform school property to the state of Rhode Island, as reported to the city council this day, be and the same is hereby approved.

No. 228. Resolution granting permission to S. G. Martin to raise a building.

[Approved June 10, 1880.]

RESOLVED, That permission be granted to S. G. Martin to raise a certain building located at No. 185 Broadway, pursuant to his petition.

No. 229. Resolution authorizing the closing of the City Hall on the day of International Regatta.

[Approved June 10, 1880.]

RESOLVED, That the city messenger be authorized to close the city hall to public business at and after twelve o'clock, M., on the day of the international regatta.

No. 230. Resolutions to purchase a lot for a School-house near America and Penn Streets; and to sell the lots at the corner of Bourn Street and Atwell's Avenue.

[Approved June 10, 1880.]

RESOLVED, That the joint standing committee on city property be, and they are, hereby authorized to purchase a suitable

site for a primary and intermediate school-house in the vicinity of America and Penn streets, at a cost not to exceed the sum of six thousand dollars: which sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for the above purpose, shall be paid from the appropriation for school-houses and lots; provided, that the title to said lot be satisfactory to the city solicitor.

RESOLVED, That the joint committee on city property be authorized to sell at public auction, lots numbered 39 and 43 on assessors' plat No. 26 on Bourn street and Atwell's avenue; the proceeds thereof to be paid to the appropriation for school-houses and lots.

IN COMMON COUNCIL.

JUNE 14, 1880.

Upon the petition of William W. Brown for remission of tax, assessed for concreting sidewalk on Transit street, it is ordered, that the petitioner have leave to withdraw.

IN CITY COUNCIL.

No. 231. Resolution permitting Joint Special Committee under Resolution No. 76 to report in print.

[Passed in Common Council May 31, 1880. Passed in Board of Aldermen same day. Became a law upon the adjournment of the Common Council, June 14, 1880.]

RESOLVED, That the joint special committee appointed under joint resolution number 76, be authorized to report to the city council in print, if they shall so elect.

No. 232. Monthly Report of the Finance Committee on the issue of Registered Bonds.

[Presented June 14, 1880.]

City council file, June 15, 1880.

No. 233. Monthly Report of the City Treasurer on the
issue of Registered Bonds.

[Presented June 14, 1880.]

City council file, June 15, 1880.

No. 234. Report of the Joint Committee on Finance,
upon the Annual Tax Bill.

[Presented June 14, 1880.]

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

The joint standing committee on finance, to whom on the 4th day of May, 1880, was referred the report of the city auditor of the estimated receipts and expenditures for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1881, respectfully report :

That they herewith report a bill for an ordinance providing for the assessment and collection of the annual tax, for the support of the city government for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 1880, and ending September 30th, 1881, at the same rate as fixed for the current fiscal year, viz. : one dollar and forty cents per hundred dollars.

Your committee have given the estimates for the next fiscal year submitted by the various departments a careful consideration, and are of the opinion that this rate is sufficient to meet the current expenses of the city government by a proper and economical administration of its affairs.

When the annual appropriation bill is prepared, the committee will have ascertained the actual sum to be received from taxation under this rate, and can then decide how it shall be apportioned.

For the committee,

J. W. CROOKER, Chairman.

No. 235. Report of the Joint Committee on Education upon the Salaries of the Officers and Teachers of the Public Schools.

[Presented June 14, 1880.]

TO THE HONORABLE THE CITY COUNCIL :

The joint standing committee on education, in compliance with directions contained in resolution No. 209, approved June 10, 1880, respectfully report, that they see no reason for recommending any change in the present salary ordinance, except the omission of the clause relating to evening schools, and in two cases where the salaries have not been adjusted to the increased duties of the assistant teachers since the removal to the new high school building. In these cases they recommend an addition of two hundred dollars to a first assistant in charge of a room, and one hundred dollars to a second assistant. This increase will be more than compensated by the reduction of the number of assistant teachers in the large grammar schools, which they recommend. Your committee find, upon examination, that since the revival of business this year the attendance of pupils of this grade has fallen off materially, viz. : in the Thayer street, over one hundred scholars, and Federal street, over forty. They submit and recommend the passage of the accompanying ordinance lessening the number of assistants in the lower grades of the grammar rooms by five, and providing for a slight increase in the number of assistants in the primary schools.

Respectfully submitted for the committee,

FRED. I. MARCEY, Chairman.

CHAPTER CXLVIII.

No. 236. An Ordinance fixing the Salaries of the Officers and Teachers of the Public Schools of the City of Providence.

[Approved June 17, 1880.]

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

SECTION 1. The salaries to be paid to the officers and teachers of the public schools, from and after the first Monday in September, 1880, shall be fixed by the school committee at not exceeding the following rates per annum; and no salary shall be increased during the school year.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

To the second assistant in the classical department of the high school, eight hundred dollars.

To the assistant teacher in the laboratory of the high school, three hundred dollars.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

To the assistant teachers in the primary schools who have

taught not less than one year, four hundred and fifty dollars each.

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

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

To two teachers of sewing, five hundred dollars each.

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

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

No. 237. Resolution to lay Water Pipes in Evans, Bendemeer and Hanover streets.

[Approved June 17, 1880.]

RESOLVED, That the water commissioners are hereby directed to cause about three hundred and eighty-three feet of six-inch water pipe, to be laid in Evans street, between Webster and Bendemeer street; and in Bendemeer street within two hundred feet of Evans street; also about thirty-six feet of six-inch pipe in Hanover street, from the present end of the pipe in said street.

No. 238. Resolution to lay Water Pipes in Knowles street.

[Approved June 17, 1880.]

RESOLVED, That the water commissioners are hereby directed to cause six-inch water pipes to be laid in Knowles street, from the present end of the pipes, to Jenkins street, a distance of about one hundred and ninety-four feet.

No. 239. Resolution to lay Water Pipes in Lake street,
(Town of Johnston).

[Approved June 17, 1880.]

RESOLVED, That the water commissioners are hereby directed to cause six-inch water pipes to be laid in Lake street, town of Johnston, about three hundred feet southerly from Plainfield street.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

JUNE 15, 1880.

The quarterly report of the superintendent of hacks, and monthly report of the inspector of steam boilers, are severally read and received.

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

Frederick C. Hull,	Winfield S. Phillips,
Benjamin F. Gorham,	George W. Walker,
Henry C. Gross, Jr.	

Licenses are granted as follows :

To James Whitlow, to buy and sell junk and second hand articles at No. 18 Brook street.

To John L. Shoenleber, to keep one pool table at No. 209 Broad street until December 31, 1880, upon payment of ten dollars.

Permission is granted to the Yankee Notion Printing Co. to operate a steam boiler at the rear of No. 82 Academy avenue.

The following resolutions are severally read and passed, viz. :
Authorizing the mayor to appoint Messrs. James C. Bucklin, Spencer P. Read, and Samuel B. Cushing, to examine the observation stands on the margin of the Seekonk river, in this city, and report to him upon the safety thereof.

Also, authorizing the mayor, if necessary, to take such measures as will make the occupancy of said stands safe.

An order is passed, directing the city engineer to close Red Bridge to the passage of vehicles between the hours of two o'clock and seven o'clock p. m., on Thursday June 17, 1880.

The following policemen are appointed viz. :

David Fitzgerald,

George A. Reaves.

IN COMMON COUNCIL.

JUNE 21, 1880.

Upon the petition of James Hamilton, of Pettaconset, for permission for his son to attend the high school free of charge for tuition, it is ordered that the petitioner have leave to withdraw.

A message from the mayor, objecting to the passage of a bill for an ordinance "providing for the assessment and collection of a tax upon the real and personal estate in the city of Providence," passed by the common council, June 14, 1880, and by the board of aldermen on the fifteenth of the same month, is read as follows, and a motion that said ordinance pass, the objections of the mayor to the contrary notwithstanding, is put to vote and lost; less than three-fifths of all the members elected to the common council voting in the affirmative.

CITY OF PROVIDENCE,
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, CITY HALL, }
June 21, 1880.

GENTLEMEN OF THE CITY COUNCIL :

A bill entitled "An ordinance providing for the assessment and collection of a tax upon the real and personal estate in the city of Providence," which passed the common council on the 14th instant, is herewith returned for your further consideration.

I object to the passage of the ordinance, for the reason that it proposes to exact from the citizens a larger sum than is required for the proper support of the government during the ensuing municipal year, and leaves the excess to be disposed of as the city council may from time to time determine.

The first section of the bill provides that a tax shall be levied at the rate of one dollar and forty cents, which is to be applied as follows, viz. : for ordinary expenses, eighty-four cents ; for interest and sinking funds thirty-eight cents, and for the State tax, eighteen cents.

The rate of one dollar and thirty-five cents will yield an ample revenue for the next fiscal year and leave sufficient surplus to meet any unknown and unexpected expenditure which may be desired. In making this estimate I do not include any sum to be received during the next fiscal year from liquor licenses, and I allow the same appropriations for the ensuing year as were contained in the bill for the current year, when it is already apparent that there will be upwards of \$20,000 excess to be covered into the treasury at the end of the year. I invite your attention to the following estimate, which will furnish conclusive evidence that the rate I have proposed is as high as should be levied :

Amount to be received from taxes at a rate of \$1.35, on the same valuation as last year...	\$1,560,352 95
Receipts other than taxes and liquor licenses, as estimated by the city auditor.....	364,283 11
From cash on hand at the close of the present fiscal year, Sept. 30, 1880.....	70,000 00
From the Providence Reform School.....	12,500 00
Total estimated receipts.....	\$2,007,136 06
Appropriations, being the same as fixed in the appropriation bill for the current year.....	1,955,790 38
Surplus revenue.....	\$51,345 68

That these estimates are safely and properly made will be seen from the following facts :

Receipts as estimated by the City Auditor, not including therein taxes or liquor licenses, for the fiscal year ending Sept. 30, 1877.....	\$156,256	83
Receipts by same estimate for year ending Sept. 30, 1878.. .. .	144,756	83
Receipts by same estimate for year ending Sept. 30, 1879.....	357,787	34
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Total estimates for three years.....	\$658,801	00

Actual receipts from accounts included in Auditor's estimate :

For 1877.....	\$162,062	08
For 1878.....	158,085	75
For 1879	367,595	62
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Actual receipts....	\$687,743	45

Showing a surplus of receipts over estimates for the three years of \$28,942.45.

There was received from liquor licenses for the three years : In 1877, \$47,850 ; in 1878, \$46,703.70, and in 1879, \$52,-487.84, making the total receipts from this source \$147,041.54.

The finance committee, in making their estimates of receipts from taxes, fixed the valuation for the fiscal year 1877 at \$115,000,000, and the tax to be received at \$1,667,500.

Instead of which the real valuation proved to be \$121,065,-200, and the tax thereon was \$1,755,445.40, giving a surplus revenue of \$87,945.40. The committee's estimate for the fiscal year 1878 was a valuation of \$116,000,000 and \$1,682,000 to be received from taxes. The real valuation proved to be \$117,-874,800 and the amount of tax was \$1,709,184.60, giving a surplus of \$27,184.60.

The estimate of the committee for the fiscal year 1879 was on a valuation of \$114,000,000 with an estimated tax of \$1,653,000, but the valuation proved to be \$117,040,500, and the tax amounted to \$1,697,087.25, yielding a surplus of \$44,087.25.

For the current fiscal year the committee made their valuation at \$114,000,000 and their tax at \$1,596,000. The assessors returned a valuation of \$115,581,700, and a tax of \$1,618,143.80, being a surplus of \$22,143.80. To this surplus for the current year is to be added the sum to be received before July 1, 1881, for the property and rental of the Providence Reform School. These figures show that for the fiscal years ending September 30, 1877, September 30, 1878, and Sept. 30, 1879, there was actually received into the treasury from ordinary sources more than estimated by the city auditor,

The sum of.....	\$28,942 45
From liquor licenses.....	147,041 54
From city taxes.....	159,217 25
	Total excess.....\$335,201 24

Furthermore, it appears that for the current fiscal year, which will end September 30 ensuing, there is an excess of \$22,143.80 from taxes, and a further sum of \$12,500 not included in the estimates of the auditor, while the usual sum will be received from liquor licenses.

With these facts as a guide, it is clearly apparent that a tax of one dollar and thirty-five cents is an ample sum to be levied for taxation for the ensuing fiscal year, and I should not be justified in giving my approval to a larger rate.

THOMAS A. DOYLE, Mayor.

A message of the mayor relative to the transfer of money standing to the credit of the committee on city debt, is read and referred to the joint committee on finance, as follows :

CITY OF PROVIDENCE,
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, CITY HALL, }
June 21, 1880.

GENTLEMEN OF THE CITY COUNCIL :

There will be due on the first day of September ensuing, of the funded debt, one hundred and forty thousand dollars ; on the nineteenth day of December following, thirty-five thousand dollars, and on the first day of September 1881, a further sum of one hundred and forty thousand dollars. The two larger sums are notes given for the Brook street district improvement, and the smaller for land for the north burial ground.

There is now standing to the credit of the committee on the city debt, \$134,514.13 being the balance of appropriations and other receipts which have been accumulating for some time past.

There is in the treasury the sum of \$183,419.47, being the balance of cash remaining on hand at the close of the last fiscal year. The board of commissioners of sinking funds will have, to meet the notes maturing as above, some \$75,000.00, and I therefore recommend that the balance standing to the credit of the committee on the city debt, and the further sum of \$110,000, from the balance of cash be transferred to the board of commissioners of sinking funds, for the payment of the above notes as they mature, and if this be done the commissioners will undoubtedly be able to anticipate the payment of a portion of these notes, and thus stop the interest thereon, or may purchase them on advantageous terms.

The recent decision of the supreme court will enable the treasurer, from the sewer assessments to be received, to pay so much of the floating debt as has been contracted for the construction of sewers, and which now amounts to \$60,820.59.

If the above recommendations are carried into effect there will be paid on or before September 1, 1881, of the public debt \$375,820.59, and this without burdening the citizens by an increase of tax. At the same time it might be well for the city

council to provide that if upon the sale of the property of the Brook street district there should remain a surplus above the cost thereof, it shall be paid to the board of commissioners of sinking funds for the redemption of the public debt.

THOMAS A. DOYLE, Mayor.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

JUNE 23, 1880.

The weekly report of the Dexter Asylum is read and received.

The following accounts are examined and allowed :

MISCELLANEOUS BILLS.

American Enamel Co., street numbers	\$35 00	Spencer P. Read, inspecting regatta stands.....	\$100 00
J. Albert Munroe, inspecting regatta stands.....	100 00	George W. Wightman, charity building and wood yard	1 41

BRIDGE BILLS.

Belcher Bros.....	\$11 39	A. C. Eddy and Studleys....	\$9 00
Clarence H. Carpenter.....	88 99	Arthur C. Williams.....	6 77
Hopkins & Pomroy.....	16 26	Labor pay roll..	149 64
George Hutchins.....	5 81	Special pay roll	87 29

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

William H. Buffum, John E. Keenan.

License is granted to William H. Smith to keep a vitualling house at No. 159 Canal street.

The following persons are designated and appointed to remove swill and offal, viz. :

Benjamin T. Horton, from No. 23 Canal street ; Charles H. Swan, from No. 113 Broad street.

Permission to operate steam boilers is granted as follows :

To Ames H. Hobart, at No. 47 Peck street ; Joseph Olney, at No. 108 South Water street ; and Charles D. Wilbur, at the passenger depot on Exchange place.

The report of the water commissioners, relative to blowing off the entire water service, in order to determine whether any impurities exist therein, is presented, read and received.

The mayor presents the reports of the committee appointed by him to inspect the regatta stands on the margin of the See-konk river, which reports are severally read and received.

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

John Grant, to build a barn at No. 30 Camp street ; William A. Barron, to keep a tavern at No. 27 Pine street ; and Furman & Stone, to keep a victualling house at No. 13 Fulton street.

IN CITY COUNCIL.

No. 240. Resolution to lay Water Pipes in Joslin, Bowdoin and Cass streets.

[Approved June 24, 1880.]

RESOLVED, That the water commissioners are hereby directed, in accordance with their recommendation, to cause about one hundred and fifty-five feet of six-inch water pipe, to be laid in Joslin street, southerly from Kossuth street ; about six hundred and twenty-two feet in Bowdoin street southerly from present end of pipe near Amherst street ; and about four hundred and twenty-three feet in Cass street, easterly from Broad street.

No. 241. Resolution to lay Water Pipes in Regent, Julian and Joslin streets.

[Approved June 24, 1880.]

RESOLVED, That the water commissioners are hereby direct-

ed, in accordance with their recommendation, to cause six and eight inch water pipes to be laid in Regent street easterly from Bryant street for a distance of about one hundred and ninety-five feet; an eight inch line in Julian street about two hundred and sixty feet north from Amherst street; and about three hundred and thirty-five feet of six-inch pipe in Joslin street, from Kossuth street to Amherst street.

No. 242. Resolution granting permission to Robert Pettis to raise a building.

[Approved June 24, 1880.]

RESOLVED, That permission be granted to Robert Pettis to raise a certain building located at No. 66 Bernon street, pursuant to his petition.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

JULY 1, 1880.

The weekly report of the Dexter Asylum is presented, read and received.

The following accounts are severally examined and allowed, viz.:

MISCELLANEOUS BILLS.

George A. Emerson, finding dead body.....	\$5 00	A. E. Field & Son, health department.....	\$550 00
Edwin E. Calder, inspector of milk.....	50 00	Bridge department pay roll.	277 50

LAMP DEPARTMENT BILLS.

Providence Gas Co.....	\$203 47	Pay roll.....	\$2,420 82
L. L. Fales.....	76 00	Labor pay roll.....	134 00

POLICE BILLS.

William H. Palmer, police surgeon.....	\$400 00	C. H. Hunt.....	\$59 75
Angell & Barney.....	210 82	Narragansett Hotel.....	26 00
Billings Brothers	32 25	Hopkins & Pomroy.....	10 20
J. H. Eddy & Co.....	39 82	L. Wright.....	49 00
Alonzo Stanley.....	150 00	J. E. Sturdy.....	18 49
Louis W. Clarke.....	14 44	T. W. Rounds & Co.....	85 17
John C. Payne.....	44 80	Providence Gas Co.....	532 93
Patrick Parker.....	9 75	C. H. Hunt.....	121 15
James J. Monelly.....	40 50	Janitors' pay roll.....	283 00
Daniel Smith	12 00	Pay roll.....	13,794 99

Charles Towne is appointed a police constable without power to serve civil process.

License is granted to John McGuire, to buy and sell junk and second hand articles, at No. 26 Trenton street.

Byron M. Mathewson is designated and appointed to remove swill and offal from No. 267 Broad street.

Permission is granted to Richard Bromley, to rebuild a barn on Calais street.

Upon the petitions of the following named persons to keep taverns, it is ordered, that the petitioners have leave to withdraw, viz. :

Hadfield Crother, at No. 14 Canal street.

Hermann Gartner, at No. 102 Pine street.

Charles Hausenstein, at No. 98 Eddy street.

Carl Lichtenberg, at No. 190 Pine street.

Upon the petition of Bernard Hamilton, for compensation for damages caused by change of grade on Armington avenue, it is ordered that the petitioner have leave to withdraw.

The following resolutions are read and passed, viz. :

Ordering the highway commissioners to cause Jewett street to be put in a safe and passable condition.

Directing the highway commissioners to cause the sidewalks on the west side of Parade street, from High to Cranston street; and on both sides of Willow street, from Parade to Messer street, to be covered with concrete or other suitable substance.

Granting permission to the Union Railroad Company, to construct, maintain and operate telephone lines, and to Providence and Pascoag Telegraph Company to construct, maintain and operate telegraph lines in the highways and public streets of the city.

JULY 8, 1880.

The weekly report of the Dexter Asylum, monthly report of the inspector of steam boilers, monthly report of the overseer of the poor, quarterly report of the inspector of milk, quarterly report of the chief of police, and quarterly report of the superintendent of lights, are severally read and received.

The following accounts are examined and allowed, viz. :

George W. Wightman, support of the poor, \$1,385.92.

BRIDGE BILLS.

A. C. Williams.....	\$10 06	Stephen P. Henry.....	\$12 00
John R. Shirley.....	3 50	Belcher Bros.....	26 05
Hopkins, Pomroy & Co.....	16 11	Manchester & Hudson.....	21 25
Clarence H. Carpenter.....	45 76	B. F. Greene.....	11 25
Wood & Winsor.....	5 45	George E. Boynton.....	5 94
J. L. Peirce & Co.....	5 55	Pay roll.....	150 43
Wm. H. Miller & Co.....	16 31		

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

James Madden,

John V. Perkins.

John Soper is granted a license to buy and sell junk and second-hand articles at No. 179 Washington street.

Licenses to keep victualling houses are severally granted to the following persons, viz. :

Furman & Stone, at No. 13 Fulton street; Edmund E. Merchant, at No. 89 Canal street.

Permission is granted to William H. Gladding to build a barn in rear of No. 311 Eddy street.

A resolution is read and passed, requesting the highway commissioners to cause the sidewalk on Portland street, from Broad street to Pine street, to be concreted.

Upon the petition of George F. Farnum to keep a tavern at No. 73 Washington street, it is ordered that the petitioner have leave to withdraw.

Rule 6 of the standing rules of order, adopted January 5, 1880, is, by vote of a majority of all the members elected to the board, suspended.

IN CITY COUNCIL.

No. 243. Resolution to pay expenses of the Joint Special Committee under Resolution No. 76.

[Passed in Common Council, June 14, 1880. Passed in Board of Aldermen, June 15, 1880. Became a law upon the adjournment of the Common Council, July 12, 1880.]

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer be directed to pay the bill of E. S. Hopkins, chairman of the committee appointed under joint resolution No. 76, for expenses of said committee at Newport, at the last session of the General Assembly, amounting to \$53.62, from the appropriation for contingencies.

No. 244. Report of the Committee on Highways, relative to repaving Westminster street from Exchange street to Jackson street.

[Presented July 1, 1880.]

City document, No. 21.

No. 245. Resolution directing the Joint Committee on Highways, to cause Westminster street to be paved with Granite Blocks; also to advertise for proposals for doing said work.

[Approved July 12, 1880.]

RESOLVED, That the joint committee on highways be hereby authorized and directed to cause Westminster street, from Exchange street to Jackson street, to be paved with granite blocks, at a cost not to exceed twenty-three thousand seven hundred and twenty dollars, to be paid out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated; said work to be done in accordance with plans and specifications of the city engineer and under his superintendence.

RESOLVED, That the highway committee are hereby directed to advertise for proposals for performing the work named in the foregoing resolution, and to contract for said work with the lowest responsible bidder, provided that the accepted bid shall not exceed the said sum of twenty-three thousand seven hundred and twenty dollars, said bidder, before signing the contract, being required to give satisfactory bonds for the faithful performance of the contract.

No. 246. Resolution requesting the Board of Aldermen to lay out Chalkstone avenue.

[Approved July 13, 1880.]

RESOLVED, That the board of aldermen be, and they are hereby requested to lay out Chalkstone avenue from Smith street to the city line, of a uniform width of forty-nine and one half feet.

No. 247. Final Report of the Board of Trustees of the Providence Reform School.

[Presented July 1, 1880.]

City document No. 20.

No. 248. Resolution of thanks to the members of the late Board of Trustees of the Providence Reform School.

[Approved July 13, 1880.]

WHEREAS, The Providence Reform School, established in 1850 as an institution to be controlled and managed by and under the authority of the city of Providence, has, by act of the general assembly become the state reform school, and on the first day of July, 1880, passed into the control of the board of state charities and corrections, and the term of service of the trustees elected by the city council having expired, therefore,

RESOLVED, That the thanks of the city council and citizens of Providence, are due to, and are hereby tendered to the gentlemen composing the board of trustees of the Providence Reform School for the zealous and efficient manner in which they have performed gratuitously all the duties imposed upon them in the control, management and direction of said school during their several terms of service, and especially for the personal interest they have manifested to so promote the welfare of the children committed to their charge as, not only to accomplish the best results attainable by a reformatory institution, but also to gain the full confidence and approval of the community, which they have retained through their long term of service as shown by their repeated re-elections.

RESOLVED, That the city clerk be directed to transmit a copy of the foregoing to each member of the late board of trustees of the Providence Reform School.

No. 249. Twenty-first Quarterly Report of the Commissioners of Sinking Funds.

[Presented July 8, 1880.]

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

The board of commissioners of sinking funds make this their twenty-first quarterly report :

The amount of funds in the control of the board March 31, 1880, was—

Of the fund of 1885.....	\$567,874 57
Of the fund of 1893.....	216,256 51
Of the fund of 1895.....	169,542 66
Of the fund of 1899.....	15,968 22
Of the water loan.....	111,106 96
Of the North Burial Ground.....	5,318 65
Of the Brook street district.....	55,788 98
Whole amount.....	\$1,141,856 55

The amount on hand June 30, 1880, was—

Of the fund of 1885.....	\$567,930 66
Of the fund of 1893.....	216,278 66
Of the fund of 1895.....	169,552 22
Of the fund of 1899.....	34,975 17
Of the water loan.....	111,115 99
Of the North Burial Ground.....	5,327 69
Of the Brook street district.....	58,931 88
Whole amount.....	\$1,164,112 27

The increase in the several funds has been—

In the fund of 1885.....	\$56 09
In the fund of 1893.....	22 15
In the fund of 1895.....	9 56
In the fund of 1899.....	19,006 95
In the water loan.....	9 03
In the North Burial Ground.....	9 04
In the Brook street district.....	3,142 90
Whole increase.....	\$22,255 72

Respectfully submitted by order of the board of commissioners,

THOMAS A. DOYLE,
Mayor and Chairman.

Providence, July 7, 1880.

No. 250. Report of the Committee on City Debt, on
loan for Public Improvements.

[Presented July 8, 1880.]

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

The committee on the city debt make this report.

April 11, 1879, a joint meeting of the commissioners, of sinking funds, the committee on finance, and the committee on the city debt was held, at which the financial condition of the city and all matters relating thereto were fully discussed. It was decided to recommend to the city council to fund a portion of the floating debt which had been accumulating from various causes, and to issue the same to the board of commissioners of sinking funds as "the loan for general purposes," the bonds to be payable in twenty years from date, and to bear interest at the rate of five per cent. per annum, payable semi-annually, a part of the loan to be issued at once, and the remainder when desired by the commissioners.

In accordance with the recommendation of this committee the city council adopted chapter CXXXII of the ordinances under which there was issued to the commissioners of sinking funds bonds to the amount of four hundred and fifty thousand dollars, payable July 1, 1899, and bearing interest at the rate recommended.

At a meeting of this committee held this day information was received that the commissioners of sinking funds had in hand upwards of one hundred and sixty thousand dollars which it was desirable should be invested in the obligations of the city and that they desired that the balance of the loan for general purposes should be at once issued by the city council. This balance is \$145,223.56 and as it is desirable that the loan should be for an even amount, the sum of \$776.44 of the indebtedness for the city hall was added thereto, and the loan to be issued fixed at \$146,000. The balance of the sum paid for the city hall over the amount of bonds issued therefor, and now in the

floating debt, being \$32,721.56, will be paid this month, as the notes mature, from unappropriated money in the treasury.

The committee herewith report a bill for an ordinance, being a copy of chapter CXXXII, excepting the amount of the loan the dates and amount of sinking fund, which the committee recommend be adopted by the city council.

The amount of sinking funds to be annually appropriated, it will be observed, is fixed at \$4500, which, it is estimated, will provide for the loan at maturity.

Respectfully submitted by order of the committee,

THOS. A. DOYLE,

Mayor and Chairman.

Providence, July 8, 1880.

CHAPTER CXLIX.

No. 251. An Ordinance in relation to the issue of the Bonds for Public Improvements, of the City of Providence.

[Approved July 13, 1880.]

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

SECTION 1. The city of Providence will issue the bonds of said city to an amount not exceeding one hundred and forty-six thousand dollars, under and by virtue of the provisions of chapter seven hundred and one of the public laws of the state of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations, passed on the 30th day of May, 1878.

SEC. 2. The principal of said bonds shall be payable on the first day of July in the year one thousand nine hundred, at the office of the treasurer of said city, with interest thereon at the rate of five per cent. per annum, payable at the same place semi-annually on the first days of January and July in each year.

SEC. 3. Said bonds shall bear date as of the first day of July, 1880, and shall be sealed with the corporate seal of the city, signed by the mayor, and by the city treasurer, and countersigned and registered by the city clerk, who shall certify the registry of each bond: and the certificate of the city clerk that said bonds have been duly registered by him, shall be conclusive evidence that said bonds have been issued under the direction of the committee on the city debt, and in conformity with the provisions of the said act, and of this ordinance.

SEC. 4. Said bonds shall be issued for such amounts and in such form as the committee on the city debt, and the board of commissioners of sinking funds of said city may determine.

SEC. 5. The sum of four thousand five hundred dollars shall be appropriated annually by the city council, and shall be paid to the said board of commissioners of sinking funds to be held and applied by them as an accumulative sinking fund for the redemption of said bonds.

No. 252. Resolution adding \$13,500 to the Appropriation for Dredging the Harbor.

[Approved July 13, 1880.]

RESOLVED, That the sum of thirteen thousand five hundred dollars be added to the appropriation for dredging the harbor, the same to be paid out of any moneys in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

No. 253. Monthly Report of the Finance Committee on the issue of Registered Bonds.

[Presented July 12, 1880.]

City council file, July 15, 1880.

No. 254. Monthly Report of the City Treasurer on
the issue of Registered Bonds.

[Presented July 12, 1880.]

City council file, July 15, 1880.

No. 255. Monthly Report of the City Auditor for
June, 1880.

[Presented July 12, 1880.]

City council file, July 15, 1880.

No. 256. Monthly Report of the City Treasurer.

[Presented July 12, 1880.]

City council file, July 15, 1880.

No. 257. Monthly Report of the City Messenger for
June.

[Presented July 12, 1880.]

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

In accordance with section 11, of chapter xxxvi of the ordinances, the city messenger reports that during the month of June last the city hall and the sidewalks around the same have been kept, and are now, in good condition. Bills, including pay rolls, have been paid during the month amounting to \$563.27

Respectfully submitted,

EDWARD S. RHODES,

City Messenger.

No. 258. Quarterly Report of the Joint Special Committee on the Brook Street District.

[Presented July 12, 1880.]

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

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

Receipts for quarter ending June 30, 1880 :—

Rents.	\$2,969 05
Sales of house and old wood.....	155 00
Total.....	\$3,124 05

Expenditures for quarter ending June 30, 1880 :—

Relocating and refitting buildings.....	\$273 12
Repairs to buildings.....	276 76
Salaries.....	400 00
Coal for office.....	11 00
Total.....	\$960 88

Respectfully submitted,

THOMAS A. MILLETT, Chairman.

Providence, July 1, 1880.

No. 259. Report of the Joint Committee on Finance upon the Message of the Mayor, relative to the Transfer of Money standing to the credit of the Committee on City Debt.

[Presented July 12, 1880.]

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

The joint standing committee on finance, to whom on the

twenty-first day of June, 1880, was referred the message of his honor the mayor, in relation to a transfer of money to the board of commissioners of sinking funds, report: that they have given the matter full consideration, and after consultation with the city solicitor, are of the opinion that the transfer of the money now standing to the credit of the committee on the city debt, to the sinking funds, as recommended by the mayor, cannot properly be made. The money being within the control of the city debt committee.

A proper construction of the ordinance would seem to require that that committee should apply the money for the purpose for which it has been appropriated.

As regards the second recommendation of the message, your committee report thereon in part, by recommending that a sufficient sum be transferred to the commissioners of sinking funds, which, with the funds for the purpose now in their hands, will pay the notes given for land for the North Burial Ground, which will be due December 19th of the present year, these notes amount to thirty-five thousand dollars, and the committee recommend that twenty-nine thousand dollars be transferred from the money in the treasury, not otherwise appropriated, to meet these notes. The committee recommend the passage of the accompanying resolution, and will hereafter report further on the message.

Respectfully submitted for the committee,

J. W. CROOKER, Chairman.

Providence, July 12, 1880.

(For message of the Mayor, see page 179, *ante*.)

No. 260. Resolution to pay to the Commissioners of Sinking Funds \$29,000, to be applied to payment of notes given for the purchase of Land on account of the North Burial Ground.

[Approved July 16, 1880.]

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer be hereby directed to

pay to the board of commissioners of sinking funds, from any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, twenty-nine thousand dollars, to be applied by said board, to the payment at their maturity of notes outstanding, given for the purchase of land for the North Burial Ground.

No. 261. Resolution to lay Water Pipes in Cedar, Cushing and Hedley streets.

[Approved July 16, 1880.]

RESOLVED, That the water commissioners are hereby instructed, in accordance with their recommendation, to cause about one hundred and fifteen feet of six-inch water pipe, to be laid in Cedar street, westerly from Aborn street; about three hundred and twenty-two feet of such pipe in Cushing street, westerly from the pipe now in Thayer street; and also about one hundred and fifty feet in Hedley street, easterly from the present end of the pipe in said street.

No. 262. Resolution accepting gift of T. W. Gorton, Varnum Fuller, John B. Baker and Elizabeth S. Boyden to the North Burial Ground Fund.

[Approved July 16, 1880.]

RESOLVED, That the gift of T. W. Gorton, Varnum Fuller, John B. Baker and Elizabeth S. Boyden, of the sum of four hundred dollars to the commissioners of the North Burial Ground, in trust, the income thereof to be applied under the provisions of chapter 367 of the public laws, to the preservation and care of the burial lot standing in the name of the said Gorton, Fuller, Baker and Boyden, in said ground, be and the same is hereby accepted under the name of the said Gorton, Fuller, Baker and Boyden fund.

IN COMMON COUNCIL.

JULY 12, 1880.

A resolution appropriating \$50,000 for dredging the harbor, is read and indefinitely postponed.

IN CITY COUNCIL.

No. 263. Message of the Mayor submitting a communication of the City Solicitor relative to his employment adversely in reference to the Hospital lot, prior to his election.

[Presented July 15, 1880.]

CITY OF PROVIDENCE,
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, CITY HALL, }
July 15, 1880.

GENTLEMEN OF THE CITY COUNCIL:

I have received from the city solicitor a communication in relation to a petition now pending in the supreme court of this state, to define the boundary line between land of the city of Providence, known as the hospital lot, and an adjoining estate, owned by Mrs. Fanny Bishop, in which the solicitor cannot appear for the city on account of having been formerly employed adversely thereto, in matters growing out of the title to the estate claimed by the city. As his communication will require the action of the city council in the premises, a copy thereof is transmitted herewith, and I suggest that early action be taken thereon.

THOMAS A. DOYLE, Mayor.

CITY SOLICITOR'S OFFICE, }
CITY OF PROVIDENCE, July 13, 1880.

HON. THOMAS A. DOYLE, Mayor, &c.:

When first elected city solicitor you will remember that in consequence of the firm of Browne & Van Slyck being employed adversely to the city in

reference to the Hospital lot so called, I was excused from any obligation to the city in reference to said land. And you as mayor was authorized to employ counsel to look after the city's interests in the said lands.

There is now pending a petition in the Supreme court to define the boundary between the property of Mrs. Bishop and said land, and it is proper that the same should be looked after by some one in the city's interest, and the resolution referred to is not broad enough to allow the mayor to employ counsel in reference to the same. The interests of the clients of Brown & Van Slyck being adverse to the interests of the city in said land, it would be exceedingly improper for me to appear, or for my assistant to appear, unless said assistant is especially authorized or directed so to do by the city of Providence.

I therefore respectfully ask you to lay the matter before the city council for its action.

Truly yours,

N. VAN SLYCK, City Solicitor.

No. 264. Resolution referring the Message of the Mayor, relative to the Hospital lot, and accompanying communication of the City Solicitor, to the committee on Ordinances.

[Approved July 16, 1880.]

RESOLVED, That the message of the mayor in relation to the hospital lot, presented this day, and the accompanying communication from the city solicitor, be referred to the committee on ordinances, to examine and report thereon.

No. 265. Message of the Mayor, relative to the sale of the Rone estate

[Presented July 15, 1880.]

CITY OF PROVIDENCE,
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, CITY HALL, }
July 15, 1880.

GENTLEMEN OF THE CITY COUNCIL:

By a decree of the honorable the supreme court of this state, entered December 18, 1872, the city was authorized to sell at public auction the Rone estate, so-called.

As the adjoining estate has recently been sold, and new arrangements will have to be made in regard to steam power furnished by the former occupants of the Rone estate, and as an expenditure is necessary to make certain changes in the interior of the building, I therefore recommend that the city council order the sale of the estate in accordance with the decree of the court instead of making further outlay thereon.

THOMAS A. DOYLE, Mayor,

No. 266. Resolution referring the Message of the Mayor, relative to the Rone estate.

[Approved July 16, 1880.]

RESOLVED, That the message of the mayor in relation to the Rone estate, presented this day, be referred to the committee on city property, to examine and report thereon.

No. 267. Resolutions directing the Joint Committee on Highways, to pave Westminster street, from Exchange street to Jackson street, with Granite Blocks.

[Approved July 16, 1880.]

RESOLVED, That the joint standing committee on highways are hereby authorized and directed to cause Westminster street, from Exchange street to Jackson street, to be paved with granite blocks and the sidewalks and curbing to be put in proper condition in consequence thereof, at a cost not to exceed twenty-three thousand seven hundred and twenty dollars, to be paid out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, said work to be done in accordance with plans and specifications of the city engineer and under his superintendence.

RESOLVED, That said committee are hereby directed to ad-

vertise for proposals for furnishing the materials for and doing that portion of said work lying between the curb lines (with the right to reject any or all proposals) and to contract for the said labor and materials within the curb lines, with the lowest responsible bidder, provided, that said bidder shall, before signing said contract, give bond satisfactory to said committee for the faithful performance of the same.

RESOLVED, That resolutions numbered 245, approved July 12, 1880, be hereby rescinded.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

JULY 15, 1880.

The weekly report of the Dexter asylum is read and received.

The following accounts are severally examined and allowed viz. :

Charles H. Hunt, ringing bells.....\$4.00

BRIDGE BILLS

John W. Briggs.....\$76 50	Francis S. Turner..... \$22 24
Joseph Whelden..... 88 00	Pay roll.....157 85
John Cassidy..... 44 00	

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

Edwin S. Conkling, Walter Scott,

An order is passed transferring the license of John H. Berry, to keep one pool and one billiard table at No. 25 North Main street, to No. 5 Fountain street.

License is granted to Mary Sweet to keep a victualling house at No. 1003 High street.

Permission to build barns, is granted to the following persons, viz. :

Henry L. Fairbrother, at No. 19 Charles Field street ; R.

Richardson and wife, on Manton avenue, opposite Fruit Hill avenue.

The following are read and received, viz. :

Report of the joint special committee on the Brook street district, upon the petition of Charles Munroe, Jr., et al., relative to stagnant water near the eastern portions of Fremont and Williams street.

Report of the inspector of milk, giving the name of the person referred to in his quarterly report, presented July 8, 1880, as selling watered milk.

A resolution is read and passed, declaring a portion of Andrews street, from Broadway to Grove street, useless as a highway.

The following policemen are appointed viz. :

William E. Bennett, Cassius M. Freeborn,

An order is passed, restoring rule 6 of the standing rules of order, adopted by the board of aldermen January 5, 1880, and which was suspended July 8, 1880.

JULY 17, 1880.

William Scott, is appointed a police constable without power to serve civil process.

CHAPTER CL.

No. 268. An Ordinance providing for the Assessment and Collection of a Tax upon the Real and Personal Estate in the City of Providence.

[Approved July 19, 1880.]

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

SECTION 1. The city council hereby orders the assessment

and collection of a tax on real and personal estate of one dollar and thirty-five cents, on each one hundred dollars of the value thereof; the said assessment comprising the following: for ordinary expenses, seventy-nine cents on each one hundred dollars; for interest and sinking funds, thirty-eight cents on each one hundred dollars; for the city's proportion of the state tax for the year 1880, which is hereby assumed, eighteen cents on each one hundred dollars.

SEC. 2. The board of assessors shall assess and apportion said tax on the inhabitants and ratable property in said city, on or before the fourth day of October, A. D. 1880, according to law, and conformably to the rules and regulations of the city council.

SEC. 3. Said tax shall be paid to, and collected by the city treasurer, on and between the fifteenth and thirtieth days of October, A. D. 1880, inclusive.

SEC. 4. The city treasurer shall, by advertisement in the public newspapers of the city, notify all persons assessed, to pay their respective taxes at his office, on and between the said fifteenth and thirtieth days of October, 1880, inclusive. Said treasurer shall attend daily, during said period, Sundays excepted, at his office from nine o'clock, A. M., to three o'clock, P. M., to receive said taxes.

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

No. 269. Resolution authorizing the Water Commissioners to contract for a supply of water, with parties south of the City line to Pawtuxet.

[Approved July 19, 1880.]

RESOLVED, That the water commissioners, are hereby au-

thorized to contract with any responsible party, for a supply of water to estates on Broad and other streets, south of the city line, to Pawtuxet; for a term of years not exceeding twenty, the contract to be in accordance with a plan recommended by the commissioners to the joint standing committee on water in a communication dated July 19, 1880, which is hereto appended.

OFFICE OF THE BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS. }
PROVIDENCE, July 19, 1880.

TO THE JOINT COMMITTEE ON WATER,

GENTLEMEN:—The undersigned respectfully represent that certain parties, residents and owners of real estate on Broad and other streets, south of the city line, to Pawtuxet, have asked for terms for supplying them with Pawtuxet water.

The subject has been fully considered by the commissioners who recommend that authority be given them by the city council, to contract with said parties to supply water for the term of twenty years, upon the following conditions:—

The parties wanting water, to pay all expenses for laying pipes and appurtenances south of the city line and for keeping the same in repair, the work to be done to the satisfaction of the city engineer.

All water takers to pay the regular rates for water, and at the end of each year the city to refund to the company owning the pipes twenty-five per centum of the gross amount collected for water rates on said line of pipe, or any extension thereof.

The commissioners understand that the above terms will be accepted by the parties desiring a supply of water.

Very respectfully,

L. BRAYTON,
HENRY L. PARSONS, } Board of Water
N. F. POTTER, } Commissioners.

No. 270. Resolution relative to Sewer connections in Westminster street.

[Approved July 20, 1880.]

RESOLVED, That the joint committee on sewers are hereby instructed, to report immediately to either branch of the city council, upon the advisability of causing the sewer connections on Westminster street to be laid to the curb, before said street

is paved, and upon what conditions the work shall be done if they deem it advisable.

No. 271. Message of the Mayor, relative to Sewer Assessments.

[Presented July 19, 1880.]

CITY OF PROVIDENCE,
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, CITY HALL, }
July 19, 1880.

GENTLEMEN OF THE CITY COUNCIL:

Since the enactment of the law by which assessments are made in this city for the construction of sewers, amendments have been made thereto, changing somewhat the manner in which such assessments are levied.

There are, however, in the hands of the city treasurer, bills for assessments made in accordance with the law as at first enacted, which parties desire to pay, but claim the right to settle under the statute as amended.

The city treasurer has no authority to change the amount certified to him, without the action of the city council, and I therefore recommend that he be empowered, under the direction of a committee of the city council, acting with the advice of the city solicitor, to settle such bills for sewer assessments as are unpaid, in accordance with the statutes now in force.

THOMAS A. DOYLE, Mayor.

No. 272. Resolution relative to abatement of portion of uncollected Sewer Assessments.

[Approved July 20, 1880.]

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer, acting under the advice of the water commissioners and the city solicitor, be and is

hereby authorized to abate such portions of uncollected sewer assessments as may be necessary in order to make such assessments conform to the law in regard to the assessments for sewers now in force.

No. 273. Resolution requesting the Board of Aldermen to lay out Broad Street.

[Approved July 20, 1880.]

RESOLVED, That the board of aldermen be, and they are hereby requested to lay out Broad street from Public street northerly to the northerly line of the Sackett estate.

No. 274. Resolution requesting the Board of Aldermen to lay out Plane street.

[Approved July 20, 1880.]

RESOLVED, That the board of aldermen be, and they are hereby requested to lay out Plane street, from Public street to Potter's avenue, as a public highway.

No. 275. Resolution to lay Water Pipes in Pratt Street.

[Approved July 20, 1880.]

RESOLVED, That the water commissioners are hereby instructed, in accordance with their recommendation, to cause six-inch water pipes to be laid in Pratt street, from the line of pipe in Halsey street, about one hundred and eighty feet southerly.

No. 276. Resolution to erect a fence around the Engine House on the corner of Putnam and Amherst streets.

[Approved August 4, 1880.]

RESOLVED, That the committee on city property be, and they are hereby authorized to erect a suitable fence, around the engine house on the corner of Putnam and Amherst streets; and concrete the sidewalks.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

AUGUST 3, 1880.

The weekly reports of the Dexter Asylum, and monthly report of the overseer of the poor, are severally read and received.

The following accounts are severally examined and allowed, viz. :

MISCELLANEOUS BILLS.

Edwin E. Calder, inspector of milk.....	\$50 00	Pay roll, lamp department.....	\$2,542 62
Benjamin P. Robinson, streets.....	7 50	Labor pay roll, lamp department.....	138 90
A. E. Field & Son, health department.....	550 00	George W. Wightman, support of poor.....	559 03
Steamer Emmet, health department.....	15 00	George W. Wightman, charity building.....	4 92
A. R. Darling, health department.....	11 00	George W. Wightman, coroner.....	99 00

BRIDGE BILLS.

James A. Potter & Co.....	\$443 25	J. Whelden & Co.....	\$134 50
John Armstrong.....	4 75	W. H. Haskell & Co.....	9 06
Belcher Bros.....	36 70	W. D. Sherman.....	40 20
Lewis L. Fales.....	11 30	S. S. Sprague & Co.....	54 32
George Hutchins.....	2 75	Stephen P. Henry.....	15 00
George E. Boynton.....	36 18	J. Lewis Peirce & Co.....	36 66
William H. Miller & Co.....	11 43	Pay roll, Point street bridge.....	286 75
Hopkins, Pomroy & Co.....	18 45	Pay roll.....	167 10
Clarence H. Carpenter.....	43 16		

POLICE BILLS.

Louis W. Clarke, agent. ...	\$68 50	Thomas Roach.....	\$21 00
J. H. Atwater.....	15 45	Billings Bros.....	14 00
Patrick Parker.....	32 00	Louis W. Clarke.....	75 58
James J. Monally ...	48 00	Angell & Barney.....	405 92
Chambers, Calder & Co. . .	21 03	Charles H. Hunt.....	73 72
John H. Eddy & Co.....	7 73	Bugbee & Kelly.....	88 58
William B. Blanding.....	28 14	Janitor's pay roll.....	286 50
Mason & Moran	30 94	Pay roll.....	14,122 78

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

Pardon H. Brown, George E. Lovell.

Andrew Sherman is granted a license to keep a victualling house at No. 159 Canal street.

License is granted to the following persons to buy and sell junk and second hand articles, viz. : Parrick S. DeCourcy, at No. 30 Cove street; Barney McIntire, at No. 38 Martin street; James Garvin, at No. 32 Cross street.

Permission is granted to the Davenport Arms Co., to operate a steam boiler at No. 81 Orange street.

Mary H. Pettis is granted permission to connect her estate with the old drain in Manton avenue, near Tar bridge.

A resolution is passed directing the superintendent of lights to set up lamps on the following streets, viz. :

On Roanoke street, two lamps.

On Pemberton street, one lamp.

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

Cornelia E. Green, for abatement of sewer tax; Cyrus Cole & Son, to remove swill and offal from Gould and Wall courts; William E. Manwaring, to keep a victualling house at No. 14 Market square; George F. Farnum, to keep a tavern at No. 73 Washington street; Thomas Conway, for compensation for damages to his estate on Valley street; Edmund G. Brooks, for a lamp on River avenue; John J. Butler, for a lamp on Barstow street; Patrick Clifford, et al., for a lamp on Grape and

Ceres street; Thomas Flynn, for a lamp on Sunnyside street; Patrick Gorman, for a lamp on Greeley street; Patrick Quillon, for a lamp on Oregon street; John Trainor, for a lamp on Cutler street.

The following policemen are appointed, viz. :

George A. Cleveland, Hart B. Pierce.

Jurors are drawn to serve at the September term of the Court of Common Pleas.

IN COMMON COUNCIL.

AUGUST 30, 1880.

Upon the petition of Allen Shaw for remission of sewer tax, it is ordered, that the petitioner have leave to withdraw.

A message of the mayor, returning with his objections to the passage thereof, a resolution ordering a sewer to be constructed in Union street, is read as follows, whereupon it is ordered that the further consideration of the matter be indefinitely postponed.

CITY OF PROVIDENCE,
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, CITY HALL, }
August 30, 1880.

GENTLEMEN OF THE COMMON COUNCIL:

A resolution was passed by the common council, July 12, last, directing a sewer to be constructed in Union street, which is herewith returned for your further action thereon.

I object to the passage of the resolution, because it contains no provision for the payment for the work ordered thereon, and furthermore does not say whether the work is to be paid for out of unappropriated money in the treasury, or from money to be hired for the purpose.

THOMAS A. DOYLE, Mayor.

IN CITY COUNCIL.

No. 277. Resolution relative to Sewer connections in
Westminster street.

[Approved September 1, 1880.]

RESOLVED, That the water commissioners be hereby directed, to cause connections to be extended from the main sewer in Westminster street, to the curb lines thereof, in accordance with the plans of the city engineer; the expense thereof to be charged to the account for the maintenance of sewers.

No. 278. Resolution to lay Water Pipes and place
Fire Hydrants in Eaton Street.

[Approved September 1, 1880.]

RESOLVED, That the water commissioners are hereby instructed, in accordance with their recommendation, to cause about fifteen hundred and twenty five feet of six inch water pipes to be laid in Eaton street, from Oakland street, westerly; and to place three fire hydrants at the proper distances upon said line of pipes.

No. 279. Resolution to pay the Firemen.

[Approved September 1, 1880.]

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer be authorized to pay the permanent members of the fire department for services rendered during the month of August, 1880, at a rate to be fixed by the board of engineers, not exceeding the rate paid for the corresponding month in 1879.

No. 280. Resolution requesting the Board of Aldermen to lay out Oxford street.

[Approved September 2, 1880.]

RESOLVED, That the Board of aldermen be and they are hereby requested to lay out Oxford street from Prarie avenue to Miner street.

No. 281. Resolution requesting the Board of Aldermen to lay out Richardson street.

[Approved September 2, 1880.]

RESOLVED, That the board of aldermen be, and they are hereby requested to lay out Richardson street, from Broad street to Eddy street, as a public highway.

No. 282. Monthly Report of the City Auditor for July, 1880.

[Presented August 30, 1880.]

City council file, September 2, 1880.

No. 283. Monthly Report of the City Treasurer for July, 1880.

[Presented August 30, 1880.]

City council file, September 2, 1880.

No. 284. Monthly Report of the City Messenger for July, 1880.

[Presented August 30, 1880.]

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

In accordance with section 11, of chapter xxxvi of the ordi-

nances, the city messenger reports that during the month of July last, the city hall and the sidewalks around the same have been kept, and are now, in good condition. During the latter part of June, a water pipe in the third floor burst, and the water found its way into the tubing containing the electric wires, thereby cutting off communication between many of the departments, and occasioning great inconvenience in the transaction of the public business. More than a week was occupied in tracing the leak and removing the difficulty occasioned thereby. Portions of the flooring of the engineering and other departments, were removed, the wires and tubes repaired; and but for the prompt and efficient manner in which the engineer of the building, Mr. Chadwick, performed the work, a heavy outlay would have been caused; but under his management, a comparatively small expense was incurred.

The gas bill for the quarter ending June 30, amounting to \$318.44, has been presented and paid.

Bills have been paid during the month amounting to \$1,003.02.

Respectfully submitted,

EDWARD S. RHODES,

City Messenger.

No. 285. Message of the Mayor, relative to the mode of payment for the construction of new Sewers.

[Presented August 30, 1880.]

CITY OF PROVIDENCE,
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, CITY HALL, }
August 30, 1880.

GENTLEMEN OF THE CITY COUNCIL:

Three resolutions ordering the construction of sewers are now pending in the city council, neither of which contains any provision in regard to the manner of paying for the work. One of these I have returned to the common council, objecting to

its passage for the above reason. Another will be returned to the board of aldermen at its next meeting, and the third has passed the common council and is lying upon the table in the board of aldermen.

November 11, 1879, a resolution was approved, which appropriated five thousand dollars for the construction of sewers, and directed the treasurer to hire the same. May 4, 1880, a resolution was approved which transferred the sum of twenty-five hundred dollars to the same account from money received from sewer assessments. Of the two sums thus appropriated less than nine hundred dollars is now remaining in the treasury.

The sewers proposed to be constructed in the pending resolution are one on Union street at an estimated cost of three hundred and sixteen dollars; one on Summer street at an estimated cost of four hundred and fifty dollars and thirty cents; and one on Taber and Humboldt avenues at an estimated cost of three thousand six hundred and ninety-four dollars and forty cents.

These estimates have been made by the city engineer in the usual manner for such work, and are approximate estimates.

Since June 23d, and up to the 25th instant, the city treasurer has received the sum of \$53,060.11 for sewer assessments, with \$10,559.32 for interest thereon. There is still outstanding, due and to be collected, the sum of \$168,543.01 for sewer assessments, some portion of which, however, will have to be remitted.

At the close of the last fiscal year the sum of \$57,313.42 of the floating debt had been contracted for the construction of sewers, and that account is indebted to the city treasury upwards of \$17,000 for interest on money hired.

As these assessments are being paid from time to time, it would be well for the city council to decide what amount thereof shall be used for the construction of new sewers, and what portion of the floating debt which has been paid during the present month shall be taken from the amount so collected.

The sewer work to be ordered in the pending resolutions

may be paid from unappropriated moneys, and this sum can be subsequently returned to the treasury from collected assessments, if the city council shall so direct.

THOMAS A. DOYLE, Mayor.

No. 286. Message of the Mayor relative to an "Ordinance providing for the payment of money due to the city."

[Presented August 30, 1880.]

CITY OF PROVIDENCE,
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, CITY HALL, }
August 30, 1880.

GENTLEMEN OF THE CITY COUNCIL :

An ordinance, entitled "An ordinance providing for the payment of money due to the city," approved August 21, 1868, was supposed to be still in force, but an examination of the matter has shown that at the time of the revision of the ordinances the provisions of the first section of the ordinance were embodied in the new financial ordinance, while the important requirements of the second section were omitted altogether, and hence repealed when the new code took effect.

I recommend that the matter receive the attention of the committee on ordinances, to the end that a new ordinance may be adopted containing the repealed sections.

THOMAS A. DOYLE, Mayor.

No. 287. Resolution referring the Message of the Mayor, relative to an "Ordinance providing for the payment of money due to the city."

[Approved September 3, 1880.]

RESOLVED, That the mayor's message, dated August 30,

1880, relative to the ordinance entitled "An ordinance providing for the payment of money due to the city," approved August 21, 1868, be referred to the joint committee on ordinances, to examine and report thereon.

No. 288. Message of the Mayor, relative to the water main of the Rawson Fountain Society in Westminster street.

[Presented August 30, 1880.]

CITY OF PROVIDENCE,
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, CITY HALL, }
August 30, 1880.

GENTLEMEN OF THE CITY COUNCIL:

A water main of the Rawson Fountain Society is laid in Westminster street, east of Aborn street, and is badly decayed. It has burst occasionally of late years, and in the winter season it has been difficult to put the street back in even fair condition. The water pressure of the fountain is so slight that it is very doubtful if there will be sufficient head in case of a break in the pipe to force the water to the surface through the new pavement at the place of leakage, and hence it will be difficult to find the broken part without removing a considerable portion of the roadway. As the corporation has certain rights to lay and maintain its pipes in the highways, I recommend that a committee of the city council be instructed to examine into the matter, with authority to arrange with the Fountain Society for the removal of the present pipe or the laying of a new one upon such conditions as may be deemed best for the interests of the city.

THOMAS A. DOYLE, Mayor.

No. 289. Resolution referring Message of the Mayor, relative to the water main of the Rawson Fountain Society in Westminster street.

[Approved September 3, 1880.]

RESOLVED, That the mayor's message, dated August 30, 1880, in relation to the water main of the Rawson Fountain Society, in Westminster street, be referred to the joint standing committee on the city engineer's department, with power to take such action in the premises as they may deem advisable.

No. 290. Resolution transferring \$1,000 from the appropriation for Contingencies to the appropriation for Roger Williams Park.

[Approved September 3, 1880.]

RESOLVED, That the sum of one thousand dollars is hereby transferred from the appropriation for contingencies to the appropriation for Roger Williams Park; said sum to be expended under the direction of the joint standing committee on parks, in the maintenance and repairs upon said park.

No. 291. Resolution to sell the Rone Estate together with the building thereon.

[Approved September 3, 1880.]

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer, acting under the advice and direction of the committee on city property, be and he is hereby authorized and directed to sell the "Rone estate," so called, on Broad street, together with the building belonging to the city standing thereon.

No. 292. Resolution to furnish the sixth Police Station.

[Approved September 3, 1880.]

RESOLVED, That the joint standing committee on city property be, and they are hereby authorized to furnish the sixth police station, provided the cost of the same shall not exceed the sum of five hundred dollars; which sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary for the purpose, is hereby appropriated to be paid from the appropriation for public buildings.

No. 293. Resolution to Curb Parade street.

[Approved September 3, 1880.]

RESOLVED, That the highway commissioners be, and they are hereby directed, to cause curb-stones to be set, and gutters paved, street graded and graveled, and crosswalk re-laid on Parade street, from Cranston street to Susan street, at a cost not to exceed four hundred and eighty six dollars, to be paid from the appropriation for highways for new work.

No. 294. Resolution to Curb Susan street.

[Approved September 3, 1880.]

RESOLVED, That the highway commissioners be, and they are hereby directed, to cause Susan street from Cranston street to Diamond street, to be brought to the established grade, curb-stones to be set, gutters paved, new crosswalks laid, old crosswalks relaid and the street and sidewalks graveled at a cost not to exceed one thousand and twenty eight dollars, to be paid out of the appropriation for highways for new work.

No. 295. Resolution requesting the Board of Aldermen to lay out Borva street.

[Approved September 3, 1880.]

RESOLVED, That the Board of aldermen be, and they are hereby requested to lay out Borva street, from Webster street to Charles street.

No. 296. Resolution to credit E. G. Burrows's estate, on Spring street, the sum of \$18.05, amount taxed for construction of Sewer in said street.

[Approved September 3, 1880.]

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer is hereby directed to cause the sum of eighteen dollars and five cents, which was paid into the treasury February 1st, 1877, by E. G. Burrows, being the amount of assessment for the construction of a sewer in Pond, Summer and Broad streets, due at that date upon lot No. 268, plat No. 29, in the water commissioners' office, to be credited to the assessment at present due upon the same lot for the construction of a sewer in Spring street.

No. 297. Resolution to pay the bills of J. Albert Munroe, and Spencer P. Read, for inspecting the Regatta Stands on Seekonk river.

[Approved September 3, 1880.]

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer be hereby directed to pay the bills of J. Albert Munroe, and Spencer P. Read, for services rendered in the inspection of the regatta stands on the Seekonk river, in June, 1880, amounting to two hundred dollars, and that said sum be charged to the appropriation for contingencies.

No. 298. Resolution to lay Water Pipes in Colfax street.

[Approved September 3, 1880.]

RESOLVED, That the water commissioners are hereby instructed to cause six inch water pipes to be laid in Colfax street, to a point two hundred and thirteen feet westerly from the pipe in Burnside street, all in accordance with their recommendation.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

SEPTEMBER 2, 1880.

The weekly reports of the Dexter Asylum, and monthly report of the inspector of steam boilers, are severally read and received.

The following accounts are severally examined and allowed, viz. :

MISCELLANEOUS BILLS.

Edwin E. Calder, inspector of milk.....	\$50 00	Joseph Sullivan, finding dead body.....	\$5 00
A. E. Field & Son, health de- partment.....	550 00	George W. Wightman, char- ity building and wood yard	39 73

BRIDGE BILLS.

Rhode Island Concrete Co..	\$32 28	Stephen P. Henry.....	\$12 00
Manchester & Hudson.....	26 85	Lewis L. Fales....	10 47
P. Sanford.....	51 50	W. B. Sweet.....	111 61
William H. Fenner & Co....	8 87	A. C. Williams.....	28 62
Belcher Bros	7 42	S. S. Sprague & Co.....	26 36
Clarence H. Carpenter.....	6 39	W. D. Bullock.....	1 58
David Patt.....	5 00	W. H. Miller & Co.....	26 37
Francis S. Turner.....	19 50	Providence Pile Driving and Bridge Building Co.....	165 63
J. L. Peirce & Co.....	24 56	Pay roll, Point street bridge.	286 75
John Cassidy.....	71 50	Labor pay roll.....	118 25
Hopkins, Pomroy & Co....	15 24		

LAMP DEPARTMENT BILLS.

Providence Gas Co.	\$264 74	Pay roll.....	\$2,540 35
Stephen D. Gray	16 00	Labor pay roll.....	134 17
L. L. Fales.....	25 00		

POLICE BILLS.

Charles H. Hunt.....	\$70 78	T. W. Rounds & Co.....	\$39 93
Billings Bros.....	19 75	Angell & Barney.....	93 14
James J. Monally.....	60 00	Louis W. Clarke.....	20 56
David J. Bau.....	11 77	Mason & Moran	17 15
W. Congdon & Sons	10 00	Janitor's pay roll	286 50
Hopkins, Pomroy & Co.....	101 73	Pay roll.....	14,148 90

Accounts against sundry persons for curbstones furnished them by the highway commissioners, are severally approved as follows, viz. :

William H. Bacon's heirs...	\$79 97	Felix Hughes.....	\$11 25
John Caffery.....	24 44	Dianna McCaslin.....	18 13
George J. Combe & wife....	37 60	John Mulholland.....	31 96
Joanna Cooke, wife of		Julia O'Laughlin.....	18 80
Stephen.....	35 71	Ann Reid, widow of Patrick.	21 73
George E. Church.....	18 00	Ann Reid, guardian.....	28 96
Mary Cram.....	7 86	Owen Reid, guardian.....	57 98
Henry F. Doherty.....	16 45	Jeremiah Sullivan.....	22 80
Catharine Farrell.....	15 71	Sophia A. Thurber.....	18 80
Catharine Flaneley.....	23 57	Joanna D. Welch.....	23 57
Amos M. Hawkins.....	42 30	John Wright.....	37 60

Licenses to keep victualling houses, are severally granted to the following persons viz. :

William A. Barron, at No. 27 Pine street; Fremont S. Eggleston, agent, at No. 56 Washington street; William E. Manwaring, at No. 14 Market square; Theophilus H. Read, at No. 9½ Martin street, and No. 39 Mathewson street; and George F. Tallman, at No. 9 Fulton street.

Licenses are granted as follows :

To J. A. Foster & Co., to keep a pawnbroker's shop at No. 53 Dorrance street; to Thomas W. Gorton, to keep a pawnbroker's shop at No. 83 Westminster street; to James Kinnard, to keep one pool table at No. 537 Eddy street, until December

31, 1880, upon payment of ten dollars; to Oscar L. Newmann, to keep one pool at No. 18 Market square, until December 31, 1880, upon payment of ten dollars; and to Oliver S. Aylesworth, to keep two bowling alleys, at No. 1 Lafayette street, until December 31, 1880, upon payment of ten dollars.

Licenses to buy and sell junk and second hand articles, without keeping shop, are severally granted to the following persons viz. :

Edward Myers, Hamburg avenue; John Mitchell, No. 11 B street; Patrick McGlyn, No. 9 Cross street; John McGil-lycuddy, No. 42 Fremont street; James McFadden, No. 10 Towner street; Hugh Glancy, No. 7 Tyler street; John Ford, No. 49 Barrington street; John Cullen, Pleasant View avenue; Thomas Conners, Crocker avenue; Joseph Clark, No. 263 Dyer street; Thomas Scallon, No. 57 Barrington street; John Burns, Fenner avenue; Thomas Jefferson, No. 46 Wheaton avenue; Thomas Thompson, No. 70 Branch avenue.

The following persons are designated and appointed to remove swill and offal, viz. :

Benjamin Whipple, from Nos. 24 and 26 Orange street; Benjamin D. S. Whipple, from Nos. 5 and 7 Mathewson street.

Permission to build barns, is granted to the following persons, viz. :

John W. Briggs, in rear of No. 96 Point street; Aurelia G. Jackson, at the corner of Wayland avenue and Douglass street; T. C. Negrete, at No. 48 Wilson street; and Edward Pearce, at corner of Thayer and Benevolent streets.

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

Robert Campbell, to buy and sell junk and second hand articles; and Michael McGirr, to keep a victualling house at No. 47 South Main street.

The following orders are read and passed, viz. :

Approving the lease of a lot of land to Thomas H. Carr, by the joint committee on city property, situate at the corner of Bacon and Scott streets.

Directing the highway commissioners to cause the obstructions, which interfere with the public lamp at the corner of Canal street and Ives lane, to be removed.

Resolutions are read and passed, viz. :

Directing the highway commissioners to cause concrete sidewalks to be laid on both sides of Benevolent street, from Brown street to Hope street and on the north side of Benevolent street, from Hope street to Cooke street; on Hope street, from George street to Benevolent street; on Bridgham street, from High street to Greenwich street; on Oak street, from Parade street to Messer street; on Sycamore street, from High street to Willow street; on the south side of Pond street, between Winter and Pearl streets; on the triangular lot at the junction of Ship, Dyer and Eddy streets; and on the southerly side of Hay street, between Pine and Friendship streets.

Requesting the highway commissioners to cause narrow granite blocks to be laid in the sidewalk, in front of the entrance to the fire station on Benevolent street.

The following having passed the common council, are severally read, and the board do not concur therein viz. :

Resolution prohibiting the use of ward rooms for purposes other than elections, canvass meetings and the usual primary meetings preceding elections.

Resolution instructing the water commissioners to report upon the matter of procuring an additional pumping engine for the station at Pettaconset.

IN CITY COUNCIL.

No. 299. Resolution instructing the Water Commissioners to report relative to another engine at Pettaconset.

[Approved September 14, 1880.]

RESOLVED, That the water commissioners, are hereby instructed to report to the city council, the probable cost of a pumping engine suitable for a second engine in the permanent house at Pettaconset.

No. 300. Resolution to pay Joseph R. Bullock, twenty five dollars for damages to his estate on Pavilion avenue.

[Approved September 14, 1880.]

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer is hereby directed to pay Joseph R. Bullock, the sum of twenty five dollars, whenever the said Bullock shall execute and deliver to the city of Providence, a discharge and release satisfactory to the city solicitor, of all claims of every kind for damage to his estate situated on Pavilion avenue, caused by the overflow of water from Eddy street; said payment to be charged to the appropriation for contingencies.

No. 301. Resolution requesting the Board of Aldermen to lay out Manton avenue.

[Approved September 14, 1880.]

RESOLVED, That the board of aldermen be, and they are hereby requested to lay out Manton avenue from Pelham street to Steere avenue.

No. 302. Resolution requesting the Board of Aldermen to lay out Walnut street.

[Approved September 14, 1880.]

RESOLVED, That the board of aldermen be, and they are hereby requested to lay out Walnut street from Washington street to Westminster street, as a public highway.

No. 303. Resolution to pay the Firemen.

[Approved September 14, 1880.]

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer be authorized to pay the call members of the fire department, for services rendered during the quarter ending September 30th, 1880, at a rate to be fixed by the board of engineers, not exceeding the rate paid for the corresponding quarter in 1879.

No. 304. Resolution to pay the Firemen.

[Approved September 14, 1880.]

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer be authorized to pay the permanent members of the fire department for services rendered during the month of September, 1880, at a rate to be fixed by the board of engineers, not exceeding the rate paid for the corresponding month in 1879.

No. 305. Resolution granting permission to Hiram F. Andrews to raise a building.

[Approved September 14, 1880.]

RESOLVED, That permission be granted to Hiram F. Andrews to raise a certain building located at No. 33 Pavilion avenue, pursuant to his petition.

No. 306. Resolution granting permission to Dennis Cronin to raise a building.

[Approved September 14, 1880.]

RESOLVED, That permission be granted to Dennis Cronin to raise a certain building, located at the corner of Wickenden and Governor streets, pursuant to his petition.

CHAPTER CLI.

No. 307. An Ordinance carrying into effect the Provisions of Chapter 815 of the Public Laws, passed at the January Session of the General Assembly, A. D. 1880, relative to a Board of Public Works.

[Passed, in Board of Aldermen July 15, 1880. Passed, in Common Council July 19, 1880. Retained by the Clerk of the Common Council, upon a motion to reconsider, until August 30, 1880. Presented to the Mayor, August 30, 1880. Became a law upon the adjournment of the Board of Aldermen September 16, 1880.]

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

SECTION 1. The board of public works, established by chapter 815 of the public laws passed at the January session, 1880, of the general assembly, shall have and exercise all the powers and authority conferred upon and given to the city of Providence by chapter 640 of the statutes, passed at the January session, 1866, of the general assembly, excepting the powers and authority conferred by section 8 of said chapter 640, which are hereby reserved herefrom.

SEC. 2. All contracts made by said board shall be in writing, signed by said board, or by a majority thereof, and executed in triplicate, one of which triplicates shall be kept by said board, one shall be delivered to the city auditor, and one to the contractor, and no such contract shall be executed unless good and satisfactory security for the faithful performance of

the same shall be given by the contractor and approved by said board or a majority thereof. And when the subject matter of the contract will render the city liable for mechanic's lien, such security shall contain a provision to indemnify and save the city harmless from and against all claims which may be made against the city under chapter 166 of the general statutes, and any amendments thereof, by persons who have done work or labor or furnished materials at the request of said contractor. Said board, when not otherwise authorized by the city council, shall advertise in one or more newspapers in the city of Providence, and in such other places as it may think best, for sealed proposals for all such contracts, specifying the time and place where such proposals shall be received, and such proposals in order to be received and acted upon shall set forth a specified sum or price to be paid for all the labor and materials, or for either, without condition, limitation or alteration, and shall be accompanied by a bond satisfactory to said board conditioned for the faithful execution of the proposal, if the same shall be accepted; nor shall the contents of any proposal be made known, except to said board, until after a contract shall have been made, provided, that said board may, in its discretion, reject any or all such proposals, and no contract shall be made at a higher price than that of the lowest responsible bidder, and no contract shall be assigned without the written consent of said board or a majority thereof. Nothing herein contained shall require said board to make contracts in writing for, or to advertise for, proposals for the employment of the agents and servants authorized by section 1 of said chapter, or for the employment of labor for the ordinary extension of street mains and water pipes or for repairs of public works, or for the ordinary street, sewer or sidewalk repairs, or for the grading of streets, or curbing of sidewalks.

SEC. 3. No member of said board and no person employed by said board shall be interested, directly or indirectly, in any contract, bargain, sale or agreement, other than his own salary or wages, for work or labor performed as an employee, author-

ized to be made by virtue of said chapter 815, or by virtue of this ordinance, without an express vote of the city council assenting thereto, and any and all contracts, bargains, sales, or agreements made in violation of this section shall be utterly void as to the city.

SEC. 4. Said board shall annually in the month of January, report to the city council for its approval, the salary and compensation of each employee of said board whose compensation shall exceed the sum of one thousand dollars per annum.

SEC. 5. Each member of said board, excepting the city engineer, shall make oath that he will faithfully perform all the duties of his office, and that he will not engage in any business or employment which shall prevent his devoting all the time that may be required for the best interests of the city.

SEC. 6. Each member of said board, except said city engineer, shall receive a salary at the rate of two thousand dollars per annum, payable monthly.

SEC. 7. All ordinances and parts of ordinances inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.

SEC. 8. This ordinance shall take effect upon the election of said board.

IN COMMON COUNCIL.

SEPTEMBER 13, 1880.

Ordered, that the following be indefinitely postponed, viz. :

Resolution requesting the board of aldermen to declare Amy street, from Ives street to Gano street, a public highway ;

Resolution requesting the highway commissioners to cause the sidewalks on Manton avenue, from Tar bridge to Amherst street to be concreted.

A message from the mayor, objecting to the passage of a

resolution passed by the common council, June 21, 1880, and by the board of aldermen on the twenty-third of the same month, "directing the highway commissioners to cause North Main street, from Randall street to Branch avenue to be re-paved with granite blocks," is read as follows, and a motion that said resolution pass, the objections of the mayor to the contrary notwithstanding, is put to vote and lost; less than three-fifths of all the members elected to the common council voting in the affirmative:

CITY OF PROVIDENCE,
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, CITY HALL, }
July 12, 1880.

GENTLEMEN OF THE COMMON COUNCIL:

A resolution passed the common council June 21, 1880, directing the highway commissioners to cause North Main street, from Randall street to Branch avenue, to be repaved with granite blocks, and is returned herewith.

I object to the passage of the resolution, first, because the work will require an expenditure of upwards of nine thousand dollars; secondly, because the expenditure is not necessary; and, thirdly, because of the peculiar circumstances attending this particular job.

The portion of street included in the resolution is now paved with cobble stones and is in bad order, but no worse than pavements on other streets which have been left for a long time without proper repair. No extensive repairs have been made on the street for many months, the intention apparently being to leave it until it should become in such condition that granite blocks might seem to be necessary therefor.

Some twenty-four hundred yards of these blocks were carted to the vicinity of the street in December last, at an expense of upwards of four hundred dollars, to be ready for use whenever the job could be carried through the city council, and they are now there.

June 2d, 1879, the highway commissioners addressed a communication to the city council, a copy of which is herewith annexed, marked A, in which they call the attention of the council to the fact that certain portions of Exchange place, South Water and Charles streets, in their opinion should be repaired with granite blocks, and ask the council to consider "the expediency of purchasing ten thousand square yards of granite blocks to be used wherever the council may direct." This communication was referred to the joint committee on highways, and the committee reported thereon the nineteenth of the same month, a copy of which report is herewith annexed, marked B. The committee, it will be observed, say "that there are needed for Exchange place, South Water and Charles streets, about ten thousand square yards of granite blocks," and a resolution recommended by the committee appropriating ten thousand dollars for the purchase of granite blocks, was passed by both branches of the city council, and approved during my absence from the city.

Two points should be borne in mind: First, that the highway commissioners, while naming portions of three streets, for which granite blocks were needed, recommended their purchase, *to be used wherever the council might direct*; and, second, that the highway committee declared that ten thousand yards of blocks were *necessary for the streets named by the commissioners*. Under the authority given by the city council the commissioners purchased ten thousand square yards of granite blocks and made use of them as follows:

In paving Exchange place.....	2,534	yards.
In paving South Water street.....	3,532	do.
In paving Charles street.....	563	do.
<i>In paving Cove street.....</i>	<i>1,104</i>	<i>do.</i>
Carted to North Main street, about.....	2,420	do.
Total.....	10,153	do.

The facts show that the commissioners only used 6,629 yards of blocks on the three streets, which the committee had stated to the council would need 10,000 yards, and without any order from the council laid 1,104 yards on Cove street and carted 2,700 yards to North Main street, which, but for the interference of the mayor, would, ere this have been laid on that street without the order of the council.

The proposed work on North Main street I consider to be unnecessary, because an economical use of the public money requires that the expense of paving with granite blocks should only be made in streets where the amount of travel renders it the cheapest for the city.

North Main street, above Randall street, might properly be paved with granite blocks, after other streets, where there is far greater travel, have been similarly paved; but why it has been selected to the exclusion of the latter class of streets does not appear.

For the purpose of making a comparison of this with other streets, I caused the count of the number of vehicles passing over them to be made, and the detailed report thereof, as returned by the police is hereunto annexed, marked C. The count on Pine, Dyer and North Main streets was made during the four hours from 8 o'clock A. M., to 12 o'clock M., of the 8th instant, and on Charles street during the same hours on the day following.

Pine street, between Eddy and Richmond streets, is covered with gravel and in filthy condition most of the time; over this portion of the street there were 822 vehicles passed.

Dyer street, between the steamboat wharf and Dorrance street, is paved with cobble stones in bad condition, and over this street, between the foot of Pine and Dorrance streets, there passed 1,257 vehicles.

Over the part of North Main street which it is deemed necessary should be paved with granite blocks, 485 vehicles passed.

Charles street, excepting a portion between Orms and Ran-

dall streets, is paved with cobble stones, and over this street 890 vehicles passed in the four hours.

This Charles street is one of the streets declared by both highway commissioners and committee as needing granite blocks; and for which the city council understood it was ordering the material; yet less than 600 yards were laid thereon, while 3,500 yards were devoted to streets not mentioned to the council. The pavement on this street is in worse order south of Orms street than that of North Main street was when the blocks were taken to the Sessions lot.

Over Charles street goes a large part of the travel which passes that part of North Main street proposed to be paved, and also the great amount of teaming to the American Screw Company's upper establishment, the Franklin Foundry, the Allen Print Works, the Corliss Steam Engine Company's works, the Providence Tool Company's upper shop, the Oriental Mill, the Silver Spring Bleaching and Dyeing Works and the Wanskuck Company, all located within the city limits. One of these establishments alone carts more than four thousand tons of merchandise annually over the street, yet on a portion of this street the highway commissioners have relaid the cobble pavement this year, reserving the granite blocks for a street over which there is no teaming that I am aware of to any establishment located within the city.

Why Pine street with its great travel, should not be paved at all; why Dyer street should be neglected as it is; why Charles street should be repaired with cobbles, and nine thousand dollars expended in placing granite blocks on North Main street, the highway commissioners may be able to give satisfactory reasons, but to my mind such management is only evidence of the inefficiency of the department.

The resolution under consideration was passed without any estimate of the cost of the work having been presented to the council. At my request the city engineer has prepared such an estimate showing the total cost to be \$9,287.40, and a copy thereof is herewith annexed, marked D.

I also append a copy of a letter from the highway commissioners, marked E, showing that there has been no vote of the commissioners in relation to the use of granite blocks on North Main street.

The reasons I have set forth seem to me to demand that the proposed job should not receive the executive approval.

THOMAS A. DOYLE, Mayor.

A.

HIGHWAY COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE,
CITY OF PROVIDENCE, June 2, 1879. }

TO THE HONORABLE CITY COUNCIL :

The highway commissioners would call the attention of the city council to the following streets, viz. : . Exchange Place, South Water and Charles streets; that in our opinion certain portions should be repaired with granite blocks, and as these blocks can be purchased for \$1.15 per square yard or less, the commissioners would ask the council to consider the expediency of purchasing ten thousand square yards of granite blocks to be used wherever the council may direct.

Respectfully,

OBADIAH BROWN,

GEO. E. THOMPSON,

Highway Commissioners.

B.

REPORT OF THE JOINT COMMITTEE ON HIGHWAYS.

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

The joint committee on highways, to whom on the second day of June, 1879, was referred the communication from the highway commissioners relative to the purchase of paving blocks, respectfully report that there are needed for Exchange place, South Water and Charles streets about ten thousand square yards of granite blocks; these streets are at present paved with cobble stones and full of holes, and immediate repairs are necessary.

Your committee are of the opinion that the most economical plan for repairing the same will be to relay the streets with granite blocks; wherefore we recommend the passage of the accompanying resolution.

For the Committee,

CHAS. F. SAMPSON, Chairman.

Providence, June 19, 1879.

In board of aldermen, June 19, 1879, read, whereupon it is ordered that the same be received.

HENRY V. A. JOSLIN, Clerk.

C.

PROVIDENCE, July 8, 1880.

The following number of vehicles passed between Richmond and Eddy streets, on Pine street, between the hours of 8 A. M. and 12 M. :

One-horse vehicles.....	744
Two-horse vehicles.....	73
Three-horse vehicles.....	4
Four-horse vehicles.....	1

Total.....822

(Signed,)

JAMES L. SHERMAN.

FRANK M. MILLER.

PROVIDENCE, July 8, 1880.

The following number of vehicles passed between Pine and Dorrance streets, on Dyer street, between the hours of 8 A. M. and 12 M.

One-horse vehicles.....	1,092
Two-horse vehicles.....	146
Three-horse vehicles.....	8
Four-horse vehicles.....	8
Hand-carts.....	3

Total.....1,257

(Signed,)

FREDERICK A. RANKIN.

WM. W. PACKARD.

PROVIDENCE, July 8, 1880.

The following number of vehicles passed between Randall street and Nash lane, on North Main street, between the hours of 8 A. M., and 12 M. :

One-horse vehicles.....	415
Two-horse vehicles.....	54
Three-horse vehicles.....	5
Four-horse vehicles.....	11

Total.....485

(Signed,)

WILLIAM H. HORTON.

NATHANIEL W. GUSHEE.

PROVIDENCE, July 9, 1880.

The following number of vehicles passed the foot of Orms street, on Charles street; also at the corner of Orms and Back streets, going either way, from 8 A. M., to 12 M., this day :

One-horse vehicles.....	670
Two-horse vehicles.....	201
Three-horse vehicles.....	4
Four-horse vehicles.....	15

Total.....890

(Signed,)

WILLIAM H. HORTON.

NATHANIEL W. GUSHEE.

D.

CITY ENGINEER'S OFFICE,
PROVIDENCE, July 10, 1880. }

HON. THOMAS A. DOYLE, MAYOR:

DEAR SIR—In reply to your request of June 28th, 1880, to furnish an estimate of the cost of paving North Main street from Randall street to Branch avenue with granite blocks, showing the portion of the cost for that part of the roadway lying within and one and a half feet outside of the rails, I would submit the following estimate, including the area within and one and a half feet outside of the railroad track:

For furnishing and laying granite blocks, including preparation of road-bed and sand filling, 2,500 square yards at \$1.52.....	\$3,800 00
Furnishing and laying granite blocks including preparation of road-bed and sand filling, 975 square yards at \$1.93.....	1,881 75
Three cross-walks, stone 18 inches wide, 231 lin. feet, at 55c...	127 05
Resetting present curbing, 1,270 lin. feet, at 15c.....	190 50
	<u>\$5,999 30</u>
Add 10 per cent. for contingencies.....	599 93
The cost for cartage to the Sessions lot of 2,220 square yards, was, at .1975 per square yard.....	437 79
	<u>\$7,037 02</u>

Estimate of the portion within and one and a half feet outside of the railroad track:

Furnishing and laying granite blocks including preparation of road-bed and sand filling, 1,060 square yards, at \$1.93.....	\$2,045 80
Add 10 per cent., for contingencies.....	204 58
	<u>\$2,250 38</u>
Sum total for paving the whole roadway.....	\$9,287 40

CR.

Stock to be delivered at the city yard, 4573.5 square yards of cobble pavement, at 25c..... \$1,143 38

In the foregoing estimate 99c is allowed for the price per square yard of the granite blocks now on hand, said to be 2,500 square yards.

One dollar and thirty cents (\$1.30) per square yard is allowed for the market price of new blocks in stock.

The above estimation is based on information given by the highway commissioners as to the manner they propose to do the work.

Very respectfully,

SAMUEL M. GRAY, City Engineer.

E.

HIGHWAY COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE,
CITY OF PROVIDENCE, July 3, 1880. }

HON. THOMAS A. DOYLE, MAYOR :

In answer to your communication asking what quantity of granite blocks there are on hand and where they are stored, we have to say that there should be 2,700 square yards on hand, 280 square yards of which are in the city yard; the balance, 2,420 square yards, are in the Sessions lot, North Main street, and they cost 99 cents per square yard, or \$2,673.

We have no record of any vote of the commissioners for repaving North Main street with granite blocks, but the matter has been informally talked over with the committee on highways and agreed upon.

Yours, respectfully,

GEO. E. THOMPSON, Secretary.

IN CITY COUNCIL.

No. 308. Monthly Report of the Finance Committee
on the issue of Registered Bonds.

[Presented September 13, 1880.]

City council file, September 16, 1880.

No. 309. Monthly Report of the City Treasurer on
the issue of Registered Bonds.

[Presented September 13, 1880.]

City council file, September 16, 1880.

No. 310. Monthly Report of the City Auditor for
August, 1880.

[Presented September 13, 1880.]

City council file, September 16, 1880.

No. 311. Monthly Report of the City Treasurer for August, 1880.

[Presented September 13, 1880.]

City council file, September 16, 1880.

No. 312. Monthly Report of the Chief Engineer of the Fire Department for July, 1880.

[Presented September 13, 1880.]

City council file, September 16, 1880.

No. 313. Monthly Report of the Chief Engineer of the Fire Department for August, 1880.

[Presented September 13, 1880.]

City council file, September 16, 1880.

No. 314. Monthly Report of the City Messenger for August, 1880.

[Presented September 13, 1880.]

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

In accordance with section 11, of chapter xxxvi of the ordinances, the city messenger reports that during the month of August last, the city hall and the sidewalks around the same have been kept, and are now, in good condition.

Bills for the month, including pay rolls, have been presented and paid, amounting to \$773.72.

Respectfully submitted,

EDWARD S. RHODES, City Messenger.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

SEPTEMBER 16, 1880.

The monthly report of the inspector of steam boilers, monthly report of the overseer of the poor, quarterly report of the city clerk, and quarterly report of the superintendent of hacks, are severally read and received.

The following accounts are examined and allowed viz. :

C. H. Leonard Coroner.....	\$30.00	Marshall Woods, rent of ward	
George W. Wightman Char-		room.....	\$90 00
ity building etc.....	448.36	George H. Smith, 2 bills lamp	
George W. Wightman, sup-		department.....	11 40
port of the poor.....	415.03		

Michael McHale, is granted a license to keep a victualling house, at No. 102 South Water street.

License to buy and sell junk and second hand articles is granted to the following persons, viz. :

Patrick O'Conner, residing on Seamans street; Charles Peach, residing at No. 50 Benevolent street.

Upon the petition of Benjamin F. Gilmore, to build a barn at No. 144 Point street, it is

RESOLVED, That the board of aldermen approve and direct the building of said barn, upon the condition that the same be placed not less than eight and one-half feet from the easterly line of Mr. Gilmore's lot at the southeast corner of said barn.

The following orders are severally read and passed, viz. :

Directing the inspector of steam boilers to examine the boilers belonging to the Providence and Stonington Steamship Company, at Fox Point, and to report as to whether the same are rusted or scaled by the use of "spring water."

Citing S. S. Sprague & Co. to appear at the next meeting of the board of aldermen, to show cause why the use of water

in their boilers on Dyer street taken from an artesian well, should not be prohibited.

Granting licenses for hacks, wagons, etc., recommended by the superintendent of hacks.

Granting permission to R. A. Robinson, et al., to erect two poles for the suspension of a flag across High street, near Norfolk street, said poles to be erected subject to the approval of the city engineer.

Upon the petition of the Providence New Market Association, proposing to sell a portion of their lot at the junction of High and Broad streets for highway purposes, it is ordered that the petitioner have leave to withdraw.

The report of the committee to lay out Brown street, from Power street to George street, is read and rejected.

A resolution is read and passed, directing the superintendent of lights to set up lamps on the following streets, viz. :

Alma, Francis, Public and Vanderwater streets.

The following policemen are appointed, viz. :

Henry Chaffee, William Bradbury, John Livingston, George F. Nye, Z. Allen Swan, and Hiram Allen, 3rd.

Jurors are drawn to serve at the October term of the Supreme court.

IN CITY COUNCIL.

No. 315. Message of the Mayor, relative to the employment of additional permanent men in the Fire Department.

[Presented September 13, 1880.]

CITY OF PROVIDENCE,
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, CITY HALL, }
September 13, 1880.

GENTLEMEN OF THE CITY COUNCIL :

The comparatively small loss by fire in this city for a few

years past may be attributed, first to the fact that an alarm has been promptly and correctly given before the fire has attained much headway. The great fire in September, 1877, was an illustration of this, for then the upper stories of the building, in which the fire originated, were enveloped in flames before the alarm was struck, and hence a very large amount of property was destroyed.

The rapid increase in the number of wires used for telegraphs and telephones materially interferes with the proper working of the fire alarm in this city, and a similar result is reported from other cities. In Providence, however, the matter becomes of more serious importance, from the fact that the number of permanent men attached to the several companies of the fire department is kept at the minimum point, and the effectiveness of the department depends more largely upon the promptness of the call men than in places where a larger permanent force is maintained.

At the fire on Orange street, on Thursday morning last, an alarm was given from box one hundred and twenty-one. After one round had been struck an interference with other wires occurred, which prevented a repetition of the number, and hence the call-men did not generally respond thereto. The fire was in the third and fourth stories of the building, and the lack of manual force did not permit the use of ladders to reach the flames until additional men had been sent for, thus occasioning a greater loss than if the alarm had been properly given. Even with this disadvantage, the firemen worked so effectively as to prevent the spread of the fire beyond the premises, but it has created serious apprehension on the part of the board of engineers as to what may happen in localities not so favorably situated.

I have received from the board an earnest request that the matter of an increase of the permanent force in the business portion of the city may be presented to the city council for its early consideration, and the board suggests that twelve additional men for service in what are termed the centre companies

should be immediately granted. It is absolutely certain that the portion of the department on duty in the business part of the city ought to be sufficient to bring the long ladders into use immediately on arriving at a fire if required, or otherwise a destruction of life and property may ensue, which a prudent foresight will prevent.

After a full examination of the subject, I fully concur with the suggestions of the board of engineers, and recommend that the required increase in the force may be authorized by the city council as a measure demanded by the highest considerations for the public safety.

THOMAS A. DOYLE, Mayor.

No. 316. Resolution referring the Message of the Mayor relative to additional permanent men in the Fire Department.

[Approved September 20, 1880.]

RESOLVED, That the message of the mayor in relation to an increase in the number of permanent men in the fire department be referred to the joint standing committee on the fire department, to examine and report thereon.

No. 317. Resolution to cause the School-house on Peace Street to be Furnished and Heated; also Lot to be Graded and Fenced, and Out-buildings constructed.

[Approved September 20, 1880.]

RESOLVED, That the joint standing committee on education are hereby authorized to cause the school-house on Peace street to be heated and furnished, the lot to be graded and fenced, also suitable out-buildings constructed, provided the cost thereof shall not exceed the sum of twenty-seven hundred dollars; and said sum is hereby appropriated, to be paid from the appropriation for school-houses and lots.

No. 318. Resolution to hire Elmwood Hall for School Purposes.

[Approved September 20, 1880.]

RESOLVED, That the joint standing committee on education be and they are hereby authorized to hire of Messrs. C. A. and W. F. Gladding, Elmwood hall, so called, for one year from July 1st, 1880, at a rental not to exceed six hundred dollars, said hall to be used for school purposes.

No. 319. Resolution to Pay Rent of Lot occupied by the old Square Street School-house.

[Approved September 20, 1880.]

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer is hereby authorized to pay Ebenezer Hirons, at the rate of two hundred and sixty dollars per annum, for rent of a lot of land on Oxford street, from January 1st, 1880, to January 1st, 1881, (now occupied by the old Square street school-house,) said sum to be charged to the appropriation for public schools.

No. 320. Resolution authorizing the City Messenger to cause the Common Council Chamber to be Carpeted.

[Approved September 20, 1880.]

RESOLVED, That the city messenger, acting under the advice of the president of the common council and the chairman of the joint committee on finance, is hereby authorized to cause the chamber of the common council to be carpeted, and to draw upon the appropriation for the care of the city hall for the cost thereof.

No. 321. Resolution to lay Water Pipes in Promenade, Cedar and Adie streets, and in Irving avenue.

[Approved September 20, 1880.]

RESOLVED, That the water commissioners in accordance with their recommendation, are hereby directed to lay, or cause to be laid, the following lines of water pipes: about three hundred and thirteen feet of eight inch, in Promenade street northwesterly from Holden street; about two hundred and eighty two feet of six inch, in Irving avenue westerly from Butler avenue; and about one hundred and ninety seven feet of six inch, in Cedar and in Adie street southerly from Cedar street.

No. 322. A message of the Mayor, relative to "An Ordinance carrying into effect Chapter 815 of the Public Laws, relative to the Board of Public Works."

[Presented September 16, 1880.]

CITY OF PROVIDENCE,
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, CITY HALL, }
September 16, 1880.

GENTLEMEN OF THE CITY COUNCIL:

The bill entitled "An ordinance carrying into effect the provisions of chapter 815 of the public laws, passed at the January session of the general assembly, A. D. 1880, relative to the board of public works," will become a law at the close of the meeting of the board of aldermen this day. I have not affixed my signature thereto, because I cannot consistently approve of its provisions.

To return it for further consideration would be of no avail, for the reason that its most objectionable features are beyond the action of the city council, being fixed in the act establishing a board of public works.

I call your attention to the fact that section 5 of the proposed ordinance prescribes a form of oath, not authorized by

statute, and which, therefore, neither of the members elected on the board of public works will be obliged to take, their powers being derived from the action of the general assembly, with which the city council cannot interfere.

Chapter 815 of the public laws, which establishes a board of public works in this city, went into effect on the day of its passage, April 15, 1880. By the provisions of section 2 of the act, the "charge and management of the construction, reparation and maintenance of all common sewers and drains, whether laid in public streets or through private property," was vested in the board of public works, and since that date the board of water commissioners has been attending to this work under the orders of the city council, but contrary to the provisions of the statute. When a statute defines the method of doing any public work the city council cannot legally authorize it to be done in any other manner.

Section 10 of chapter 815 confers upon the board of public works "all the powers now by law vested in surveyors of highways and highway commissioners." Upon the passage of the act all powers possessed by the highway commissioners, except that of drawing the salary fixed for the office by the city council were terminated. All other official acts done by them have been contrary to the language of section 10.

It is my duty to remind the city council of the fact, that for five months past the officers in charge of the sewer and highway departments have been expending money without legal authority, and that this should cease. The general assembly, at the request of the city council, established a board of public works in this city, and it devolves upon the city council to carry out the provisions of the act by electing the members of the board at the earliest practicable date.

The attention of the mayor having been brought to the provisions of chapter 815, he will not be justified, after a reasonable time, in continuing to draw his drafts for the payment of work done contrary thereto.

THOMAS A. DOYLE, Mayor.

No. 323. Resolution transferring seven thousand dollars from the appropriation for Contingencies to the appropriation for the Construction of Sewers.

[Approved September 20, 1880.]

RESOLVED, That for the payment of the expenses incurred in the building of the outlet to the Dorrance street sewer as ordered by the city council, per resolution No. 493 and approved November 28, 1879, the sum of seven thousand dollars is hereby transferred from the appropriation for contingencies, to the appropriation for the construction of sewers.

No. 324. Resolution granting permission to Arthur Burns, to raise a building.

[Approved September 20, 1880.]

RESOLVED, That permission be granted to Arthur Burns, to raise a certain building located at No. 24 Norfolk street, pursuant to his petition.

No. 325. Resolution granting permission to Edward Conley, to raise buildings.

[Approved September 20, 1880.]

RESOLVED, That permission be granted to Edward Conley, to raise certain buildings, located at No. 17 Perkins street, pursuant to his petition.

No. 326. Resolution granting permission to Jane Murphy, to raise a building.

[Approved September 20, 1880.]

RESOLVED, That permission be granted to Jane Murphy, to raise a certain building, located at No. 15 Trenton street, pursuant to her petition.

No. 327. Resolution making changes in the appropriation for Highways.

[Approved September 20, 1880.]

RESOLVED, That the city auditor is hereby authorized to make the following changes in the appropriation for highways, viz. :

To transfer the sum of five hundred dollars from the appropriation for removal of snow, ice, etc., to the appropriation for repairing paved streets, and the sum of two thousand dollars, from the appropriation for repairing unpaved streets, to the appropriation for tools, implements, carts, etc.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

SEPTEMBER 20, 1880.

The weekly report of the Dexter Asylum is read and received.

The following accounts are examined and allowed, viz. :

Geo. E. Thompson, streets, \$69 00 | Bridge department pay roll, \$66 45

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

John T. Eells, Calvin A. Worden.

William Watkins, is granted a license to buy and sell junk and second hand articles, residing at No. 89 West River street.

Permission is granted to Alfred B. Tallman to build a barn at Eagle Park.

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

Morris Kelly, to buy and sell junk and second hand articles ;
Herman Rosenberg, to keep a tavern at No. 18 Snow street ;
Patrick McCaffrey, for a sewer in Spruce street.

Resolutions are read and passed, as follows :

Directing the highway committee to enquire into and report what should be done to provide against the ponding of surface water at the end of Academy avenue at Chalkstone avenue.

Requesting the highway commissioners to cause the sidewalks on the north side of Dover street, from Academy avenue to Carleton street, to be concreted.

An order is passed, discharging the committee appointed to lay out Williams street, from the further consideration of the matter.

A resolution to receive and print the annual report of the school committee, having passed the common council is read and the board of aldermen do not concur therein.

IN CITY COUNCIL.

No. 328. Resolution requesting the Board of Aldermen to lay out Gallup street.

[Approved September 27, 1880.]

RESOLVED, That the board of aldermen be, and they are hereby requested to lay out Gallup street from Plane street, to Ocean street.

No. 329. Resolution requesting the Board of Aldermen to lay out Williams street.

[Approved September 27, 1880.]

RESOLVED, That the Board of Aldermen be hereby requested to lay out Williams street from Hope street to Governor street.

No. 330. Resolution returning to the School Committee, their Annual Report to the City Council.

[Approved September 27, 1880.]

RESOLVED, That it being understood that the annual report

of the school committee, presented to the city council for the year 1880, was not read in open session of the committee, and as the same is not in compliance with the requirement of section 6 of chapter cxvi of the ordinances, said report be returned to the school committee to be read, considered and made to conform to said ordinance.

No. 331. Resolution authorizing the appointment of one Assistant Grammar School Teacher.

[Approved September 27, 1880.]

RESOLVED, That the school committee be and they are hereby authorized to employ one assistant grammar school teacher in addition to the number prescribed by ordinance, and that the authority granted in said resolution date from September 1st, 1880.

No. 332. Resolution accepting gift of William S. Lawrence, Executor, to the North Burial Ground Fund.

[Approved September 27, 1880.]

RESOLVED, That the gift of William S. Lawrence, executor, of the sum of sixty-nine dollars to the commissioners of the North Burial Ground, in trust, the income thereof to be applied under the provisions of chapter 367 of the public laws, to the preservation and care of the burial lot standing in the name of Mary Martin in said ground, be and the same is hereby accepted under the name of the Mary Martin fund.

No. 333. Resolution accepting gift of Gorham Thurber, Trustee, to the North Burial Ground Fund.

[Approved September 27, 1880.]

RESOLVED, That the gift of Gorham Thurber, trustee, of the

sum of one hundred dollars to the commissioners of the North Burial Ground, in trust, the income thereof to be applied under the provisions of chapter 367 of the public laws, to the preservation and care of three burial lots standing in the name of the heirs of Dexter Thurber, in said ground be, and the same is hereby accepted by the city council, under the name of the Dexter Thurber fund.

No. 334. Resolution to lay Water Pipes in Hamilton Street.

[Approved September 27, 1880.]

RESOLVED, That the water commissioners in accordance with their recommendation, are hereby instructed to lay or cause to be laid, about four hundred and eighty three feet of six inch water pipes in Hamilton street, southerly from the pipes now in Laura street.

No. 335. Resolution authorizing the laying of Water Pipes from yard of Sewer Maintenance Department, to yard of Highway Department.

[Approved September 27, 1880.]

RESOLVED, That the water commissioners, are hereby authorized to lay about three hundred and sixty feet of six inch water pipes, to connect the pipes in the sewer maintenance department yard, with the pipes in the highway department yard.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

SEPTEMBER 23, 1880.

Licenses are granted as follows :

To Samuel D. Fales, to keep a victualling house at No. 136

Charles street; and to Michael Rice, to buy and sell junk and second hand articles, residing at No. 39 Martin street.

Permission to build barns is granted to the following persons, viz. :

Sylvester R. Jackson, at the corner of Elmwood and Adelaide avenues; Michael McHale, on Orms street near Charles street.

Upon the petition of Rose & Walker, for compensation for damages to their estate, caused by the overflow of surface water from Brayton avenue, it is ordered that the petitioners have leave to withdraw.

An index to the street maps on file in the office of the city clerk from 1761 to 1880, is presented, whereupon it is

Ordered, that the same be received and that a sufficient number of copies thereof be printed for the use of the city council.

[City Document No. 22.]

IN COMMON COUNCIL.

SEPTEMBER 23, 1880.

The joint standing committee on ordinances, to whom was referred the message of the mayor, dated September 16, 1880, relative to a bill entitled "an ordinance carrying into effect the provisions of chapter 815 of the public laws, passed at the January session of the general assembly, A. D. 1880, relative to the board of public works," with instructions to obtain the opinion of the city solicitor on the law points raised in said message, present the following opinion of the city solicitor and the same is read as follows :

CITY SOLICITOR'S OFFICE,
City of Providence, September 21, 1880. }

GENTLEMEN :

Chapter 815 established a board of public works and con-

ferred upon it certain powers which may, so far as the message of the mayor is concerned, be found in sections 2 and 10.

Section 2, provides that said board shall have, subject to the control of the city council, the general charge and management of the construction, etc., etc., of all common sewers, etc., etc.

There can be no doubt as to the construction of this section, it places the general charge and management of the construction, etc., of the sewers of the city in the board of public works, and it is not competent for the city council to place such charge elsewhere.

The control that the water commissioners had over the subject of sewers prior to the passage of chapter 815 was by virtue of a power given the city to place it there, by chapter 333 passed May, 1873.

The power thus conferred upon the water commissioners, by virtue of chapter 815 has all been given to the board of public works, and all acts and parts of acts inconsistent with such action, is expressly repealed.

The water commissioners, however, have all the authority they had just prior to the passage of said act in and about the water works.

The powers vested by law in surveyors of highways and highway commissioners are all conferred upon said board, and it therefore follows, that the present commissioners have been stripped of all such powers by said act, and that all their acts must, since the time of its passage, rest for protection upon special authority given within the power of the city council to grant.

Chapter 815, is all right in form and substance in view of what was desired by those who urged its passage, and nothing remains but to elect two members of the board to avoid any question upon the subjects referred to. Believing that I have fully complied with your request, I am

Truly yours, etc.,

N. VAN SLYCK, City Solicitor.

To J. C. B. Woods, Esq., Chairman Com. on Ordinances.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

SEPTEMBER 24, 1880.

The following named persons are elected members of the board of public works, in the following order, viz. :

First, Lodowick Brayton,
Second, Samuel B. Swan.

IN CITY COUNCIL.

No. 336. Message of the Mayor transmitting copies of letters notifying the City Auditor, Water Commissioners, and Highway Commissioners, that no drafts will be drawn by him for Sewer and Highway work after September 30, 1880.

[Presented September 30, 1880.]

CITY OF PROVIDENCE,
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, CITY HALL, }
September 30, 1880.

GENTLEMEN OF THE CITY COUNCIL :

I transmit herewith, for the information of the city council, copies of letters sent by me to the city auditor, the board of water commissioners and the highway commissioners on the 29th inst.

THOMAS A. DOYLE, Mayor.

[COPY.]

CITY OF PROVIDENCE,
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, CITY HALL, }
September 29, 1880.

JAMES M. CROSS, ESQ, CITY AUDITOR :

Dear Sir : I have this day notified the board of water commissioners that after the close of the fiscal year, to-morrow, I

shall make no drafts on the city treasury for any work done after that date by their order for the construction, reparation or maintenance of common sewers and drains in this city, and this notice I have given in consequence of the passage of chapter 815 of the public laws, to the second section of which I call your attention. I also on the same day notified the highway commissioners, "that all the powers by law exercised by surveyors of highways or highway commissioners in this city were, on the passage of chapter 815 of the public laws, conferred upon the board of public works, and can only be rightfully exercised by the members of such board," and "that I should refuse to draw any drafts upon the city treasury after the close of the fiscal year, to-morrow, for work done by them in contravention of the statute."

In connection with this matter your attention is directed to sections 10, 13, 14 and 15 of the above chapter.

Yours truly,

THOMAS A. DOYLE, Mayor.

[COPY.]

CITY OF PROVIDENCE,
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, CITY HALL, }
Sept 29, 1880.

MESSRS. OBADIAH BROWN, THOMAS W. HART, GEORGE E. THOMPSON, HIGHWAY COMMISSIONERS :

I call your attention to the following sections of chapter 815 of the public laws, passed April 15, 1880 :

"SECTION 10. The board of public works shall have and exercise all the powers now by law vested in surveyors of highways and highway commissioners."

"SEC 13. Upon the election of the board of public works, the term of office of the highway commissioners and water commissioners shall terminate."

"SEC 14. All acts and parts of acts inconsistent with the provisions of this act are hereby repealed."

"SEC 15. This act shall take effect on and after its passage."

By the above section it appears, that while the highway commissioners were not legislated out of office, until a board of public works is elected, all powers formerly exercised by you as surveyors of highways, or highway commissioners, on the passage thereof, were vested in the board of public works.

A message from the mayor on the sixteenth instant, containing the above information, was presented to the city council, but up to this time no definite action has been taken thereon.

It now only remains for me to notify you that all the powers by law exercised by surveyors of highways or highway commissioners in this city were, on the passage of the above act, conferred upon the board of public works, and can only be rightfully exercised by the members of such board.

My duty, therefore, is to refuse to draw any drafts upon the city treasury, after the close of the fiscal year, to-morrow, for work done by you in contravention of the statute.

Yours, very truly,

THOMAS A. DOYLE, Mayor.

[COPY.]

CITY OF PROVIDENCE,
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, CITY HALL, }
September 29, 1880.

MESSRS. LODOWICK BRAYTON, HENRY L. PARSONS, NATHANIEL F. POTTER, BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS :

Section 2 of chapter 815 of the public laws, passed April 15, 1880, is in these words :

"SEC. 2. The board of public works shall have, subject to the control of the city council, the general charge and management of the construction, reparation and maintenance of all common sewers and drains, whether laid in public streets or through private property."

Sections 14 and 15 are as follows :

"SEC. 14. All acts and parts of acts inconsistent with the provisions of this act are hereby repealed."

"SEC. 15. This act shall take effect on and after its passage."

The work of constructing, repairing and maintaining all common sewers and drains in this city was placed in charge of the board of public works by the general assembly upon the passage of said chapter 815 of the public laws.

I was not aware of the full force of the statute until the 16th instant, when I immediately brought the matter to the city council.

The language of the statute is plain and imperative, and the city council has no authority and cannot legally confer the powers enumerated in section three upon any other person or persons; it therefore follows that there is no warrant in law for the payment of work done in the construction, reparation and maintenance of common sewers and drains, except in the manner provided by statute.

Having waited two weeks for the two branches of the city council to perform their duty in the premises, and thereby relieve me from the position in which I have been placed by the passage of the above statute, I now inform you that after the close of the fiscal year, to-morrow, I shall make no drafts for any work done after that date by your order for the construction, reparation or maintenance of common sewers and drains in this city.

Sincerely regretting the condition in which the important work heretofore under your charge, and upon which more than \$1,600,000 has been expended, is left, I am

Yours, truly,

THOMAS A. DOYLE, Mayor.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

SEPTEMBER 30, 1880.

The weekly report of the Dexter Asylum is read and received.
The following accounts are examined and allowed, viz. :

LAMP DEPARTMENT BILLS.

Belcher Bros.....	\$15 66	Labor pay roll.....	\$134 00
Providence Gas Co.....	143 41	Pay roll.....	2,368 32

Permission is granted to John H. Rowley, to build a barn at the corner of Dean and Washington streets.

RESOLVED, That the city solicitor be, and he is hereby requested to give his opinion to either branch of the city council, whether or not after both branches of the city council have ordered any work done on the highways or elsewhere, for the benefit of the city, the parties performing such work, have a good claim against the city for such services; and whether in his opinion any committee of the city council or other person or persons, can be appointed or designated to superintend such work, and if so what work.

 IN CITY COUNCIL.

CHAPTER CLII.

No. 337. An Ordinance making Appropriations for the support of the Government of the City of Providence, for the financial year ending September 30, A. D. 1881.

[Approved October 5, 1880.]

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

SECTION 1. That to defray the expenditures of the city of Providence for the financial year commencing with the first day of October, 1880, and ending with the last day of September, 1881, the following sums of money, or so much thereof as are authorized by law, be and they are hereby appropriated for the objects and purposes as explained in the estimates of the city auditor, and in the applications of the various committees and heads of departments.

For the repairs of the asylum walls and buildings, one thousand dollars.

For the city engineer's department, including the salary of the city engineer, thirty-seven thousand dollars.

For contingent expenses as follows :—Thirty-nine thousand five hundred dollars for appropriations made by the city council, including the fourth of July celebration, and for such other objects and claims as are not specified in this ordinance, and five hundred dollars for the executive department, the bills for which the auditor is authorized to audit and allow for payment upon their being approved by the mayor.

For care of the city hall, including the pay of employees and for supplies, thirteen thousand dollars.

For dredging and improving the harbor, fifteen thousand dollars, and in addition thereto the unexpended balance of the appropriation for this account for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1880 ; *provided* the city engineer shall report monthly to the city council the amount expended, and the place where the dredging has been done in the preceding month.

For expenses attendant upon elections, including the pay of wardens and ward clerks, three thousand dollars.

For the fire department, including the salaries of the chief and the assistant engineers, eighty-five thousand dollars.

For the salary of the superintendent of health, collecting and recording births, marriages, and deaths, all hospital and quarantine expenses, medicines, vaccinations, coroners' inquests, burial of bodies, removal of offal from the city, and all other expenses pertaining to the health of the city, twelve thousand dollars.

For highways, one hundred thousand dollars, to be expended as follows : for labor and material for repairing unpaved streets, \$52,000 ; for repairing paved streets, \$6,500 ; for cleaning streets, \$15,000 ; for tools, implements, carts, harnesses and repairs thereon, hay, grain, and general supplies, \$12,000 ; for salaries of the highway commissioners, \$4,500 ; for cleaning

streets from ice and snow, and the setting of curbstones, to be expended under direction of the joint committee on highways, \$10,000.

For the payment of notes due May 1 and August 1, 1881, for the high school building, thirteen thousand five hundred dollars.

For interest on the city debt as follows:—On the high school loans, fifty-eight hundred and fifty-four dollars and forty-one cents; on the war loan payable in 1893, fifteen thousand dollars; on the Brook street district loans of 1877 and 1879, forty thousand six hundred dollars; on the public improvement loans, sixty-five thousand eight hundred dollars; on the city hall and sewer loans payable in 1895 and 1899, ninety-seven thousand five hundred dollars; on the water works loans payable in 1900 and 1906, two hundred and eighty-three thousand two hundred dollars; on the floating debt twelve thousand dollars.

For the lamp department, including the salary of the superintendent of lights, one hundred and twelve thousand dollars.

For the police department, including the salary of the chief of police, one hundred and ninety-five thousand dollars, to be expended as follows: the current expenses and compensation of the police force to be approved by the board of aldermen, and all other expenses shall have the approval of the board of aldermen and the joint committee of the city council on police.

For the support of public schools, one hundred and sixty-seven thousand dollars, and in addition thereto, all money received for registry taxes, dog licenses, and from the state for public education.

For repairs of public buildings, including the salary of the superintendent, forty-five thousand dollars.

For maintenance of public bridges, fifteen thousand dollars.

For the maintenance and improvement of public parks, fifteen hundred dollars.

For printing, advertising, and stationery for public offices, ten thousand dollars.

For rent of land and buildings, one thousand dollars.

For the maintenance and improvement of Roger Williams park, seven thousand five hundred dollars.

For salaries, such as are not herein otherwise specified, fifty-five thousand dollars.

For the city's proportion of the state tax, two hundred and two thousand two hundred and fifty-seven dollars and twenty-seven cents.

For care and maintenance of sewers, sixteen thousand dollars.

For sidewalks and curbing, ten thousand dollars, to be expended as follows: The city auditor is authorized to allow the orders of the highway commissioners for curbstones or materials for sidewalks from time to time, from any money standing to the credit of said account, *provided*, that the amount of said orders shall not exceed in the whole the sum of ten thousand dollars, and all sums received into the treasury for curbstones set or sidewalks constructed by said commissioners shall be credited to the account of sidewalks and curbing.

For sinking funds, as follows:—To redeem city hall and sewer loans due in 1895 and 1899, fifty-seven thousand two hundred dollars; to redeem the public improvement loans, twenty-eight thousand and fifty dollars; to redeem bonds issued for war expenses payable in 1893, five thousand dollars.

For school houses and lots, ten thousand dollars, and in addition thereto the unexpended balance of the appropriation for this account for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1880.

For the support of the poor, removal of paupers, and the salary of the overseer of the poor, fifteen thousand dollars.

For water for the use of the various departments and public buildings, including public hydrants and fountains, fifty-two thousand dollars.

For care and maintenance of the water works, seventy-five thousand dollars.

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

IN COMMON COUNCIL.OCTOBER 4, 1880.

A resolution to provide permanent accommodations for reporters in the police court room, is read and indefinitely postponed.

Upon the petition of J. B. Barnaby & Co., et. al., for laying crosswalks on Westminster street, at the intersection of certain main thoroughfares, it is ordered that the petitioners have leave to withdraw.

A communication from Lodowick Brayton, declining to be a candidate for election upon the board of public works, is presented, read and ordered to be communicated to the board of aldermen.

A communication from Charles Anthony, resigning the office of common councilman from the fifth ward is received, accepted and ordered communicated to the board of aldermen.

The following named persons are elected members of the board of public works, viz. :

Samuel B. Swan,

Charles Anthony.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN.OCTOBER 5, 1880.

The weekly report of the Dexter Asylum, monthly report of the inspector of boilers, monthly report of the overseer of the poor, and quarterly report of the chief of police are severally read and received.

The following accounts are examined and allowed, viz. :

MISCELLANEOUS BILLS.

Edwin E. Calder, inspector of milk.....	\$50 00	George W. Wightman, sup- port of the poor.....	\$1,510 01
George F. Luther, finding dead body.....	5 00	Cairns & Williams, lamp de- partment.....	1 00
George W. Wightman char- ity building.....	4 28	H. D. Salisbury & Co., lamp partment.....	63 62
		Thomas W. Hart, streets....	81 00

HEALTH DEPARTMENT BILLS.

A. E. Field & Son	\$550 00	Continental Steamboat Co..	\$50 00
Franklin C. Clark.....	25 00	William H. Palmer.....	75 00
William Duffy.....	12 00		

BRIDGE BILLS.

Fuller Iron Works.....	\$45 48	W. H. Miller & Co.....	\$16 26
Francis S. Turner.....	5 50	John Armstrong.....	8 03
Stephen P. Henry.....	14 57	Manchester & Hudson.....	3 30
Arthur C. Williams.....	14 96	Belcher Bros	7 11
Pay roll, Point street bridge.	227 50	Allen Fire Department Sup- ply Co.....	8 10
Kenyon, Grimwood & Co....	6 58	Potter & Gardiner.....	9 06
James A. Potter & Co.....	10 40	Burrows & Kenyon.....	4 29
Hopkins, Pomroy & Co.....	20 52	Winsor & Mowry.....	4 03
J. L. Pierce & Co.....	28 54	Pay roll.....	46 51
John Cassidy.....	7 50	Louis W. Clarke	13 81
Clarence H. Carpenter.....	10 89		

POLICE BILLS.

James J. Monally.....	\$48 00	Charles F. Pope.....	7 60
Angell & Barney.....	43 35	Hopkins, Pomroy & Co.....	21 00
Louis W. Clarke.....	21 56	George Hutchins.....	9 83
J. E. Sturdy.....	8 76	Billings Bros.....	15 25
John C. Payne.....	55 40	Earl Carpenter & Sons.....	235 83
Edwin R. Jones	40 48	Mason & Moran.....	68 98
William Sweeney, Agt.....	33 14	Providence Gas Co.....	498 03
John H. Eddy & Co.....	22 53	Bugbee & Kelly.....	166 01
Franklin C. Clark, M. D....	15 00	Janitor's pay roll	283 00
Isaiah Long.....	12 80	Charles H. Hunt.....	103 61
Charles H. Hunt.....	14 85	Pay roll.....	13,541 99
L. Wright.....	26 00	William H. Palmer.....	313 00
T. W. Rounds & Co.....	6 75		

License to buy and sell junk and second hand articles is granted to the following persons, viz. :

A. C. Bennett & Son, at No. 5 Calais street; Michael Campbell, residing at No. 1 Bendemeer street.

Licenses to keep victualling houses are severally granted as follows :

Frank W. Farwell, at No. 184 Charles street; Frank M. Munroe, at No. 23 Canal street; Otis W. Newcomb, at No. 1 High street; Samuel Spink, at No. 145 High street; Frank Sullivan, at No. 22 Read street.

S. Eastman is granted a license to keep a pawnbroker's shop at No. 200 Westminster street.

Permission to operate steam boilers is granted to the following persons, viz. :

J. E. Barry & Co., at 849 North Main street; Willard W. Vickery, Jr., at No. 21 Crary street; and Weybosset Mills, at the corner of Valley and Oak streets.

Enoch Clegg is granted permission to connect his estate with the private drain in Valley street.

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

William H. Gorton, for license to buy and sell junk and second hand articles; Thomas Grimes, for license to keep a victualling house at No. 211 Atwell's avenue; Ellen Pendergast, for the removal of a telegraph pole at No. 280 South Main street; Owen Kiernan, for compensation for damages to his estate on Transit street; and James O'Sullivan, for compensation for damages to his estate on Gano and Amy streets.

RESOLVED, That the overseer of the poor is hereby authorized to contract for medicines and medical attendance required by the out-door poor of the city, for the year ensuing the first day of June, 1880; provided the whole expense thereof shall not exceed the sum of two hundred dollars per annum, and that said sum be paid from the appropriation for the support of the poor.

RESOLVED, That permission be hereby granted to the chief engineer of the fire department to set up and maintain poles for fire alarm telegraph lines on High street, from its junction with Cranston street, to Hammond street, and in Hammond street to the fire station on Harrison street, said poles to be placed on said streets subject to the approval of the city engineer.

RESOLVED, That the 9th rule of order of the board be amended by adding the following :

"Provided, however, that all meetings specially called by the mayor, the special business for which such meeting is called shall be first in order, and shall be taken up and exclusively considered until it is finally acted upon at such meeting; and no other business shall be acted upon or considered at such meeting, except by the unanimous consent of the board."

RESOLVED, That the city engineer be hereby authorized and directed to cause such catch-basins to be cleaned, as in the opinion of the superintendent of health may be required as a sanitary measure.

An order is passed designating the places for holding the ward meetings at the election to be held Tuesday, November 2, 1880.

Canvass meetings are ordered to be held on Wednesday, October 27, 1880, and Saturday, October 30, 1880, at 7.30 o'clock, P. M.

The following came from common council, and are severally read, viz. :

Communication of Lodowick Brayton, declining to be a candidate for election upon the board of public works;

Resignation of Charles Anthony of the office of common councilman from the fifth ward.

Stillman White is elected a member of the board of public works.

The city solicitor presents an opinion as requested by a resolution passed September 30, 1880, (see page 253,) and the same is read and received as follows :

CITY SOLICITOR'S OFFICE,
CITY OF PROVIDENCE, October 1, 1880. }

TO THE HONORABLE BOARD OF ALDERMEN :

GENTLEMEN :—I return herewith your resolution of September 30th, 1880, with my answer to the questions therein propounded. For convenience I have divided the questions.

First—Whether or not, after both branches of the city council have ordered any work done on the highways or elsewhere for the benefit of the city, the parties performing such work have a good claim against the city for such services.

Answer—It is competent for the city council to cause work to be done upon the highways or elsewhere, for the benefit of the city : Upon the highways, provided the method pursued is one authorized by statute ; and elsewhere, provided such work is upon land or other property of the city, and within the recognized powers of the municipal government, and for the doing of such work the persons employed and performing the same have a valid claim against the city.

Second—Whether any committee of the city council, or other person or persons, can be appointed or designated to superintend such work, and if so, what ?

Answer—It is competent for the city to perform such work by committee, or by any person or persons, unless the charge, management, care and direction of such work is by statute placed in some particular person or persons, as for instance in a board of public works, and when it is so placed it is legally incompetent for the city to do such work through any other means or agency. The keeping of all highways, etc., in any town repaired and amended so as to be safe and convenient for travellers with their teams, carts and carriages at the proper charge and expense of the town (city) is by statute (chapter 60, revised statutes) placed "under the *care and direction* of the *surveyors of highway* for such town," and chapter 815 of the public laws provides "that the board of public works *shall have* and exercise all the powers now by law vested in survey-

ors of highways and highway commissioners." Such work, therefore, can only be done, if done in accordance with law, "under the care and direction" of the board of public works, and to attempt to do it otherwise would be but an attempt to circumvent the statute, and would be pregnant with danger to the city, to those doing it, and the members of the city council ordering or directing it.

I am, &c.,

N. VAN SLYCK, City Solicitor.

IN CITY COUNCIL.

No. 338. Resolution transferring \$87.30 from Interest Account to Interest on City Hall and Sewer Loan.

[Approved October 6, 1880.]

RESOLVED, That the sum of eighty-seven dollars and thirty cents, is hereby transferred from the appropriation for "interest" to the appropriation for "interest and premium on the city hall and sewer loan."

No. 339. Resolution transferring \$5,000 from Sewer Assessments to Sewerage Account.

[Approved October 6, 1880.]

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer is hereby authorized to transfer to the sewer construction account, from the money received from assessments for sewers, the sum of five thousand dollars.

No. 340. Resolution to pay David Eastwood \$75 for rent of premises No. 39 Julian street.

[Approved October 8, 1880.]

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer be, and he is hereby

authorized and directed to pay David Eastwood, seventy-five dollars, the amount of his bill for the rent of premises No. 39 Julian street, the payment to be charged to the appropriation, "for rent of land and buildings."

No. 341. Resolution to establish nine Ordinary Evening Schools.

[Approved October 9, 1880.]

RESOLVED, That the school committee be, and they are hereby authorized to establish for a term of seventeen weeks, during the ensuing fall and winter, not to exceed nine ordinary evening schools; to be located in such buildings as said committee may select.

CHAPTER CLIII.

No. 342. An Ordinance fixing the salaries of the Evening School Teachers of the City of Providence, for the Fall and Winter of 1880 and 1881.

[Approved October 9, 1880.]

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

SECTION 1. The salaries of the evening school teachers during the fall and winter of 1880 and 1881, shall be fixed by the school committee, not to exceed in the whole the sum of ten thousand dollars.

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

No. 343. Resolution Authorizing the Employment of additional men in the Fire Department.

[Approved October 9, 1880.]

RESOLVED, That the board of engineers of the fire depart-

ment, are hereby authorized to employ at their discretion an additional number of permanent men for service in said fire department, not exceeding twelve; and that the city treasurer be authorized to pay said additional men at a rate to be fixed by the board of engineers, not exceeding seven hundred dollars each per annum, payable monthly, the same to be charged to the appropriation for the fire department.

No. 344. Message of the Mayor, transmitting Communication of the Water Commissioners relative to keeping Catch-basins, Sewers, etc., clean, and the opinion of the City Solicitor thereon.

[Presented October 4, 1880.]

CITY OF PROVIDENCE,
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, CITY HALL, }
October 4, 1880.

GENTLEMEN OF THE CITY COUNCIL:

On the 2d instant I received a communication from the board of water commissioners, calling my attention to the importance of keeping the catch-basins of the sewers, and the old drains, with their inlets, clear, as well as keeping the sewers in thorough order, and inquiring "if there is not some other law than that establishing a board of public works which will authorize this important work to be carried on until the election of such a board."

Upon receipt of this communication I requested the opinion of the city solicitor thereon, and to-day received his reply thereto.

I now transmit herewith for the information of the city council a copy of the three letters.

THOMAS A. DOYLE, Mayor.

[COPY.]

BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS, }
CITY HALL, }
PROVIDENCE, October 2, 1880. }

HON. THOMAS A. DOYLE, MAYOR :

DEAR SIR: The undersigned have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your communication of the 29th ultimo, relating to the authority of the water commissioners to continue the work of reparation and maintenance of common sewers and drains, and to say that there are in this city over forty-two miles of new sewers upon which are about seventeen hundred catch-basins; also, the old drains, with their numerous inlets, upon the cleanliness of which, particularly at this season of the year, to a great extent depends the preservation of the public health.

It is, therefore, necessary at this time that considerable work should be done to keep the sewers in thorough order and proper cleanliness, and to put them in proper condition for the winter months.

In view of this fact and that the city owns the teams, which are now idle, we respectfully inquire if there is not some other law than that establishing a board of public works which will authorize this important work to be carried on until the election of such a board.

Very respectfully,

L. BRAYTON,
HENRY L. PARSONS,
N. F. POTTER,

Board of Water Commissioners.

[COPY.]

CITY OF PROVIDENCE,
 EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, CITY HALL, }
 October 2, 1880.

COL. N. VAN SLYCK, CITY SOLICITOR :

DEAR SIR: Herewith I hand you a copy of a letter received from the board of water commissioners in relation to the necessity which exists for cleaning the catch-basins of the sewers, and the danger to the public health from a neglect to do this work.

Will you kindly inform me whether, in your opinion, this work is so clearly included in the term "maintenance," used in section 2, chapter 815, of the public laws, as to prevent it from being done except under the charge and management of the board of public works, and if not so included, is it not competent for the board of aldermen, as the board of health, to order the catch-basins to be cleaned whenever, in the judgment of the board, the public health requires.

Yours truly,

THOMAS A. DOYLE, Mayor.

[COPY.]

CITY SOLICITOR'S OFFICE, }
 CITY OF PROVIDENCE, October 4, 1880. }

HON. THOMAS A. DOYLE, MAYOR :

In reply to yours of this date, I have the honor to say that the cleaning of "catch-basins of the sewers" is clearly included in the term "maintenance," as used in section 2, chapter 815 of the public laws, and clearly belongs to the board of public works.

Should the sewers or catch-basins be in a state dangerous to the public health, it would be competent for the board of aldermen, acting as a board of health, to cause the nuisance to be removed.

Truly yours,

N. VAN SLYCK, City Solicitor.

No. 345. Twenty-second Quarterly Report of the Commissioners of Sinking Funds.

[Presented October 4, 1880.]

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

The board of commissioners of sinking funds make this their twenty-second quarterly report :

The amount of funds in the control of the board June 30, 1880, was—

Of the fund of 1885.....	\$567,930	66
Of the fund of 1893.....	216,278	66
Of the fund of 1895.....	169,552	22
Of the fund of 1899.....	34,975	17
Of the water loan.....	111,115	99
Of the North Burial Ground loan.....	5,327	69
Of the Brook street district loans.....	58,931	88
Whole amount.....	\$1,164,112	27

The amount on hand September 30, 1880, was—

Of the fund of 1885.....	\$593,076	32
Of the fund of 1893.....	221,682	69
Of the fund of 1895.....	211,946	19
Of the city hall and sewer loan of 1899.....	35,399	22
Of the public improvement loan of 1899.....	13,550	00
Of the water loan.....	113,816	14
Of the North Burial Ground loan.....	35,056	26
Of the Brook street district loans.....	63,468	37
Whole amount.....	\$1,287,995	19

The increase in the several funds has been—

In the fund of 1885.....	\$25,145	66
In the fund of 1893.....	5,404	03

In the fund of 1895	\$42,393 97
In the city hall and sewer loan of 1899.....	424 05
In the public improvement loan of 1899.....	13,550 00
In the water loan	2,700 15
In the North Burial Ground loan.....	29,728 57
In the Brook street district loans	4,536 49
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Whole increase.....	\$123,882 92

Respectfully submitted by order of the board of commissioners,

THOMAS A. DOYLE,

Mayor and Chairman.

Providence, October 4, 1880.

No. 346. Fifteenth Quarterly Report of the Joint Special Committee on the Brook Street District.

[Presented October 4, 1880.]

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

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

Receipts for quarter ending September 30, 1880 :—

Rents.	\$3,031 34
Assessment for betterments.....	180 00
Sale of old wood and old privies.....	6 00
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Total.....	\$3,217 34

Expenditures for the quarter ending September 30, 1880 :—

Salaries.....	\$300 00
Repairs to buildings.....	122 36
Relocating and refitting buildings.....	510 32

Dredging Seekonk river.....	\$284 26
Water for houses	6 23
Sundries (stationery and other office expenses).	14 05
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Total	\$1,237 22

Respectfully submitted,
 THOMAS A. MILLETT, Chairman.

No. 347. Monthly Report of the Finance Committee
 on the issue of Registered Bonds.

[Presented October 4, 1880.]

City council file, October 5, 1880.

No. 348. Monthly Report of the City Treasurer on
 the issue of Registered Bonds.

[Presented October 4, 1880.]

City council file, October 5, 1880.

No. 349. Monthly Report of the Chief Engineer of
 the Fire Department.

[Presented October 4, 1880.]

City council file, October 5, 1880.

No. 350. Monthly Report of the City Messenger for
 September.

[Presented October 4, 1880.]

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

In accordance with section 11, of chapter xxxvi of the ordi-

nances, the city messenger reports that during the month of September last, the city hall and the sidewalks around the same have been kept, and are now, in good condition. Bills amounting to five hundred twenty-five dollars and fourteen cents, have been allowed and paid.

Respectfully submitted,

EDWARD S. RHODES, City Messenger.

No. 351. Resolution to pay certain Drivers and Tillermen of the Fire Department an increase of salary.

[Approved October 9, 1880.]

RESOLVED, That from and after the first day of October, 1880, and until otherwise resolved, the salaries of drivers and tillermen attached to the ladder service of the fire department, be at a rate to be fixed by the board of engineers, not exceeding the following named sums :

The driver and tillermen of hook and ladder truck No. 1, six hundred and fifty dollars each per annum.

The driver and tillermen of hook and ladder trucks Nos. 2, 3 and 4, each six hundred dollars per annum, payable monthly ; and that the city treasurer be authorized to pay the same, from the appropriation for the fire department.

No. 352. Resolution to pay the Firemen.

[Approved October 9, 1880.]

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer be authorized to pay the permanent members of the fire department for services rendered during the month of October, 1880, at a rate to be fixed by the board of engineers, not exceeding the rate paid for the corresponding month in 1879.

No. 353. Resolution authorizing the City Clerk to employ assistance in assorting and filing old papers and reports.

[Approved October 9, 1880.]

RESOLVED, That the city clerk be, and he is hereby authorized to employ such assistance as may be necessary to complete the work of assorting and filing old papers, the expense thereof not to exceed the sum of fifty dollars, to be charged to the appropriation for contingencies.

No. 354. Resolution to lay Water Pipes in Fruit street.

[Approved October 9, 1880.]

RESOLVED, That the water commissioners, in accordance with their recommendation, are hereby instructed to lay, or cause to be laid, about two hundred and forty-five feet of six-inch water pipes in Fruit street, easterly from Harriet street.

IN COMMON COUNCIL.

OCTOBER 11, 1880.

A resolution to pay the bill of A. R. Darling & Co., amounting to thirty-two dollars and twenty-six cents, having passed the board of aldermen, is read, and the common council do not concur therein.

A message from the mayor, transmitting the certificate of the election of Stillman White as a member of the board of public works, together with the opinion of the city solicitor as to who can organize said board, is read as follows :

CITY OF PROVIDENCE,
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, CITY HALL, }
Oct. 11, 1880.

GENTLEMEN OF THE COMMON COUNCIL :

At the last session of the board of aldermen Stillman White was elected, on the part of the board, as a member of the board of public works, the certificate of such election being transmitted herewith.

The board having failed to concur with the common council in the election of a second member of the board of public works, I requested the opinion of the city solicitor upon the authority of the city engineer and Mr. Swan, who has been elected by both branches, to organize the board and proceed to the performance of the duties incumbent on its members.

The city solicitor having decided that it is incompetent for them to take such action, I deemed it proper to request your attendance at this time, to take such action as may be necessary in the premises.

A copy of the correspondence with the city solicitor is herewith presented.

THOMAS A. DOYLE, Mayor.

[COPY.]

CITY OF PROVIDENCE,
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, CITY HALL, }
October 7, 1880.

COL. N. VAN SLYCK, CITY SOLICITOR :

DEAR SIR :—Chapter 815 of the public laws provides that “a board of public works is hereby established in the city of Providence, to be composed of two persons, together with the city engineer of the city of Providence, which two persons shall be elected by the city council by concurrent vote of the two branches thereof.” * * * “Said board may elect one

of their members to act as president of the board, and two of the board shall be a quorum for the exercise of all the powers and the performance of all the duties of the board."

September 24 ultimo, the board of aldermen elected the following persons as members of the board of public works: *First*, Lodowick Brayton; *second*, Samuel B. Swan. October 4th instant, the common council elected the following persons as members of the board: *First*, Samuel B. Swan; *second*, Charles Anthony.

It thus appears that Samuel B. Swan has been elected by both branches of the city council, and is therefore a member of the board of public works.

Will you kindly inform me whether in your opinion, after Mr. Swan has been duly engaged, he, with the city engineer, can legally proceed to organize the board of public works and discharge the duties incumbent on the members thereof, or is it necessary that the city council shall elect both members of the board before its organization can be effected?

Yours truly,

THOMAS A. DOYLE, Mayor.

[COPY.]

CITY SOLICITOR'S OFFICE, }
City of Providence, October 7, 1880. }

HON. THOMAS A. DOYLE, MAYOR, &C. :

DEAR SIR:—In reply to yours of this date, I have the honor to say that in my judgment, the clause you quote is only applicable, after the city council has elected two members, and until such action it is incompetent for Mr. Swan, together with the city engineer, to organize said board of public works, or to discharge the duties incumbent on the members thereof.

Truly, yours,

N. VAN SLYCK, City Solicitor.

A communication from Stillman White, declining to be a candidate for election upon the board of public works, is presented, read and received, and ordered communicated to the board of aldermen.

A special election is ordered to be held in the fifth ward on Tuesday, November 2, 1880, for the purpose of electing a member of the common council to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Charles Anthony.

IN CITY COUNCIL.

No. 355. Resolution to substitute small granite blocks on Westminster street.

[Approved October 13, 1880.]

RESOLVED, That the joint committee on highways, are hereby authorized to substitute small granite blocks satisfactory to the city engineer, between the railroad tracks on that portion of Westminster street, from Walker street to Jackson street, provided that satisfactory arrangements can be made with the contractors therefor, without additional expense to the city.

No. 356. Resolution authorizing the City Auditor to transfer surplus Appropriations.

[Approved October 13, 1880.]

RESOLVED, That for the purpose of closing the various accounts for the fiscal year ending Sept. 30, 1880, the city auditor is hereby authorized to transfer the surplus of any appropriation unexpended at that time, to any other appropriation, when the balance is insufficient to meet the expenditures ordered by the city council, and also to balance all accounts that may have been exhausted, with such appropriations as may be found necessary.

No. 357. Resolution to employ an additional assistant Grammar School teacher.

[Approved October 13, 1880.]

RESOLVED, That the school committee be, and they are hereby authorized to employ one assistant grammar school teacher, in addition to the number prescribed by ordinance and by resolution No. 331, approved September 27, 1880, and that the authority herein granted date from September 1, 1880.

No. 358. Resolution requesting the Board of Aldermen to lay out Oxford street.

[Approved October 13, 1880.]

RESOLVED, That the board of aldermen be, and they are hereby requested to lay out Oxford street from Burnside street to the westerly line of Miner street, as a public highway.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

OCTOBER 14, 1880.

The weekly report of the Dexter Asylum, quarterly report of the superintendent of lights, and quarterly report of the inspector of milk, are severally read and received.

The pay roll of the bridge department, amounting to \$58.66, is examined and allowed.

John L. Hughes is elected an undertaker.

Licenses to buy and sell junk and second hand articles, are severally granted to the following persons, viz. :

Patrick W. Boyle, at No. 30 Howell street; George Langstaff, at No. 200 North Main street.

Mildred Leary, is granted a license to keep a victualling house at No. 1004 High street.

The following named persons are designated and appointed to remove swill and offal as follows, viz. :

James W. Allen, from No. 2 Page street ; Byron Mathewson, from Clarendon Hotel on North Main street ; and Henry Ziegler, from Nos. 182, 264 and 733 North Main street, and No. 214 Charles street.

Permission to operate steam boilers, is granted as follows, viz. :

Day Sons & Co., at No. 106 Dyer street ; and the Providence and Springfield Railroad Co., on Harris avenue.

Permission to build barns, is granted to the following persons, viz. :

Martin Hunt, opposite No. 214 Branch avenue ; and Jesse Smith on Vale street.

Edward L. Doyle is granted permission to erect two flag poles on Randall square.

A resolution is read and passed, directing the superintendent of lights to set up lamps as follows, viz. : Bacon court two lamps, Maple street one lamp, Sutton street one lamp, and Wesleyan avenue three lamps.

The report of the street committee, relative to a change of grade on Westminster street in front of the estate of Stephen Brownell, is read and received, and it is ordered that the further consideration of the matter, be indefinitely postponed.

The following resolutions are read and passed, viz. :

Granting permission to the Inter State Telephone Company to construct, maintain and operate telephone lines, and to the Mutual Union Telegraph Company, to construct, maintain and operate telegraph lines, in certain highways and public streets of the city.

Upon the petition of Patrick Kelly, to remove swill and

offal from the Rhode Island Hospital, it is ordered, that the petitioner have leave to withdraw.

The following resolutions having passed the common council, are read, and the board of aldermen do not concur therein, viz. :

Appropriating four thousand dollars for the erection of a dwelling house at Roger Williams park ;

Directing the joint committee on sewers to examine the condition of the catch basins of the sewers emptying into the harbor.

A communication from Stillman White, declining to be a candidate for election upon the board of public works, is read.

Obadiah Brown is elected a member of the board of public works.

IN COMMON COUNCIL.

OCTOBER 18, 1880.

Upon the petition of Henry W. Blanding, for damages, it is ordered that the petitioner have leave to withdraw.

Charles Anthony is elected a member of the board of public works.

IN CITY COUNCIL.

No. 359. Resolution authorizing the conveyance of certain Land in the Brook Street District, to Ellen Wright.

[Passed in Common Council, September 24, 1880. Passed in Board of Aldermen October 5, 1880. Became a law upon the adjournment of the Common Council, October 18, 1880.]

RESOLVED, That the joint special committee on the Brook street district, are hereby authorized to cause to be conveyed to Ellen Wright, widow of James H. Wright, a certain lot of land

in the Brook street district, bounded and described as follows, viz. :

Beginning at a point in the northerly line of India street at a distance of one hundred forty-nine and eighty-seven one hundredths (149.87) feet, easterly from a point in the northeasterly corner of India street and Gano street; thence in an easterly direction in the northerly line of said India street for a distance of one hundred eighty-nine and forty-seven one hundredths (189.47) feet; thence in a northerly direction making an interior angle of ninety (90) degrees for a distance of one hundred ninety-six and forty-nine one hundredths (196.49) feet; thence in a westerly direction making an interior angle of ninety (90) degrees for a distance of one hundred eighty-nine and forty-seven one hundredths (189.47) feet; thence in a southerly direction making an interior angle of ninety (90) degrees for the distance of one hundred ninety-six and forty-nine one hundredths (196.49) feet to the point of beginning, being lots numbered sixty, sixty-one, sixty-two, sixty-three, sixty-four, and five hundred forty-seven on assessors' plat number seventeen, upon the execution of such papers as shall be required by the city solicitor.

No. 360. Resolution directing the City Engineer to report a plan for the better Drainage of Surface Water on Eddy street, south of Thurber's avenue.

[Approved October 20, 1880.]

RESOLVED, That the city engineer is hereby directed to report as soon as possible a plan for the better drainage of the surface water from that part of Eddy street south of Thurber's avenue and other streets in that immediate vicinity, with estimates of the cost of the same.

No. 361. Resolution to lay Water Pipes in Tell and Tower streets.

[Approved October 20, 1880.]

RESOLVED, That the water commissioners are hereby instructed, in accordance with their recommendation, to cause six inch water pipes to be laid as follows, viz. : about one hundred and twenty-two feet in Tell street, westerly from Knight street, and about one hundred and ten feet in Tower street, northerly from Atwell's avenue.

No. 362. Resolution accepting gift of Alexander Burgess to the North Burial Ground Fund.

[Approved October 20, 1880.]

RESOLVED, That the gift of Alexander Burgess of the sum of one hundred dollars to the commissioners of the North Burial Ground, in trust, the income thereof to be applied under the provisions of chapter 367 of the public laws, to the preservation and care of the burial lot standing in the name of the said Burgess in said ground, be and the same is hereby accepted by the city council under the name of the Alexander Burgess fund.

No. 363. Resolution accepting gift of Alexander Burgess to the North Burial Ground Fund.

[Approved October 20, 1880.]

RESOLVED, That the gift of Alexander Burgess of the sum of one hundred dollars to the commissioners of the North Burial Ground, in trust, the income thereof to be applied under the provisions of chapter 367 of the public laws, to the preservation and care of the burial lot standing in the name of Alpheus Burgess in said ground, be and the same is hereby accepted by the city council, under the name of the Alpheus Burgess fund.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

OCTOBER 21, 1880.

The weekly report of the Dexter Asylum is read and received.

Licenses are granted as follows :

To Bates Brothers, to keep a victualling house at No. 80 Weybosset street ; to Robert Campbell, to buy and sell junk and second hand articles on Bendemeer street, near Evans street ; and to John Mullen, to keep two pool tables at No. 119 Cranston street, until December 31, 1880.

Permission to operate steam boilers, is granted to the following persons, viz. :

Emerson Newell, at No. 210 Westminster street, and Spicers and Peckham, at No. 22 Exchange place.

The following persons are granted permission to build barns viz. :

Frederic Condit, on Grove street near Tobey street ; Silas M. Lackey, on Swan street ; and William Lovett, at the corner of Oakland avenue and Crown street.

Resolutions are read and passed as follows :

Amending resolution, passed October 14, 1880, granting permission to the Mutual Union Telegraph Company, to construct, maintain and operate a line of wires for telegraph use ;

Granting permission for the erection of two flag poles at the corner of Branch avenue and Charles street, and also at the corner of Chestnut and Ship streets.

Upon the petition of John Baxter and wife, for the remission of sewer assessment, it is ordered, that the petitioners have leave to withdraw.

Obadiah Brown is elected a member of the board of public works.

No. 364. Message of the Mayor, returning with his objections to the passage thereof, a resolution to continue Highway Work until the election of the Board of Public Works.

[Presented October 21, 1880.]

CITY OF PROVIDENCE,
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, CITY HALL, }
October 21, 1880.

GENTLEMEN OF THE COMMON COUNCIL :

A resolution in the words following, which originated in the common council on the 4th inst, has been presented for the executive approval, and is returned herewith :

RESOLVED, That the highway commissioners, acting under the direction of the joint standing committee on highways of the city council, are hereby directed to repair and amend the highways of this city from time to time, so that the same may be safe and convenient for travellers with their teams, carts and carriages at all seasons of the year, until the election of members of the board of public works, under chapter 815 of the public laws.

I object to the passage of the resolution because it is an open and wilful violation of the laws of the state, and will be a most mischievous precedent for future city councils.

The city solicitor on the 1st inst., in answer to a request of the board of aldermen, for his opinion on this mode of doing highway work, replied that it "would be but an attempt to circumvent the statute, and would be pregnant with danger to the city, to those doing it, and the members of the city council ordering or directing it."

It is a new departure in municipal legislation in this city, for the two branches of the city council to attempt to order an expenditure of the public money in open defiance of the statutes,

and of the opinion of the law department of the city thereon, and is such an extraordinary proceeding as to require that I should refer to the causes which have made an apparent necessity therefor.

The city council, becoming convinced of the inefficiency of the highway department and the expensive manner in which the work upon the highways was performed, made application to the general assembly for the establishment of a board of public works, which not only should possess the powers and perform the duties of highway commissioners, but should also combine therewith the water and sewer departments. This application was granted and an act passed in conformity therewith.

Owing to a misapprehension as to the provisions thereof, the highway commissioners were allowed to continue all work as though no change in the law had been made, except that the city council refused to permit them to superintend the repaving of Westminster street, although the plans and specifications therefor had been prepared by the city engineer and the work was to be done by contract. On the 16th of September last the city council was made aware of the full scope of the new act, and that all power exercised by surveyors of highways had been taken from the highway commissioners and conferred upon the board of public works, the members of which it was the duty of the city council to elect.

At the close of the fiscal year, September 30, refusing to be a participant in a longer infringement of the statutes, and believing that ample time had elapsed for the two branches of the city council to make such an election, I notified the highway commissioners that I should not draw any more drafts in violation of law, and since that date the work of the highway department has ceased.

The work on Westminster street has been used as a precedent for the passage of the resolution under consideration, but that was ordered by a resolution approved July 16, last, two months before the provisions of the public works act were gen-

erally known and understood. It cannot, therefore, be justly made a precedent for action, *known to be in violation of law*, and which has for its object the continuance of a system which the same two branches of the city council have so emphatically condemned. To perpetuate which under such circumstances, if persisted in, will justify an appeal to the courts by the taxpayers for the protection of their own interests.

My official oath and my duty, under the city charter, alike require that I shall exercise all the authority vested in the mayor to check such legislation, as is contemplated in the resolution herewith returned, when the whole matter can be so easily settled by the performance on the part of the two branches of the city council, of the plain and simple duty imposed upon them by the statutes, of electing a second member of the board of public works.

THOMAS A. DOYLE, Mayor.

No. 365. Resolution authorizing the Highway Commissioners to continue the Highway Work, until the election of the Board of Public Works.

[Passed in Common Council October 21, 1880, and in Board of Aldermen the same day, the objections of the Mayor to the contrary notwithstanding.]

RESOLVED, That the highway commissioners, acting under the direction of the joint standing committee on highways of the city council, are hereby directed to repair and amend the highways of this city "from time to time, so that the same may be safe and convenient for travellers with their teams, carts and carriages at all seasons of the year," until the election of members of the board of public works under chapter 815 of the public laws.

No. 366. Message of the Mayor, transmitting the resignation of Charles H. Hunt, of the office of Chief of Police.

[Presented October 23, 1880.]

CITY OF PROVIDENCE,
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, CITY HALL, }
October 23, 1880.

GENTLEMEN OF THE CITY COUNCIL :

I have received and transmit herewith the resignation of Charles H. Hunt, of the office of chief of police, to take effect on the first proximo. It is a matter of public regret that the city is to lose the services of this valuable officer, who has shown himself to be eminently fitted for the position, and who in his brief term of service has added greatly to the efficiency and discipline of the force.

THOMAS A. DOYLE, Mayor.

RESIGNATION.

OFFICE CHIEF OF POLICE, Oct 23, 1880.

TO THE HONORABLE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PROVIDENCE :

On the 20th day of the present month, I was elected Superintendent of the State Institutions in Cranston, which office I have accepted.

Thanking you for the confidence you have reposed in me, and the cordial support I have received at your hands, I hereby resign the office of chief of police, to take effect November 1, 1880.

CHARLES H. HUNT, Chief of Police.

No. 367. Resolution to transfer property of the Highway, Water, and Sewer Departments, to the Board of Public Works.

[Approved October 23, 1880.]

RESOLVED, That Messrs, Robbins, Millett and Carpenter,

of the common council, and aldermen Smith and Peckham be, and they hereby are appointed a committee to cause to be transferred, the property of the highway, water and sewer departments, to the board of public works.

IN COMMON COUNCIL.

OCTOBER 23, 1880.

Obadiah Slade is elected a member of the board of public works.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

OCTOBER 23, 1880.

Permission is granted to the Diamond Emery Wheel and Machine Co. to build a barn on Beverly street.

Upon the petition of Oliver S. Alysworth to keep a victualing house at No. 441 High street, it is ordered, that the petitioner have leave to withdraw.

Obadiah Slade is elected a member of the board of public works.

IN CITY COUNCIL.

No. 368. Monthly Report of the City Auditor.

[Presented October 18, 1880.]

City council file, October 21, 1880.

No. 369. Resolution relative to Alterations at the Fire Station on Harrison street.

[Approved October 25, 1880.]

RESOLVED, That the superintendent of public buildings,

acting under the advice and direction of the joint standing committee on city property be, and he is hereby directed to cause such alterations to be made at the fire station on Harrison street, as may be necessary to provide the additional facilities desired by the board of engineers of the fire department, and also to lay a plank floor in the ladder room at said station, provided the cost of the desired improvements, shall not exceed the sum of six hundred and twenty-five dollars; which sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for the purpose, is hereby appropriated, to be paid from the appropriation for public buildings.

No. 370. Resolution to lay Water Pipes in Vermont Street

[Approved October 25, 1880.]

RESOLVED, That the water commissioners in accordance with their recommendation, are hereby directed to cause to be laid about four hundred and eighty-two feet of six inch water pipes, in Vermont street, from Randall street to Nash lane.

No. 371. Resolution accepting gift of Mary Alice Earle, Executrix, to the North Burial Ground Fund.

[Approved October 25, 1880.]

RESOLVED, That the gift of Mary Alice Earle, of the sum of one hundred dollars to the commissioners of the North Burial Ground, in trust, the income thereof to be applied under the provisions of chapter 367 of the public laws, to the preservation and care of the burial lot standing in the name of William Earle in said ground, be and the same is hereby accepted under the name of the William Earle fund.

No. 372. Semi-Annual Report of the City Solicitor.

[Presented October 21, 1880.]

City document No. 23.

No. 373. Monthly Report of the City Treasurer.

[Presented October 21, 1880.]

City council file, October 21, 1880.

No. 374. Resolution remitting to Marion G. Jennings, the sum of \$32.40, amount of tax erroneously assessed.

[Approved October 25, 1880.]

RESOLVED, That the tax of thirty-two dollars and forty cents, assessed against Marion G. Jennings, a resident of Fall River, Massachusetts, on personal property in 1880, be remitted; said tax having been assessed upon stock, erroneously returned to the assessors, as standing in the name of the said Jennings.

No. 375. Resolution to furnish Beadsteads for the Richmond street Fire Station.

[Approved October 25, 1880.]

RESOLVED, That the committee on city property are hereby authorized to remove the bunks in the fire station on Richmond street, and to purchase seven beadsteads for the use of the firemen in said station; the expense to be paid from the appropriation for public buildings.

No. 376. Message of the Mayor, transmitting the resignation of Obadiah Slade as a member of the Board of Public Works, together with a communication of Samuel B. Swan.

[Presented October 27, 1880.]

CITY OF PROVIDENCE,
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, CITY HALL, }
October 27, 1880.

GENTLEMEN OF THE CITY COUNCIL :

I have this day received from Mr. Obadiah Slade a communication, in which he declines to accept the office of a member of the board of public works, and I transmit the same herewith.

The necessity for an early organization of the board is of such vast importance to the interests of the city that I have requested the attendance of both branches of the city council at the earliest practicable time to consider the matter.

Since the reception of the declination of Mr. Slade I have received from Mr. Swan, a member-elect of the board of public works, a communication, which I transmit herewith. The position of Mr. Swan, it will be observed, is most honorable, in that he expresses his entire willingness to sacrifice his own personal wishes to meet the views of the city council and will cheerfully accept the membership on the board of public works or retire therefrom, as the two branches of the city council may decide to be for the best interests of the city.

THOMAS A. DOYLE, Mayor.

PROVIDENCE, Oct. 26, 1880.

TO HIS HONOR THOMAS A. DOYLE, MAYOR :

SIR:—Having been advised that by the favor of the city council, I have been elected a member of the board of public works for the term of one year, dating from March 1st, 1880, and in view of the fact that I already hold one position of responsibility and trust, the duties of which will demand for the remainder of the year all the time and attention that a public

officer should reasonably be expected to give, and which duties, in my opinion, cannot at this time be very satisfactorily delegated to another, therefore, though not unmindful of the honor conferred by the city council in my election as a member of the board, I do most respectfully decline to qualify for the same, believing that the public good, no less than my own interest and pleasure, will be best subserved by this decision.

Very respectfully,
OBADIAH SLADE.

HON. THOMAS A. DOYLE, MAYOR:

DEAR SIR:—That there may be no misunderstanding in reference to my present feeling as regards the board of public works, to which I have been elected a member, I have to say that, while I have no desire for the office, preferring rather to remain in my present position, yet for the purpose of organizing and relieving the city from their present dilemma, I am ready and willing to qualify; and if upon reflection of the city council, it is for the best interests of the city (which I do not believe) to remain a permanent member of the board, or if two members can be elected quicker than one, my declination is at your disposal, which you will find herewith, to be used as circumstances may require.

Respectfully yours, SAMUEL B. SWAN.

Providence, Oct. 27, 1880.

No. 377. Communication of Samuel B. Swan, declining to be a member of the Board of Public Works.

[Presented October 27, 1880.]

TO THE HONORABLE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PROVIDENCE:

GENTLEMEN:—I have received from the city clerk a certificate of my election as a member of the board of public works, and am fully sensible of the high honor thereby conferred. After mature reflection and a full and careful consideration of the important trust which will rest upon the members of said board, I am constrained to believe that the best interests of the city will not be promoted by my acceptance of the position, I therefore respectfully decline the office. I beg to return to the members of the two branches of the city council, my grateful ac-

knowledge for the confidence so generously expressed by my election, which was both unsolicited and unexpected.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

SAMUEL B. SWAN.

Providence, Oct. 21, 1880.

No. 378. Resolution requesting the Board of Aldermen to lay out Peace street.

[Approved October 28, 1880.]

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

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

OCTOBER 27, 1880.

The pay roll for labor in cleaning the catch basins, amounting to \$126.53, is presented, examined and allowed.

OCTOBER 28, 1880.

The weekly report of the Dexter Asylum is read and received.

License is granted to Charles H. Underwood to keep a victualling house at No. 35 Harkness street.

The following persons are elected members of the board of public works, viz. :

Lodowick Brayton, Obadiah Brown.

NOVEMBER 3, 1880.

The weekly report of the Dexter Asylum is read and received.

The following accounts are examined and allowed, viz. :

MISCELLANEOUS BILLS.

Edwin E. Calder, inspector of milk.....	\$50 00	Labor pay roll, lamp department.....	\$135 65
A. E. Field & Son, health department.....	550 00	Pay roll, sewer maintenance.	253 22
Pay roll, lamp department..	2,511 71	Pay roll, cleaning catch basins	323 33

BRIDGE BILLS.

Belcher Bros.....	\$29 14	Providence Furniture Co....	\$3 20
G. M. Freeborn & Co.....	58 59	George Hutchins.....	7 38
Clarence H. Carpenter.....	26 82	Dexter, Gorton & Co.....	4 50
Francis S. Turner.....	7 00	Stephen P. Henry....	13 29
Arthur C. Williams.....	23 28	James H. Munroe.....	5 00
Winsor & Mowry.....	7 29	Hopkins, Pomroy & Co.....	17 04
L. F. Pease.....	8 00	Pay roll, Point street bridge..	286 75
J. L. Pierce & Co.....	26 75	Pay roll.....	72 60
Henry M. Angell & Co.....	304 93		

POLICE BILLS.

Henry C. Moulton.....	\$10 23	Louis Pequet.....	\$55 05
John T. Brown.....	66 17	Hopkins, Pomroy & Co.....	470 25
T. W. Rounds & Co.....	8 34	Angell & Barney.....	328 06
Billings Bros.....	9 01	Janitor's pay roll.....	286 50
J. E. Sturdy.....	15 56	Mason & Moran.....	100 37
James J. Monally.....	60 00	National Band.....	52 00
Freeman N. Rose.....	50 28	Pay roll.....	13,847 02

Benjamin W. Whipple is designated and appointed to remove swill and offal from the corner of Weybosset and Peck streets.

Permission is granted as follows : viz. :

To Robert Pettis, to build a barn at No. 65 Bernon street ; and to William Kerr, to operate a steam boiler at No. 235 Westminster street.

The following resolutions are read and passed :

Allowing the keeper of Red Bridge the sum of three dollars per week, for additional assistance, until the close of the present municipal year ;

Designating the places for holding the ward meetings at the election to be held Tuesday, November 23, 1880 ;

Directing the city clerk to print eight thousand ballots "for" and the same number "against" the granting of license for the sale of intoxicating liquors.

Cauvass meetings are ordered to be held on Wednesday, November 17, 1880, and Saturday November 20, 1880, at 7.30 o'clock P. M.

Upon the petition of Oliver P. Fuller, for permission to operate a steam boiler at the corner of Chapin avenue and Messer street, it is ordered, that the petitioner have leave to withdraw.

Jurors are drawn to serve at the December term of the court of common pleas, and at the November term of the United States circuit court, respectively.

The votes cast at the election held in the fifth ward on Tuesday, November 2, 1880, for common councilman, are counted in open board meeting, and Charles Anthony having received the largest number of ballots, is declared to be duly elected, and the clerk is directed to furnish him with a certificate of his election.

Samuel B. Swan is elected a member of the board of public works.

A message from the mayor, objecting to the passage of an ordinance relative to the salary of police officers, passed by the board of aldermen October 14, 1880, and by the common council on the eighteenth of the same month, is read as follows, and a motion that the said ordinance pass, the objections of the mayor to the contrary notwithstanding, is put to vote and lost, less than three-fifths of all the members elected to the board of aldermen voting in the affirmative :

CITY OF PROVIDENCE,
 EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, CITY HALL, }
 November 3, 1880.

GENTLEMEN OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN :

I object to the passage of the bill entitled "An ordinance in amendment of chapter cviii. of the ordinances entitled 'An ordinance fixing the salaries of the police officers of the city of Providence,'" which passed the board of aldermen October 14th last, and which is returned herewith.

The principle of a graded pay for members of the patrol force is correct, but the proposed bill is defective, in that the entire matter of increasing or reducing the pay will rest upon the will of the chief of police, without the right of appeal therefrom.

Section 1 provides that the pay may be increased, under certain circumstances, but it must first be recommended by the chief of police, and in section 3 it is provided that the pay may be reduced or advanced by the board of aldermen, but only on the recommendation of the same officer.

For these reasons I object to the enactment of the bill.

THOMAS A. DOYLE, Mayor.

 IN COMMON COUNCIL.

NOVEMBER 3, 1880.

The following named persons are elected members of the board of public works, viz. :

Obadiah Brown, Samuel B. Swan.

A message from the mayor, objecting to the passage of an ordinance relative to the salary of the chief of police, passed by the common council October 21, 1880, and by the board of aldermen the same day with an amendment, which amendment

is concurred by the common council on the same day, is read as follows, and a motion that said ordinance pass, the objections of the mayor to the contrary notwithstanding, is put to vote and lost, less than three-fifths of all the members elected to the common council voting in the affirmative :

CITY OF PROVIDENCE,
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, CITY HALL, }
November 3, 1880.

GENTLEMEN OF THE COMMON COUNCIL :

I return without my approval a bill entitled "an ordinance in amendment of chapter 144 of the ordinances of the city of Providence," providing a salary of three thousand dollars for the office of chief of police, which was passed in the common council, October 21, last.

I object to the bill for the reason that the proposed sum is altogether disproportionate to the compensation of the other officers and members of the police department, to the salaries of other officers of the city and to those paid to the various chiefs of police of other cities.

I ask your attention to the following statistics : First, the salary of the deputy chief of police is but fifteen hundred dollars per annum, and of a captain of police less than twelve hundred dollars, while the patrolmen receive not exceeding \$2.75 per day. Second, the city treasurer, who is under bonds for sixty thousand dollars, is paid but two hundred dollars more than the proposed compensation for the chief of police ; the salary of the chief of the fire department is two thousand dollars ; of the overseer of the poor, who disburses large sums of money annually, eighteen hundred dollars ; and the superintendent of lights but fourteen hundred dollars per annum. Third, the superintendent of police of Boston, with a force of about seven hundred men, receives three thousand dollars per annum ; the marshal of Baltimore, with about six hundred police, receives twenty-five hundred dollars ; the chief of police of Philadelphia,

with a force of thirteen hundred and fifty-one, receives the same salary as is now paid to the chief in this city, viz., twenty-two hundred and fifty dollars; the superintendent of Cincinnati, with a force of three hundred and forty, receives twenty-five hundred dollars; and the chief of Jersey City, with a force of one hundred and fifty-four men, seventeen hundred and ninety dollars per annum.

The pay of the various members of the police force in this city might with propriety be revised, and a better schedule adopted than at present exists, but such a large advance as is proposed in the new bill ought not to be made, and I am confident it could not have passed the two branches of the city council had the matter received the consideration to which it was entitled.

THOMAS A. DOYLE, Mayor.

IN CITY COUNCIL.

No. 379. Resolution to lay Water Pipes in Niagara and Flora streets.

[Approved November 5, 1880.]

RESOLVED, That the water commissioners are hereby instructed in accordance with their recommendation, to cause to be laid about two hundred and twenty-three feet of six inch water pipes in Niagara street, northerly from the pipes in Potter's avenue; and about three hundred and twelve feet of six inch water pipes in Flora street, southwesterly, from the pipes in Branch avenue.

No. 380. Resolution fixing the salaries of Laddermen and Tillermen in the Fire Department.

[Approved November 5, 1880.]

RESOLVED, That resolution No. 351, approved October 9,

1880, be hereby rescinded, and that from and after the first day of October, 1880, and until otherwise resolved, the salaries of drivers and tillermen attached to the ladder service of the fire department, be at a rate to be fixed by the board of engineers, not exceeding the following named sums :

The driver and tillerman of hook and ladder truck No. 1, six hundred and fifty dollars each per annum.

The drivers and tillermen of hook and ladder trucks Nos. 2, 3 and 4, each six hundred dollars per annum, payable monthly ; and that the city treasurer be authorized to pay the same, from the appropriation for the fire department.

No. 381. Resolution to pay the Firemen.

[Approved November 5, 1880.]

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer be authorized to pay the permanent members of the fire department for services rendered during the month of November, 1880, at a rate to be fixed by the board of engineers, not exceeding the rate paid for the month of October, 1880.

No. 382. Monthly Report of the City Auditor.

[Presented November 3, 1880.]

City council file, November 3, 1880.

IN CONVENTION.

NOVEMBER 8, 1880.

John T. Brown is elected chief of police.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

NOVEMBER 8, 1880.

The weekly report of the Dexter asylum and monthly report of the inspector of steam boilers are severally read and received.

Joseph P. Cory is granted permission to operate a steam boiler on Congress street, near Niagara street.

Permission is granted to the following persons to build barns, viz. :

William Daly, on Newark street ; Charles S. Edwards, at No. 99 Point street ; John H. Springer, at No. 6 Quince street, and John Tatersall, at No. 14 Pleasant street.

IN COMMON COUNCIL.

NOVEMBER 8, 1880.

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

Ellen Thornley, executrix ; Ella L. Harris, executrix ; James C. Goff, executor ; James C. Goff, executor of the estate of George W. Hall ; Ella L. Harris, executrix, and John T. Raftery, severally for the remission of tax.

A resolution to remit the tax of twenty-seven dollars assessed against Ellen Thornley, executrix, having passed the board of aldermen, is read, and the common council do not concur therein.

 IN CITY COUNCIL.

 No. 383. Message of the Mayor, relative to payment
of salaries of Highway Commissioners.

[Presented November 8, 1880.]

CITY OF PROVIDENCE,
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, CITY HALL, }
November 8, 1880. }

GENTLEMEN OF THE CITY COUNCIL :

The salary of the highway commissioners for the month of October is withheld by the city auditor, because the inventory of property belonging to the highway department, which the commissioners are required to make, has not been completed. The reason given by them for not delivering the inventory is, that they have been awaiting the election of the board of public works, in order that it might be done simultaneously with the transfer of the property.

There would seem to be sufficient law to secure the performance of their duty by the retiring commissioners without subjecting them and their families to the annoyance and inconvenience which they are now experiencing.

THOMAS A. DOYLE, Mayor.

No. 384. Organization of Board of Public Works.

[Presented November 8, 1880.]

BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS, }
OFFICE, CITY HALL, }
PROVIDENCE, R. I., November 8, 1880. }

TO THE HONORABLE THE CITY COUNCIL :

The board of public works respectfully report, that the two members elected by the city council having been duly engaged, the board has organized by the election of Samuel B. Swan, president, and the appointment of Clinton D. Sellew, secretary.

The city engineer has been requested to act as superintendent of the water, sewer and highway departments, and has consented to do so.

The board has taken the rooms occupied by the late board of water commissioners, for the transaction of office business, and for the present will meet daily, Sundays excepted, at 10 o'clock A. M.

SAMUEL B. SWAN,	}	Board
OBADIAH BROWN,		of
SAMUEL M. GRAY,		Public Works.

No. 385. Monthly Report of the Finance Committee on the issue of Registered Bonds.

[Presented November 8, 1880.]

City Council file, November 8, 1880.

No. 386. Monthly Report of the City Treasurer on the issue of Registered Bonds.

[Presented November 8, 1880.]

City council file, November 8, 1880.

No. 387. Monthly Report of the Chief Engineer of the Fire Department.

[Presented November 8, 1880.]

City council file, November 8, 1880.

No. 388. Monthly Report of the City Messenger for October.

[Presented November 8, 1880.]

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

In accordance with section 11, of chapter xxxvi of the ordi-

nances, the city messenger reports that during the month of October last, the city hall and the sidewalks around the same have been kept, and are now, in good condition. There has been paid during the month the following bills, viz. :

For temporary carpet in council chamber.....	\$60 50
For repairs in boiler-room and on sidewalks.....	171 01
For ice from Jan. 1 to Sept. 30, 1880.....	205 25
For gas for quarter ending Sept. 30.....	267 15
For pay rolls.....	692 70
For painting sky-light.....	66 00
For new seals for board of aldermen and municipal court.....	48 85
For quarterly bills for incidental supplies and repairs.	294 93

Respectfully submitted,

EDWARD S. RHODES, City Messenger.

No. 389. Report of Committee on City Property, upon purchase of School Lot on Penn street.

[Presented November 8, 1880.]

TO THE HONORABLE THE CITY COUNCIL :

The joint standing committee on city property, who by resolution No. 230, current series, were directed to purchase a school lot in the vicinity of America and Penn streets, the cost of the same not to exceed the sum of six thousand dollars, respectfully report :

That they have purchased of the mortgagee of Samuel G. Arnold, 11,606.39 square feet of land on Penn street, in close proximity to the corner of America street, the total cost of which was \$4,642.55.

They further report, that the deed and title are satisfactory to the city solicitor, and his certificate to this effect accompanies the deed.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES McNALLY, Chairman.

No. 390. Resolution to build a School House on Penn street.

[Approved November 9, 1880.]

RESOLVED, That the joint standing committee on education be, and they are hereby authorized and directed to cause a four-room wooden school house to be erected on the lot, owned by the city, on Penn street, provided, that the cost of the same shall not exceed the sum of seven thousand dollars; said sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary for said purpose, is hereby appropriated, to be paid from the appropriation for school houses and lots.

No. 391. Resolution to remit the sum of \$229.50 erroneously assessed against Elizabeth B. Welch.

[Approved November 9, 1880.]

RESOLVED, That the tax of two hundred and twenty-nine dollars and fifty cents, assessed against Elizabeth B. Welch, on personal property, in 1880, be remitted, said Welch being domiciled in the town of Warren, R. I., when such assessment was erroneously made.

No. 392. Resolution relative to a lot of land, formerly occupied by Fire Company No. 4, situated on the west side of Benefit street, near Transit street.

[Approved November 9, 1880.]

RESOLVED, That the joint standing committee on city property be, and they are hereby instructed to inquire into and report the reason why the "lot on the west side of Benefit street, near Transit street, formerly occupied by fire company No. 4," has been dropped from the schedule of city property, together with such other information relating to said lot, as the committee may be enabled to obtain.

No. 393. Resolution appropriating \$25,000 for the
Water Works.

[Approved November 9, 1880.]

RESOLVED, That the sum of twenty-five thousand dollars is hereby added to the appropriation for the construction of the water works, and the city treasurer, acting under the advice of the committee on finance, is hereby authorized to hire the same.

No. 394. Resolution to curb a portion of Promenade
street, and bring the same to the established grade.

[Approved November 9, 1880.]

RESOLVED, That the board of public works be, and they are hereby directed to cause Promenade street, from Park street to the old city line, to be brought to the established grade, the curb-stones set, the gutters paved and street graveled, at a cost not to exceed one thousand and seventy-eight dollars, to be paid out of the appropriation for highways, for setting curb-stones.

No. 395. Resolution to pay the claim of George S.
Thurston and wife, for damages to their estate, caused
by the overflow of water from Eddy street.

[Approved November 9, 1880.]

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer is hereby directed to pay George S. Thurston and wife the sum of fifty dollars, in settlement of their claim against the city, presented September 2nd, 1880, whenever the said George S. Thurston and wife shall execute a release to the city satisfactory to the city solicitor, of all claims for damages arising from the overflow of water from Eddy street upon their estate, situated on said street, said payment to be charged to the appropriation for contingencies.

No. 396. Resolution ordering a Sewer in Summer street.

[Approved November 9, 1880.]

RESOLVED, That the board of public works, are hereby directed to cause a main drain or common sewer to be constructed in Summer street, from a point about eighty feet from High street, to the sewer in Pond street, at a cost not exceeding four hundred and fifty dollars, to be paid from any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

No. 397. Resolution ordering a Sewer in Union street.

[Approved November 9, 1880.]

RESOLVED, That the board of public works, are hereby directed to cause a main drain or common sewer to be constructed in Union street, from a point about one hundred feet north of Washington street, through said Union street to Washington street, at a cost not exceeding three hundred and sixteen dollars, the same to be paid from any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

No. 398. Resolution to repair the Gaspee Street Bridge.

[Approved November 15, 1880.]

RESOLVED, That the sub-committee on bridges be hereby authorized and directed to cause the Gaspee street bridge to be repaired, provided the expense thereof shall not exceed three thousand seven hundred and fifty dollars, to be charged to the appropriation for bridges.

No. 399. Resolution remitting tax erroneously assessed against Edward McCabe, Executor of the Estate of Hugh Gorman, amounting to \$40.50.

[Approved November 19, 1880.]

RESOLVED, That the tax of forty dollars and fifty cents assessed against Edward McCabe, executor of estate of Hugh Gorman, on personal property in 1880, be remitted, the same having been erroneously assessed.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

NOVEMBER 18, 1880.

The weekly report of the Dexter asylum and monthly report of the overseer of the poor are severally read and received.

The following accounts are severally examined and allowed, viz. :

Prov. Gas Co., lamp dep't..	\$147 03	Geo. W. Wightman, support	
Henry Blundell, " " ...	2 95	of poor.....	\$213 23
Pay roll, sewer maintenance.	109 13	Steam Tug George Bullock,	
Pay roll, " " " "	53 89	health department.....	5 00
Hotel Dorrance	7 00		

License to buy and sell junk and second hand articles is granted to the following persons, viz. :

James King, at No. 188 South street; Larry Sullivan, residing at the corner of West River street and Low street.

The following persons are granted a license to keep victualing houses, viz. :

Allen G. Matthews, at No. 182 Broad street; Louis Richard, at No. 6 Meeting street.

Patrick Kelly is designated and appointed to remove swill and offal from the Rhode Island Hospital.

License is granted to Donald Henderson to keep a pawn-broker's shop at No. 428 High street.

Permission to operate steam boilers is granted to the following persons, viz. :

Corbett & Black, at No. 57 Weybosset street; Remington & Barber, at No. 27 Potter street; and Shepard & Co., at No. 227 Westminster street.

The following persons are granted permission to connect their estates with the drains in the streets as follows, viz. :

Charlotte R. Goddard, at No. 33 South Main street; and Toye & Holmes, in Doyle avenue.

The superintendent of lights is directed to set up one lamp on Brown street.

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

Helmuth Schmidt, to keep a victualling house at No. 55 South Main street; and George H. Reynolds, to keep a tavern at Nos. 81 and 83 Dorrance street.

The following policemen are appointed, viz. :

Thomas F. McCusker,	John A. Donnelly,
John W. Kerwin,	Joseph S. Prew,
Wm. W. D. F. Bowers,	Marshall E. Brown,
Frank A. Matthews,	

NOVEMBER 24, 1880.

The weekly report of the Dexter Asylum is read and received.

The following accounts are examined and allowed, viz. :

George W. Wightman, Char- ble building.....	\$2 04	Geo. E. Thompson, streets,	\$24 00
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Charles L. Ellis is appointed an auctioneer.

The votes cast at the city election held on the fourth Tuesday in November, 1880, are counted in open board meeting, and the clerk is directed to furnish to each of the persons declared to be duly elected, a certificate of their election.

 IN COMMON COUNCIL.

 NOVEMBER 29, 1880.

A resolution relative to surface water on Eddy street and Thurber's avenue, is read and indefinitely postponed.

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

W. C. Burlingame, for the abatement of tax; James E. Corcoran, for damages for injuries received on Dorrance street; William Hardman, for the remission of tax; John Kelly, et. al., for increase of wages; James T. Kennedy, et. al., for concrete sidewalks on Manton avenue; Michael Kenny and Patrick Donnelly for relief in the matter of Senter street; and F. Coggeshall, et. al., for the lay out of Manning street.

 IN CITY COUNCIL.

No. 400. Resolution to construct a Sewer in Humboldt and Taber Avenues.

[Approved November 30, 1880.]

RESOLVED, That the board of public works are hereby directed to cause a main drain or common sewer to be constructed from a point about 115 feet from Arlington avenue in Humboldt avenue through the latter avenue and Taber avenue to Angell street at a cost not to exceed three thousand six hundred and ninety-five dollars, to be paid from the appropriation for sewers.

No. 401. Resolution authorizing the Board of Public Works to construct certain sewers.

[Approved November 30, 1880.]

RESOLVED, That the board of public works are hereby authorized to construct, by day work or otherwise, in their discretion, the two sewers ordered under resolutions numbered 396 and 397, current series, and also the sewers in Humboldt and Taber avenues, and in Pitman street.

No. 402. Declination of John T. Brown of the office
of Chief of Police.

[Presented November 18, 1880.]

CITY HALL,
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF POLICE, }
PROVIDENCE, November 18, 1880. }

TO THE HONORABLE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PRO-
VIDENCE :

GENTLEMEN :—I have received notice of my election, by your honorable body, to the office of chief of police of the city of Providence on the eighth inst. I take the first opportunity afforded me by a meeting of either branch of the city council, to express to you my sincere thanks for the confidence expressed by your unanimous vote, but preferring to remain in my present position, I respectfully decline to accept the office.

Respectfully,

JOHN T. BROWN,
Deputy Chief of Police.

No. 403. Message of the Mayor relative to the an-
nexation of a portion of the town of Johnston.

[Presented November 18, 1880.]

CITY OF PROVIDENCE,
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, CITY HALL, }
November 18, 1880. }

GENTLEMEN OF THE CITY COUNCIL :

Manton avenue and High street form a continuous highway from Market square to the city line, near Manton, a small portion of which at their junction is in the town of Johnston, and is the cause of considerable trouble to the citizens of the vicinity, as well as to the police of the sixth precinct. With the latter the difficulty increases from year to year, and is

becoming quite serious in its nature from the fact that prisoners have to be taken into this portion of Johnston on their way to the station, and citizens have been compelled to lend their aid to prevent the officers from being overpowered and the prisoner taken from them by roughs who collect at that point. The entire thoroughfare and the large square at the junction of the two streets should be under the police protection of the city, and with a view to this I have already brought the matter to the attention of the town council of Johnston.

To accomplish the object it will require the annexation of a small portion of the town to the city, and as the tax collected therefrom is hardly equal to the expenditure required to be made annually to keep the portions of Tar bridge and the two streets belonging to the town in order, there would seem to be little difficulty in securing the consent of the town to the annexation, while the increased advantage to the city would be an ample return for the small outlay.

I recommend that the matter be referred to a committee to confer with the authorities of Johnston thereon, with a view to securing the annexation of the territory at the next session of the general assembly.

THOMAS A. DOYLE, Mayor.

No. 404. Resolution referring the Message of the Mayor, relative to the annexation of a portion of the town of Johnston.

[Approved December 4, 1880.]

RESOLVED, That the message of the mayor relative to the annexation of a portion of the town of Johnston be referred to Aldermen Greene and Gorman, and Messrs. Woods, Robbins and Morris of the common council, with instructions to confer with the authorities of said town and to report to either branch of the city council all facts and information relative to such annexation.

No. 405. Message of the Mayor relative to the highway appropriation.

[Presented November 18, 1880.]

CITY OF PROVIDENCE,
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, CITY HALL, }
November 18, 1880.

GENTLEMEN OF THE CITY COUNCIL:

The organization of the board of public works does away with the necessity for a division of the highway appropriation, which has heretofore existed, and the entire amount can be safely left to the judgment of the board to be expended on such work as may be necessary, or may be from time to time ordered by the city council.

I therefore recommend that the annual appropriation ordinance, approved October 5, 1880, be so amended as to make the change contemplated.

THOMAS A. DOYLE, Mayor.

No 406. Resolution referring Message of the Mayor relative to an ordinance in amendment of the highway appropriation.

[Approved December 4, 1880.]

RESOLVED, That the message of the mayor in relation to the appropriation for highways, presented this day, together with the accompanying bill, be referred to the joint committee on finance, with authority to report thereon to either branch of the city council.

No. 407. Report of the Committee on City Debt,
upon the mode of payments for sewer construction.

[Presented November 18, 1880.]

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

The committee on the city debt, instructed by order of the board of aldermen, dated Sept. 2 last, "to examine the message of the mayor, presented to the city council Aug. 30, 1880, relative to the mode of payment for the construction of new sewers, and to report such action in relation to the matter as they may deem expedient," make this report :

The committee find that by order of the finance committee, the city treasurer has paid as they matured, from cash in the treasury, all the temporary loans made for the construction of sewers, which were comprised in the floating debt, and hence there is at this time no floating debt outstanding for sewer construction. There is now on hand, in cash, received from sewer assessments, upwards of \$50,000, which can only be applied to the building of new sewers, and there is also a considerable sum yet to be collected, which must be used for the same purpose.

The cost of sewer construction in this city is defrayed by an assessment of three-fifths of the cost upon abutting estates and two-fifths paid from the general tax. As the whole expenditure must first be taken from the city treasury, the money has been hired to do so much of the work as was to be subsequently paid for by assessment, and this sum has been carried in the floating debt. For the past two years no new sewers have been ordered, the city council preferring to receive the decision of the supreme court on the validity of the assessments before contracting further indebtedness therefor. In consequence of this course the city has now an accumulated capital which will, with prudent management, prevent the necessity of incurring any debt for ordinary sewer work.

The committee on the city debt deems it wise for the city council to fix upon a certain sum which shall be in its judgment a sufficient amount to expend during the fiscal year in sewer construction, and this sum shall be taken, three-fifths from the money received from sewer assessments, and the balance from any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

In the construction of trunk sewers, special arrangements must be made at the time the work is ordered, and the council will be governed in such cases by the necessity for the work and the amount of assessments on hand unexpended and to be collected.

In accordance with this view, your committee recommend the appropriation of twenty-five thousand dollars for the current fiscal year, and a resolution in accordance therewith is herewith presented.

A resolution also accompanies this report directing that the cost of constructing the two sewers, ordered by resolutions approved on the 9th inst., shall be charged to the appropriation for sewers, the passage of which is recommended.

Respectfully submitted by order of the committee,

THOMAS A. DOYLE.

Providence, November 18, 1880.

No. 408. Resolution appropriating \$25,000 for the construction of Sewers.

[Approved December 4, 1880.]

RESOLVED, That the sum of twenty-five thousand dollars is hereby appropriated for the construction of sewers; fifteen thousand dollars of said sum to be taken from any money in the treasury received from sewer assessments, and ten thousand dollars from any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

RESOLVED, That the city auditor be hereby directed to charge to the appropriation for sewers all sums expended under resolutions Nos. 396 and 397, approved November 9, 1880, for sewers in Summer and Union streets.

No. 409. Resolution to extend Sewer in Pitman street to tide water.

[Approved December 4, 1880.]

RESOLVED, That the board of public works be and they are hereby directed to cause the main drain or common sewer in Pitman street to be extended from its present terminus in said street to tide water, in accordance with the plans of the city engineer, the expense thereof to be charged to the appropriation for sewers.

No. 410. Monthly Report of the City Treasurer.

[Presented November 29, 1880.]

City Council file, December 2, 1880.

No. 411. Resolution to receive the final report of the Water Commissioners, and to print the same in pamphlet form. (City Document, No. 24.)

[Approved December 4, 1880.]

RESOLVED, That the final report of the Water Commissioners be received, and that twelve hundred copies thereof be printed in pamphlet form.

No. 412. Message of the Mayor relative to the payment of the salaries of the elected members of the Board of Public Works.

[Presented November 29, 1880.]

CITY OF PROVIDENCE,
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, CITY HALL, }
November 29, 1880.

GENTLEMEN OF THE CITY COUNCIL :

The salaries of the highway commissioners have been charged to the appropriation for highways, and those of the water commissioners to the appropriation for water maintenance of late, and formerly to both water and sewers.

No provision has been made by the city council as to the appropriation to which the salaries of the elected members of the board of public works shall be charged. It would seem to be unnecessary to divide the same among the three departments under the care of the board, and I therefore recommend that it be charged to the regular appropriation for salaries.

The entire cost of the engineer's department, including the compensation of the city engineer, stands as a regular expenditure of the city, paid from the general treasury. The necessity would appear to be as great for dividing the amount among the various departments for which the engineering is used as to make a division of the sum paid to two members of the board of public works for their services.

There are other city officers who have to perform duties in connection with the highways, water works and sewers, whose compensation is charged directly to the appropriation for salaries, and affords an additional reason for carrying the salaries of the board of public works to the same account.

THOMAS A. DOYLE, Mayor.

No. 413. Resolution relative to the salaries of the elected members of the Board of Public Works.

[Approved December 4, 1880.]

RESOLVED, That the city auditor be hereby directed to charge the salaries of the elected members of the board of public works to the appropriation for salaries.

No. 414. Message of the Mayor relative to the rent of Telephones in use by the city.

[Presented November 29, 1880.]

CITY OF PROVIDENCE,
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, CITY HALL, }
November 29, 1880.

GENTLEMEN OF THE CITY COUNCIL :

The expense of telephones for the use of the municipal departments already amounts to several hundred dollars annually, and additional instruments are required which will add largely to the annual cost. I am informed that in some cities there is no charge for the use of telephones required by the government, and in others but a nominal price is paid, the instruments being considered as an equivalent for the annoyance caused to the general public by the great number of posts and wires in the highways, set up and maintained by the telephone companies.

In April last an act was passed by the general assembly, giving the city council full control over the matter of telegraph poles and wires in the streets and highways of the city, and by a resolution of the city council, approved May 4, last, a committee was appointed to report a plan for carrying into effect the provisions of the act.

The matter should receive prompt attention, as there are bills for rent of telephones now unpaid, and other departments need these instruments for the proper transaction of their business.

THOMAS A. DOYLE, Mayor.

No. 415. Resolutions referring the Message of the Mayor, relative to rent of Telephones, and instructing the Committee on Finance to report a plan for carrying into effect chapter 804 of the Public Laws.

[Approved December 4, 1880.]

RESOLVED, That the message of the mayor, dated November 29, 1880, in reference to expense of telephones for the use of the municipal departments, and also in reference to the power given to the city council to control the matter of telegraph poles and wires in the streets and highways of the city, be referred to the joint standing committee on finance to examine and report thereon.

RESOLVED, That the joint standing committee on finance is hereby instructed to report a plan to the city council which will carry into effect the powers conferred upon the city council by chapter 804 of the public laws passed by the general assembly at its January session, 1880.

RESOLVED, That resolution No. 174, current series, approved May 4, 1880, is hereby rescinded.

No. 416. Report of the Joint Standing Committee on Claims, upon the petition of James and Anna J. McCabe, for compensation for damages to their estate on Richardson street.

[Presented Nov. 29, 1880.]

TO THE HONORABLE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PROVIDENCE :

The joint standing committee on claims, to whom was referred, August 30, 1880, the petition of James and Anna J. McCabe, for damages to their estate on Richardson street, reports :

That they have heard the petitioners by their counsel, C. H. Parkhurst, Esq., viewed the premises and examined the matter.

The petitioners are the owners of a lot of land, with dwelling house thereon, situated on the north side of Richardson street, which is a private way, being lot No. 741 Plat 54 Assessors' office. The city having, in the years 1873 and 1874, purchased certain lots of land on both sides of said street, for the purpose of obtaining gravel, the highway commissioners proceed to excavate not only the lots so purchased, but nearly the entire width of the street on which they front, to the depth, in some places, of nearly forty feet; rendering the street impassable as a thoroughfare from Plane street to Prairie avenue, and submitting the adjoining lot owners to great inconvenience, by making access to their property from Richardson street only possible by climbing steep banks, in height varying from ten to forty feet.

The abutting owners have, from time to time, claimed damages from the city, and the validity of such claims was recognized by the city in 1874, upon the petition of John H. Livingston, who was paid the sum of two hundred dollars. Resolution 1186, series 1873 and 1874, December 31, 1874.

In 1875, a proposed grade for Richardson street, from Plane street to Prairie avenue, was prepared by the city engineer, but no further steps were taken to lay out and grade the same, and the matter was allowed to rest.

In the meantime, certain of the abutting owners brought suit against the city, and at the March term of the supreme court, 1880, decision was rendered in the case of Rufus Sprague *vs.* Benjamin Tripp, city treasurer, Index M., page 34, which established the liability of the city, and is stated as follows:

“The city of Providence, owning by purchase certain lots on both sides of a private way, the highway commissioners of the city excavated gravel from the lots and the way until the latter became impassable. The gravel was used for highway repairs at various and remote points. All the expenses were paid from the city treasury and from regular appropriations.”

“In an action against the city, brought by another owner of land on the private way,”

“Held, that the highway commissioners were the agents of the city.”

“Held, further, that the city was liable for their tort in making the way impassable. *Donnelly vs. Tripp*, 12 R. I., 97, distinguished.”

The liability of the city being thus established, your committee were only called upon to consider the amount of damage which they would feel warranted in recommending to be paid to the petitioners. And the petitioners having finally agreed to accept the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars, in full of all their demands for damages, the committee ask the passage of the accompanying resolution.

The committee would also urge that so soon as Richardson street shall be declared a public highway, that the same be worked to grade in order that further claims for damage may be prevented.

For the committee,

F. E. ANTHONY, Chairman.

Providence, November 29, 1880.

No. 417. Resolution to pay James McCabe and Anna J. McCabe, his wife, the sum of \$150 for damage to their estate on Richardson street.

[Approved December 4, 1880.]

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer is hereby directed to pay James McCabe and his wife, Anna J. McCabe, the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars, in full compensation for damage to their estate on Richardson street, resulting from the excavation and carrying away of gravel from said street, whenever they shall execute and deliver to the city of Providence a release, satisfactory to the city solicitor; the said payment to be charged to the appropriation for contingencies.

No. 418. Resolution to pay Leon Allison the sum of \$100 for damage to his estate on Richardson street.

[Approved December 4, 1880.]

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer is hereby directed to pay Leon Allison the sum of one hundred dollars, in full compensation for damage to his estate on Richardson street, resulting from the excavation and carrying away of gravel from said street, whenever he shall execute and deliver to the city of Providence a release, satisfactory to the city solicitor; the said payment to be charged to the appropriation for contingencies.

No. 419. Resolution to lay Water Pipes in Lloyd avenue.

[Approved December 4, 1880.]

RESOLVED, That the board of public works, in accordance with its recommendation, is hereby directed to cause to be laid, about four hundred and fifty-five feet of six-inch water pipes in Lloyd avenue, easterly from the mains in Hope street.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

DECEMBER 2, 1880.

The weekly report of the Dexter Asylum is read and received.
The following accounts are examined and allowed, viz. :

MISCELLANEOUS BILLS.

Edwin E. Calder, Inspector of Milk.....	\$50 00	Raymond G. Place, Ward- room rent.....	\$75 00
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BRIDGE BILLS.

Francis S. Turner.....	\$4 50	Arthur C. Williams.....	\$24 42
Kenyon, Grimwood & Co....	84 83	John B. Greenalgh.....	4 37
James A. Potter & Co.....	79 24	S S. Sprague & Co.....	33 67
J. L. Pierce & Co.....	16 65	C. J. Clafin & Co.....	10 00
Winsor & Money.....	15 74	Stephen P. Henry.....	12 86
W. H. Miller & Co.....	7 89	Hopkins, Pomroy & Co ...	16 92
George Hutchins.....	3 28	Pay Roll, Point St. Bridge..	277 50
Nayatt Brick Co.....	10 50	Labor pay roll.....	178 53
A. A. White.....	3 00		

HEALTH DEPARTMENT BILLS.

A. E. Field & Son.....	\$550 00	Charles O'Leary.....	\$35 00
A. R. Darling & Co.....	4 00		

LAMP DEPARTMENT BILLS.

Labor pay roll.....	\$134 00	Pay roll.....	\$2,428 69
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POLICE BILLS.

John T. Brown.....	\$63 45	Hopkins & Sears.....	\$35 36
Isaiah Long.....	12 80	Angell & Barney.....	35 29
T. W. Rounds & Co.....	6 32	Freeman M. Rose.....	29 00
D. W. C. Packard.....	18 00	Dr. Edward F. Walker.....	5 00
Louis W. Clarke.....	6 23	Janitor's pay roll.....	283 00
James J. Monally.....	48 00	Pay roll.....	13,360 49

The following persons are designated and appointed to remove swill and offal, viz. :

Otis P. Colwell from No. 233 Broad street; and Charles H. Pickering from No. 34 South Main street.

Permission to build barns is granted to the following persons, viz. :

Thomas Atkinson on Douglas avenue; and Moses B. Scribner, at No. 52 Wilson street.

J. B. Barnaby & Co. is granted permission to operate a steam boiler at No. 105 North Main street.

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

J. B. Barnaby & Co., et. al., relative to the paving of Westminster street;

Walter S. Burgess, et. al., to have a portion of Orange and Middle streets repaved;

Thomas Conway, relative to removing soil from his premises on Senter street ;

Messrs. Brooks Bros., for the payment of balance due on contract for granite blocks ;

George E. Thompson, for the payment of salary as highway commissioner for the month of October, 1880 ;

Providence Association for the Benefit of Colored Children, for the abatement of sewer assessment ; and

Charles H. Swan, to remove swill from No. 25 Weybosset street.

Upon the report of the committee on highways relative to the communication of the Wanskuck Co., offering to furnish money for the completion of the repairs on a portion of Charles street, it is ordered that the same be received, and the committee discharged from the further consideration of the matter.

The report of the committee on sewers, to whom was referred the petition of George S. Thurston, et. al., for relief from overflow of surface water on Eddy street, is read and received.

Upon the application of William Grosvenor for permission to construct a coal vault under the sidewalk in front of the Amasa Mason block on Eddy street, it is ordered that the inspector of buildings be designated to superintend the construction of the same.

The following resolutions are read and passed, viz. :

Establishing the grade of Taber avenue, from Humboldt avenue to Angell street ;

Directing the joint special committee on the Brook street district to report a plan for the proper management of the lands in said district, whether by a committee of the city council or board of commissioners, with full powers and discretion to dispose of the property therein.

 IN COMMON COUNCIL.

 DECEMBER 13, 1880.

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

Thomas Conway, for compensation for damages to his property on Senter street; and

William A. Potter, for compensation for damage to his estate on Jenkins street.

The following committees are discharged from the further consideration of certain subjects, viz. :

Committee on finance upon mayor's message relative to receipts and payments on account of the city debt, and upon the communication of the water commissioners relative to the amount of money needed for sewer construction; committee on highways, upon petition of Patrick T. Curley, for abatement of sewer tax; committee on ordinances, upon message of the mayor submitting a communication of the city solicitor relative to his employment adversely in reference to the hospital lots.

A resolution to place suitable gymnastic appliances at the high school, is read and rejected.

Upon the resolution forbidding the hiring of horses and carriages, by salaried officials and employees, at the expense of the city, it is ordered that the same be indefinitely postponed.

 IN CITY COUNCIL.

No. 420. Message of the Mayor relative to the pay for extra service by the police upon the day of the last Presidential election.

[Presented December 2, 1880.]

CITY OF PROVIDENCE,
 EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, CITY HALL, }
 December 2, 1880.

GENTLEMEN OF THE CITY COUNCIL :

It has been customary heretofore, when necessity required,

to order the police force on duty during the entire twenty-four hours without rest or sleep, and for the board of aldermen to allow the officers so ordered, compensation for an additional day.

The day of the late presidential election, the services of the force were so required, and it was understood that they would be paid as heretofore, but I am informed that the city solicitor has decided that the board of aldermen cannot legally authorize such payment, and that it can only be done by order of the city council. I therefore request that a resolution may be passed, authorizing the city treasurer to pay to such members of the police force as performed the full duty on November 2, compensation for one extra day.

THOMAS A. DOYLE, Mayor.

No. 421. Resolution referring Message of the Mayor, relative to payment to police for extra services.

[Approved December 14, 1880.]

RESOLVED, That the message of the mayor, dated December 2, 1880, relative to allowing extra pay to such members of the police force as performed the full twenty-four hours duty on November 2, 1880, with the accompanying resolution, be hereby referred to the joint committee on finance to examine and report thereon.

No. 422. Annual Report of the School Committee.

[Presented November 24, 1880.]

[City Document, No. 25.]

No. 423. Resolution to pay to Frank P. Barrows and wife the sum of \$165, for damages to his estate on Richardson street.

[Approved December 14, 1880.]

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer is hereby directed to

pay Frank P. Barrows and his wife, Celenda N. Barrows, the sum of one hundred and sixty-five dollars, in full compensation for damage to their estate on Richardson street, resulting from the excavation and carrying away of gravel from said street, whenever they shall execute and deliver to the city of Providence a release satisfactory to the city solicitor; the said payment to be charged to the appropriation for contingencies.

No. 424. Monthly Report of the Finance Committee
on the issue of Registered Bonds.

[Presented December 13, 1880.]

City council file, December 16, 1880.

No. 425. Monthly Report of the City Treasurer on
the issue of Registered Bonds.

[Presented December 13, 1880.]

City council file, December 16, 1880.

No. 426. Monthly Report of the City Auditor.

[Presented December 13, 1880.]

City council file, December 16, 1880.

No. 427. Monthly Report of the City Treasurer.

[Presented December 13, 1880.]

City council file, December 16, 1880.

No. 428. Monthly Report of the City Messenger for
November.

[Presented December 16, 1880.]

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

In accordance with section 11 of chapter xxxvi of the ordinances, the city messenger reports, that during the month of November last, the city hall and the sidewalks around the same have been kept, and are now in good condition. During the month the woodwork in the auditor's office has been refinished in accordance with resolution No. 210, series of 1879, which work was delayed, it being deemed inexpedient to do the same until the present time.

The cost thereof has not been ascertained, but will appear in the next monthly report.

Bills, including pay rolls, have been paid during the month amounting to \$757.55.

Respectfully submitted,

EDWARD S. RHODES, City Messenger.

No. 429. Final Report of the Joint Standing Committee on Finance upon the Message of the Mayor relative to the transfer of money standing to the credit of the Committee on City Debt.

[Presented December 13, 1880.]

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

The joint standing committee on finance, to whom, on June 21st, 1880, was referred the message of his honor the mayor relative to the city debt, respectfully report :

That having, on the 12th of July last, reported in part thereon, now submit their final report on the same.

The committee did not concur in the recommendation of his

honor, but deemed it more proper to reduce the large balance in the treasury by paying the outstanding notes as they matured, instead of holding the money to meet loans maturing a long time ahead.

The city treasurer, acting under the advice of your committee, paid two hundred and seventy-two thousand eight hundred and sixty-one dollars and seventy-eight cents of the temporary loans, which left the floating debt outstanding at the sum of two hundred and eight thousand dollars; while the money standing to the credit of the committee on the city debt was used by that committee to pay the notes of the Brook street district to the amount of one hundred and forty thousand dollars, which came due on the first day of September last.

Your committee have the pleasure to state, as the result of their action, that the public debt has been reduced during the last fiscal year, which ended September 30, to the amount of two hundred seventy-two thousand eight hundred and sixty-one dollars and seventy-eight cents, and there was an increase in the same time in the sinking funds of one hundred and eighty-five thousand and five hundred dollars and seventy cents.

There is at this time standing to the credit of the committee on the city debt, seventy-one thousand one hundred and forty-six dollars and eighty-five cents, which must be applied to the payment of the public debt.

The committee therefore state, that by the payment of notes, the increase in the sinking funds, and the balance to the credit of the city debt committee, there was an actual reduction in the public debt of five hundred twenty-nine thousand five hundred and nine dollars and thirty-three cents during the last fiscal year.

The committee congratulate the city council on the very favorable showing of the city finances, and ask to be relieved from the further consideration of the mayor's message.

For the committee,

J. W. CROOKER, Chairman.

Providence, Dec. 13, 1880.

(For message of mayor, see page 179 *ante*.)

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

DECEMBER 16, 1880.

The monthly report of the inspector of steam boilers, monthly report of the overseer of the poor, quarterly report of the city clerk, and quarterly report of the superintendent of hacks, are severally read and received.

The following accounts are examined and allowed, viz. :

George W. Wightman, support of poor.....	\$492 27	Marshall Woods, rent of ward room.....	\$ 60 00
George W. Wightman, charity building	3 01	Pay roll, bridge department.	73 35
Lemuel S. Harris, streets....	12 00	Use of horse, " "	135 00
George E. Thompson, streets	30 00	Stephen D. Gray, lamp department.....	16 50
		Providence Gas Co.....	153 81

License to keep a victualling house is granted to the following persons, viz. :

Henry L. Carter, at No. 55 Eddy street; James Bolton at No. 56 Washington street; and George H. Hawkins, at No. 507 High street.

George H. Reynolds is granted a license to keep a tavern at Nos. 81 and 83 Dorrance street.

Upon the petition of Clarence E. Burlingame to be appointed an auctioneer, it is ordered that the petitioner have leave to withdraw.

Resolutions are read and passed granting permission to the Holmes Burglar Alarm Telegraph Co., and Mutual Union Telegraph Co. to erect lines of telegraph wires in certain highways and public streets of the city.

The report of the joint committee on ordinances relative to a pound in the 9th ward, is read, and it is ordered that the committee be discharged from the further consideration thereof.

The board consent to the appointment of Benjamin T. White to be sergeant of police.

The following policemen are appointed, viz. :

Joshua N. Eldridge, William Longfellow.

A resolution is read and passed, establishing the grade of Bucklin street, from Burnett street to Mawney street.

The report of the committee to lay out Greenland street, from Ashburton street to Charles street, is read and rejected.

An order is passed, indefinitely postponing the further consideration of the following matters, viz. :

Change of grade of Earle street,

Change of grade of Redwing street,

Report of the commissioners upon the grade of Ashton street.

IN COMMON COUNCIL.

DECEMBER 20, 1880.

The following matters are indefinitely postponed :—

Resolution making an additional appropriation for the Brook street district ;

Resolution to reduce the water rates ;

Resolution relative to the receipt, by the city treasurer, of moneys from other departments, and the crediting of the same ;

Resolution of 1878, relative to cost of completing city hall ;
and

Petition of James Campbell *et al.*, for compensation for damages to his estate on Eddy street.

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

Providence and Worcester Railroad Co., to use land adjoining their stations ; James A. Searle *et al.*, for removal of rails of Union Railroad Co. on Broad street ; and George E. Thompson for compensation for services performed in November, 1880.

The following resolutions are read and passed :

RESOLVED, That the thanks of the common council are due and are hereby tendered to Hon. George H. Burnham for the able, impartial and dignified manner in which he has presided over their deliberations during the municipal year now about to close.

RESOLVED, That the thanks of the common council are hereby tendered to Joshua M. Addeman, Esq., for the efficient manner in which he has performed the duties of clerk during the past municipal year.

RESOLVED, That all business now pending before the common council, and unfinished, be continued to the common council which is to meet on the first Monday in January next.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

DECEMBER 23, 1880.

The weekly report of the Dexter asylum is read and received.

The following accounts are severally examined and allowed, viz. :

Thomas W. Hart, streets...	\$57 00	Charles H. Thurber, coroner,	\$24 00
Arnold Post, G. A. R., rent of hall.....	45 00	Steamer A. C. Barstow, bridge department.....	61 50

License is granted to Thomas Harty, residing at No. 261 Transit street, to buy and sell junk and second-hand articles.

Permission is granted to the following persons to build barns, viz. : Henry P. Clough, at the corner of Myrtle and West Clifford streets; W. B. Dinsmore, at the junction of Atwells avenue and Aborn street; and Henry W. Manchester, at No. 26 Bridgham street.

The following orders are read and passed, viz. :

Granting permission to Francis Bourn to connect his estate with the old drain in Lockwood street, providing said Bourn signs an agreement not to claim damages by reason of or in case of an overflow of said drain ;

Appointing Dr. Edwin M. Snow to take the school census and militia census.

A communication from Prof. John H. Appleton, relative to the analysis of the water from the Rawson fountain, is presented, read and ordered to be placed on file.

IN CITY COUNCIL.

No. 430. Resolution to pay Annie C. Cheeves the sum of \$300 for damages to her estate on Pearl street.

[Approved December 23, 1880.]

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer is hereby directed to pay to Annie C. Cheeves the sum of three hundred dollars, in full settlement of her claim against the city, whenever the said Annie C. Cheeves shall execute a release to the city, satisfactory to the city solicitor, of all claims for damage to her estate, premises or property on Pearl street, arising from overflow or otherwise, to the date thereof; said payment to be charged to the appropriation for contingencies.

No. 431. Resolution to pay the Firemen.

[Approved December 23, 1880.]

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer be authorized to pay the permanent members of the fire department for services rendered during the month of December, 1880, at a rate to be fixed by the board of engineers, not exceeding the rate paid for the month next preceding.

No. 432. Resolution to pay the Firemen.

[Approved December 23, 1880.]

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer be authorized to pay the call members of the fire department, for services rendered during the quarter ending December 31, 1880, at a rate to be fixed by the board of engineers, not exceeding the rate paid for the corresponding quarter in 1879.

No. 433. Resolution to purchase two new Flags.

[Approved December 23, 1880.]

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

No. 434. Resolution to lay water pipes in Florence, Charles and Swan streets.

[Approved December 23, 1880.]

RESOLVED, That the board of public works, in accordance with its recommendation, is hereby directed to cause the laying of about twelve hundred and sixty feet of six-inch water pipes in Florence street, from Amherst southerly, about seven hundred and eighty feet of eight-inch in Charles street, northerly from Branch avenue, and about ninety-three feet of six-inch in Swan street, westerly from the end of the pipes now in said street.

CHAPTER CLIV.

No. 435. An Ordinance in amendment of Chapter CLII of the Ordinances entitled "An Ordinance making appropriations for the support of the government of the City of Providence, for the financial year ending September 30, 1881."

[Approved December 23, 1880.]

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

SECTION 1. Clause 10 of chapter clii of the ordinances is hereby amended so as to read as follows:—

For highways, one hundred thousand dollars.

No 436. Resolution to settle claims and purchase estate of John Donahue on Welcome avenue.

[Approved December 23, 1880.]

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer is hereby directed to pay John Donahue the sum of nine hundred dollars, whenever said Donahue shall execute a release of all his claims against the city for damage to his estate on Welcome avenue, caused by the excavation and carrying away of the soil from said avenue, Richardson street, and the adjacent lands belonging to the city, and shall transfer his said estate to the city, with all his right and interest in and to a certain gangway running from said Welcome avenue to Richardson street, said release and deed to be satisfactory to the city solicitor; it being further understood that said Donahue may occupy said premises free of rent until April 1, 1881; the payment to be charged to the appropriation for contingencies, and to be in full satisfaction of, and include, all of said Donahue's claims and demands against said city to date.

No. 437. Resolution to settle claims and purchase estate of John H. Livingston on Richardson street.

[Approved December 23, 1880.]

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer is hereby directed to pay John H. Livingston the sum of twenty-five hundred dollars, whenever said Livingston shall execute a release of all his claims against the city for damages to his estate on Richardson street, caused by the excavation and carrying away of the soil from said street, and the adjacent lands belonging to the city, and shall transfer his said estate to the city, said release and deed to be satisfactory to the city solicitor; the payment to be charged to the appropriation for contingencies, and to be in full satisfaction of, and include all of said Livingston's claims and demands against, said city to date.

No. 438. Resolution appropriating \$350 for additions and repairs in the office of the City Treasurer.

[Approved December 23, 1880.]

RESOLVED, That the sum of three hundred and fifty dollars be and is hereby appropriated for making additions and repairs in the treasury department, to be expended by the city messenger under the direction of the joint standing committee on finance, and the same to be charged to the appropriation for city hall.

CHAPTER XLV.

No. 439. An Ordinance in amendment of Chapter XXIX of the Ordinances of the City of Providence entitled "Hay-market."

[Approved December 23, 1880.]

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

SECTION 1. The third section of chapter xxix of the

ordinances of the city of Providence is hereby amended so as to read as follows :—

SEC. 3. The city of Providence shall provide and keep in good order a suitable platform scale in said hay-market, and the city council shall elect annually a weigher therefor, and provide for his compensation either by salary or by fees to be received for weighing; and he shall be furnished, upon his written application to the city messenger, with all printed matter required in the discharge of his duty, the expense of the same to be charged to the appropriation for printing. The office-hours of said weigher shall be daily, Sundays and legal holidays excepted, at the hay-market, between the hours of seven o'clock in the morning and six o'clock in the afternoon.

No. 440. Resolution adding three hundred dollars to the appropriation for dredging the Harbor.

[Approved December 24, 1880.]

RESOLVED, That the sum of three hundred dollars be added to the appropriation for dredging the harbor, the same to be paid out of any monies in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

No. 441. Resolution to lay Water Pipes in Gano street.

[Approved December 24, 1880.]

RESOLVED, That the board of public works is hereby directed to cause the laying of about two hundred and eighty-four feet of six-inch water pipes in Gano street, between Preston and Power streets.

No. 442. Resolution granting permission to Henry P. Clough to raise a building.

[Approved December 24, 1880.]

RESOLVED, That permission be granted to Henry P.

Clough to raise a certain building, located at No. 79 West Clifford street, pursuant to his petition.

No. 443. Resolution to pay for extra service by Police.

[Approved December 24, 1880.]

RESOLVED, That the sum of one hundred and ninety-four dollars and twenty-six cents is hereby appropriated for the pay of eighty members of the police force for extra service performed on the night of the presidential election, November 2, 1880, the same to be charged to the appropriation for police, and to be allowed by the board of aldermen on the next police pay roll.

CHAPTER CLVI.

No. 444. An Ordinance in amendment of, and in addition to, Chapter CXXV of the Ordinances entitled "An Ordinance fixing the Salaries of the Officers of the City of Providence, from and after the first Monday in January, 1879."

[Approved December 27, 1880.]

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

SECTION 1. The salary to be paid to the city officer hereinafter named, from and after the first Monday in January, 1881, shall be at the following rate per annum, payable monthly:

To the city engineer, six thousand dollars.

To such civil engineer in the office of the assessors of taxes, as the board of assessors may employ, to perform engineer's duty in their office, four hundred dollars.

SECTION 2. Chapter cxlv of the ordinances and so much of chapter cxxv as is inconsistent herewith, are hereby repealed.

IN COMMON COUNCIL.

DECEMBER 27, 1880.

A message of the mayor, relative to the salary of the city engineer, is read, as follows:—

CITY OF PROVIDENCE,
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, CITY HALL, }
Dec. 27, 1880.

GENTLEMEN OF THE COMMON COUNCIL:

The board of aldermen, at its session on Thursday last, amended the bill entitled, “An ordinance in amendment of and in addition to chapter cxxv of the ordinances, entitled, ‘An ordinance fixing the salaries of the officers of the city of Providence, from and after the first Monday in January, 1879,’ which passed the common council on the 20th inst., by inserting a clause providing for an increase in the salary of the office of the city engineer.”

This amendment, to be valid, must receive the concurrence of the common council prior to the close of the present municipal year, and I have deemed the matter to be of such great importance to the city as to warrant me in convening the council, although it had apparently completed its business for the year.

The salary proposed for the office by the board of aldermen is high when compared with the salaries of the other officers of the city, but it is not high when compared with the compensation received for similar duties in other cities. The city engineer, it will be remembered, besides the ordinary duties of that office, is a member of the board of public works, and also superintendent of bridges, of highways, of the water-works, and of sewer construction and maintenance. In neither of these capacities can the city afford to employ inferior talent,

and at the present time civil engineers of ability find ready employment at very high prices.

An additional pumping engine is now required for the water works, and another reservoir for the high service should be built at an early day. The main trunk sewer to receive the sewage now emptying into the river and relieve the apprehended danger to the public health from the filthy condition of the river in the centre of the city, must be commenced as soon as the finances of the city will warrant.

These works are of such character that the plans therefor, and the construction thereof, should not be entrusted to any but a skilled engineer, and for his services the city must of necessity pay the price which is paid elsewhere for similar ability.

I, therefore, in view of all the circumstances of the case, earnestly recommend concurrence with the board of aldermen in the salary proposed for the office of city engineer.

THOMAS A. DOYLE, Mayor.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

DECEMBER 30, 1880.

The weekly report of the Dexter asylum is read and received.

The following accounts are severally examined and allowed, viz. :

Edwin E. Calder, inspector of milk.....	\$50 00	Charles H. Leonard, M. D., health department.....	\$109 50
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Accounts against sundry persons for curbstones furnished them by the board of public works, are approved, as follows, viz. :

William A. Harris....	\$138 94	Brown & Sharp Mfg. Co....	\$263 43
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Alonzo T. Cross is granted permission to operate a steam boiler at No. 53 Warren st.

Permission is granted to Charles Prestwick to build a barn at the corner of Smith and Ruggles streets.

Thomas D. Topliffe is appointed a sergeant of police.

A resolution is read and passed, amending a resolution passed by the board of aldermen December 16, 1880, granting permission to the Mutual Union Telegraph Co. to erect a line of wires for telegraph use by substituting for High and Olney streets, the following streets, viz. : Oak street, Butler, Clarendon and Cole avenues.

The report of the committee on sewers, relative to the rules, regulations and form of application for laying private drains, is read and received ; and said rules and regulations are adopted. (For rules and regulations, see book of ordinances, No. 4.)

The following is read and passed unanimously :

WHEREAS, The Honorable Thomas A. Doyle voluntarily retires from the office of mayor of the city of Providence, after a service of more than fifteen years, and

WHEREAS, He has during that time always been identified with and urgent in promoting those projects which would add to the growth and prosperity of this city, therefore

RESOLVED, unanimously, That in his retirement from office, this board recognizes the superior ability with which he has at all times directed municipal legislation, and discharged all the duties pertaining to the office of mayor, and also the able, dignified, and courteous manner in which he has presided over this body.

The following resolutions are read and passed :

RESOLVED, unanimously, That the thanks of the board of aldermen be, and they are hereby tendered to William S. Hayward, Esq., president of this board, for the dignified and impartial manner in which he has presided over this board during the past year, when called to the chair by the absence of the mayor.

RESOLVED, unanimously, That the thanks of the board of aldermen are hereby tendered to Henry V. A. Joslin, Esq., city clerk, for the faithful and efficient manner in which he has discharged his duties as clerk of this board for the past year.

RESOLVED, That all unfinished business now pending before this board, be referred to the next board of aldermen.