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In Convention June 11 1855

William P Haines declines serving as an Assessor of Taxes

Thomas A Doyle is appointed Chairman of the Assessors of Taxes

James M Clark is elected City Solicitor

William Burrough is elected Guager General

Philip W Martin is Elected Superintendent of the North Burial Ground

Philip W Martin is elected City Constable

Patrick Barron is appointed Undertaker

William Russell " Weigher of Cotton

John S Eddy elected Measurer of Grain, Salt, & Sea Coal

The two Boards separate, the Board of Aldermen retire to their Chamber

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Special Com^e to Report

Resolved That the Special Committees appointed by the last City Council are hereby requested to report at the next meeting of the City Council

Passed June 18 1855

Approved J. Y. Smith Mayor

Cross Walks Sabin St Aborn, Atwells Av.

Resolved That the Surveyor of Highways be and he is hereby directed to cause Cross Walks to be laid on the following Streets viz

One across Sabin Street, north side of Aborn

One across Aborn Street at the junction of Atwells Avenue

One across Atwells Avenue on the North side of Sabin Street

Passed June 18 1855

Approved J Y Smith Mayor

India St

Resolved, That the Committee on Highways be directed to examine India Street, between Ives and South Main Streets, and report at the next meeting of the Council the reasons for the delay in grading the Street, with such recommendations as they may think proper

Passed June 18 1855

Approved J^r Y Smith

Mayor

Cross Walks Sabin Broadway Carpenter Federal Bourne Parker Barcley & Bradford Sts

Resolved. That the Surveyor of Highways be and he is hereby directed to cause Cross walks to be laid in connection with the work now being done on Broadway in the following places viz

One across Sabin Street at the junction of Broadway
One across Broadway, opposite the Meeting House
One across Carpenter Street at the junction of Federal
One across Federal Street at the junction of Carpenter Street
One across Bourne Street north side of Broadway
One across Broadway at the junction of Federal Street
One across Federal at the junction of Broadway
One across Parker, Barcley & Bradford Streets north side of Broadway

Passed June 18 1855

Approved J Y Smith Mayor

Pauperism

Resolved That the portion of the Mayors Address relating to the subject of Pauperism be referred to Messrs Snow, Winsor & Lyon and Alderman Manchester to examine and report thereon

Passed June 18 1855

Approved J Y Smith Mayor

Health Superintendent

Resolved That the Board of Aldermen, acting as a Board of Health, be and they are hereby authorized to employ at their discretion, such medical advice and services, as they shall deem necessary to promote the general health of the City, with power to affix suitable compensation for such services, and draw upon the City Treasurer therefor

Passed June 18 1855

Approved J Y Smith Mayor

Taxes Remitted

Resolved, That the City Treasurer be and he is hereby directed to pay, to the following named persons the sums affixed to their respective names, the said sums being in remission of taxes improperly assessed against their several estates, in the year 1854 provided it shall appear to the Treasurer upon the Certificate of the Collector of Taxes, that the several sums have been paid into the City Treasury

If it shall appear to the City Treasurer, that any of said Taxes have not been paid in to the Treasury, then he shall credit the Collector of Taxes, with the amount so unpaid; and the Collector of Taxes, shall deduct the several amounts hereby remitted from the several taxes of the persons hereinafter named viz

John W Smith	12 80
Henry B Waterman	20.44
Sarah Halsey from tax of Thos & Sarah Halsey	73.45

J. G. Hartshorn	13.44
Geo. W Hopkins	5.60
Henry F Davis	4.80
John B Howell's Wife	2.72

Passed June 18 1855

Approved J Y Smith Mayor

Aborn Street

Upon the Petition of Luther Pearson and others.

Resolved, That the Surveyor of Highways be and he is hereby directed to cause the Section of Aborn Street from Westminster to Washington Street to be gravelled instead of being paved.

Passed June 18 1855

Approved J Y Smith Mayor

John S Daggett

Resolved That the City Treasurer be and he is hereby instructed to pay the Bill of John S Daggett, out of the appropriation for Contingencies

Passed June 18 1855

Approved J Y Smith Mayor

Trees

An Ordinance in relation to Trees

Passed June 18 1855

Approved J. Y. Smith Mayor

See Ordinance Book No 2 page 87

In Convention June 18, 1855

The following Officers are Elected

Marinus W Gardiner City Treasurer

William Sheldon & Philip Case decline accepting the appointment of Assessors of Taxes, accepted

Eseck Aldrich & Geo. W. Hall are elected Associate Assessors of Taxes

Sam[l] B Cushing declines the appointment of Street Commissioner

Cyrus Fisher is elected Street Commissioner

The Gauger General, reports that he has appointed James Burrough, George Greene & Edward G Farmer, Deputy Gaugers

Whereupon

It is Voted, That this Council approve of said appointment

The two Boards separate the Board of Aldermen retire to their Chamber

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School House Lots to be purchased

Resolved, That the City Treasurer, acting under the advice and direction of Messrs Barstow, Mc Knight & Lyon and Ald Holden be and he is hereby authorized to purchase a lot on Potters Avenue to accommodate a building for an Intermediate and Primary School, at a price not exceeding twelve hundred dollars; Also to purchase a lot near the junction of Broadway and Knight Street, or in that vicinity for the accommodation of a new School House now under contract and ordered to be located on Swiss Street, at a price not exceeding Sixteen Hundred Dollars; also to purchase the lot on Burgess Street owned by the Roger Williams Baptist Society, at a price not exceeding twenty five hundred Dollars; also to remove the School House on Valley Street, to the lot to be purchased on Potters Avenue and put another Story under the same, so as to accommodate both the Valley Street and Potters Avenue districts; and pay for the same out of the appropriation for School Houses & Lots

Passed June 18 1855

Approved J Y Smith Mayor

City Hospital

Resolved That so much of the Mayors Address to the City Council, as relates to the subject of a City Hospital, be referred to Messrs E A Greene, Spicer, Rider, Mc Knight & Snow and Alderman Bowen with instructions to report by Bill as soon as practicable

Passed June 18 1855

Approved James Y Smith Mayor

South Water St

Whereas in the opinion of this City Council it is desirable and necessary to widen South Water Street, beginning at the North-Westerly corner of the brick block occupied by H & A Lippitt on said Street and proceeding northerly or as near as may be on a line with the Westerly front of said Store to Market Square, of a width of forty feet, and whereas certain real Estate will be required for that purpose, therefore

Resolved, That the City Solicitor be and he is hereby directed to make application to the Supreme Court of this State for the appointment of Commissioners of estimate and assessment under and according to the act entitled an Act in relation to the laying out, enlarging, straightening and otherwise altering Streets in the City of Providence, passed by the General Assembly, at its January Session A D 1854

And the City Council hereby direct that application shall be made

by said City Solicitor to said Court, in the application for said appointment as aforesaid, that said Commissioners shall assess one half of the cost & damages thereof upon the persons and estates benefitted thereby in the ratio of the benefit conferred

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

Passed June 18 1855

Approved June 23/55 J Y Smith Mayor

Salaries

An Ordinance in amendment of an Ordinance entitled "An Ordinance fixing the Salaries of certain Officers"

(See Ordinance Book No 2 page 87)

Passed June 18 1855

Approved James Y Smith Mayor

City Treasurers Bond

Resolved That Messrs E A Greene, Rufus Greene and Waterman & Alderman Rathbone, be and they are hereby appointed a Committee to take a Bond of the City Treasurer, for the faithful discharge of the duties of his Office, for the present Municipal year, and that said Bond be for the sum of Thirty Thousand Dollars.

Passed June 25 1855

Approved James Y Smith Mayor

Streets &c

An Ordinance in addition to an Ordinance entitled "An Ordinance in relation to Streets and Highways"

Passed June 25 1855

Approved J Y Smith Mayor

(See Ordinance Book No 2 page 89)

City Funds

An Ordinance in relation to depositing and drawing out the City Funds

Passed June 25 1855

Approved James Y Smith Mayor

(See Ordinance Book No 2 page 88)

Union Bank Lot

Resolved That Messrs Barstow, Pike & Tucker and Alderman Bowen, be and they are hereby appointed a Committee, to confer with the directors of the Union Bank, for the purpose of ascertaining upon what terms the Union Bank Estate can be purchased by the City; and also (if said Bank Estate can be purchased), to confer with the directors of the Merchants Bank, and with Col. Earl Carpenter, for the purpose of ascertaining upon what terms an Exchange of the land occupied by said Union Bank can be made with them by the City, for a portion of the land occupied by said Merchants Bank & Col. Carpenter respectively, sufficient for the widening of Westminster & West Water Street

Passed June 25 1855

Approved J. Y. Smith Mayor

Com^e to transfer City Treas's Book, & Papers

Resolved, That Messrs E A Greene, R Greene & Waterman and Alderman Rathbone, be and they are hereby appointed a Committee to receive of the present City Treasurer, the Books and Papers appertaining to his Office, together with all notes, bonds and other evidences of City property in his possession and to transfer the same to his successor, and to give and receive proper receipts therefor

Passed July 2^d 1855

Approved J Y Smith Mayor

Wooden Building

The petition of James Allen for leave to remove a Wooden Building from Minter Street to the Town of Cranston

Read, Whereupon it is resolved, That the Prayer thereof be granted provided the Petitioner give a satisfactory bond to the City Treasurer as required by the 3^d Sec. of "An Ordinance in relation to the removal of Wooden Buildings"

Passed July 2^d 1855

Approved J Y Smith Mayor

Ralph Mowry

Resolved, That the City Treasurer be and he is hereby directed to pay to Ralph Mowry the sum of Four Dollars and ten Cents, being for fine and costs paid by him for violation of an Ordinance for the regulation of hacks, Omnibuses and drays &c

Passed July 2 1855

Approved J Y Smith Mayor

printing

To the Hon. the City Council

The Committee appointed by the City Council to contract for the City Printing and advertising for the present Municipal year

Respectfully Report

That they have contracted with Messrs Knowles, Anthony & Co to do the Job Printing for the City upon the same terms as last year as per contract enclosed

That they have contracted with Messrs Knowles & Anthony to advertise in the Journal, with Messrs Sayles, Miller & Simons to advertise in the Post and the Republican Herald and Post upon the same terms as last year and with M^r A. C. Greene to advertise in the Daily Transcript for the sum of Two Hundred and fifty Dollars as per contract herewith submitted

A N Beckwith

for the Committee

Read Whereupon it is Ordered that the same be received

Passed July 2 1855

Approved J Y Smith mayor

Police

An Ordinance in Amendment of an Ordinance entitled "An Ordinance in relation to Police"

It is Ordained by the City Council of the City of Providence, as follows.

(See Ordinance Book N^o 2 page

Passed July 2 1855

Approved J Y Smith Mayor

India St

Resolved by the City Council, that the Board of Aldermen be requested to lay out as a public highway, the Street heretofore known as India Street from Benefit Street Easterly until it intersects that part of India Street which is now a public highway

Passed July 2 1855

Approved James Y Smith Mayor

Port Wardens

In Convention July 9^th 1855

The following Gentlemen are appointed Port Wardens, Shubael H Cady, Christopher B Peace and Lloyd Bowers

The two Boards separate the Board of Aldermen retire to their chamber

Dorrance St

Upon the petition of Frank Johnson & others

Resolved That the Mayor and Alderman Thurber & Messrs R Greene, Spicer and Tilcker, be and they are hereby appointed a Committee to confer with the parties interested in the extension of Dorrance Street, as to the Loss and Damage, Benefit & advantage, Apportionment & assessment to each, and the said Committee are hereby authorized to agree with and settle with said parties for the Lands or improvements required for said extension or for benefits assessed, upon such terms as may be deemed satisfactory to said Committee

Passed July 9. 1855

Approved James Y Smith
Mayor

Prov & Wor R.R Co

Resolved, That permission is hereby given to the Providence & Worcester Rail Road Company to lay a track from their rails on Canal Street to their passenger depot, in order to accommodate thereon the Cars of the Providence, Warren and Bristol Railroad Company and that said track be laid under the direction of Aldermen Bowen & Manchester and Messrs Lester, Angell and Lincoln

Passed July 9 1855

Approved James Y Smith
Mayor

Surveyor of Highways Report

The Surveyor of Highways makes his Monthly Report of Work done from June 11. to July 7. 1855

Read Whereupon, it is ordered that the same be received

Passed July 9. 1855

Approved J Y Smith
Mayor

Battery Street

Resolved That Messrs Lester, Mc Knight & Cornell and Ald[n] Holden, be a Committee to inquire into the probable expense of opening and widening Battery Street from High Street to Broadway and also to ascertain how much of said expense can be defrayed by the voluntary contribution of the citizens residing on or in the vicinity of said street and report at an early day to this Body

Passed July 9 1855

Approved J. Y. Smith
Mayor

Wooden Building

The petition of Mathewson & Greene requesting liberty to remove a two story Wooden Building from the corner of Broadway & Bradford Street and place the same in the rear of Federal St

Read, whereupon it is Resolved, That the prayer thereof be granted, provided, the petitioners give a satisfactory bond to the City Treasurer as required by the 3[d] Sect. of an ordinance in relation to the removal of wooden buildings' provided also that no pavement be removed or holes dug in the Street

Passed July 9. 1855

Approved James Y Smith Mayor

City Bonds & Sinking Fund

An Ordinance in relation to the issue and sale of the bonds of the City of Providence and the establishment of a sinking fund for the satisfaction and payment thereof

Passed July 9 1855

Approved James Y Smith Mayor

(See Ordinance Book No 2 page 90)

Highways Appropriation

Resolved, That the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated for Highways

Passed July 9 1855

Approved James Y Smith Mayor

Water pipe in Chad St

Resolved, That the Chief Engineer of the Fire Department be and he is hereby directed to cause Five hundred feet of Water Pipe with hydrants attached to be laid on Charles Street, connecting with the Rotary Pump at the Franklin Foundry to extend from Martin Street to within about Two hundred feet of the City line, and the sum of Six hundred & Seventy five Dollars is hereby appropriated to pay the cost of the same, to be paid out of the appropriation for the Fire Department

Passed July 9 1855

Approved James Y Smith
Mayor

Wooden Building

The petition of Daniel Donoho asking permission to remove a two story wooden Building from the Old Boston Depot to the corner of Ives & India Street

Read Whereupon it is Resolved, That the prayer thereof be granted, provided the petitioner give a satisfactory Bond to the City Treasurer as required by the 3[d] Sec. of an ordinance in relation to the removal of wooden Buildings & provided no pavements be removed or holes made in any Street Passed July 9 1855

Approved J Y Smith Mayor

Chief Engineer Report

The City Engineer makes his Monthly report of the Expenditures for the Fire Department, including Firemen's Salaries amounting to $1960.61

Read, Whereupon it is ordered that the same be received

Passed July 23 1855

Approved J Y Smith Mayor

Pub Schools Appropriation for

Resolved, That the sum of Three thousand Dollars be added to the former Appropriations for Public Schools

Passed July 23 1855

Approved J Y Smith Mayor

City Clerk's Clerk

Resolved, That the sum of One hundred & fifty Dollars be appropriated and paid out of the appropriation for Contingencies, to the order of the City Clerk, as additional Wages to the Clerk now employed by him for the present Municipal year

Passed July 23 1855

Approved J Y Smith

Benefit St

Resolved That the Surveyor of Highways be and he is hereby directed to cause a Crosswalk to be laid across Benefit Street half way between James & William Street

Passed July 23 1855

Approved J Y Smith Mayor

Eddy Street

Resolved, That the Surveyor of Highways be and he is hereby directed to cause Cross walks to be laid across Eddy Street on each side of Hospital Street

Passed July 23 1855

Approved J Y Smith Mayor

Salaries

An Ordinance in amendment of an Ordinance entitled "An Ordinance fixing the Salaries of certain Offices" (See Ordinance Book No 2 page 93)

Passed July 23 1855

Approved James Y Smith

Mayor

Francis McCormick
Ellen Garrett

Resolved That the City Treasurer, be and he is hereby directed to pay to Francis McCormick and Ellen Garrett each ten dollars being the amount of fine imposed upon each by the Police Court for a violation of the "Ordinance in relation to Swine"

Passed July 23 1855

Approved J Y Smith Mayor

John B Fuller

Upon the Report of the Standing Committee on Police, upon the petition of John B Fuller City Watchmen;

Resolved, That the City Treasurer be and he is hereby directed to pay to said John B. Fuller, the sum of Seventeen 97 Dollars; being the amount of fine and costs paid by him, on a judgment of the Court of Magistrates on Complaint of Wm L Prentiss

Passed July 23 1855

Approved James Y. Smith Mayor

Battey Street

Upon the petition of Silas B Whitford & others for the opening of Battey Street

Ordered, that the same be received and referred to the Joint Committee appointed on the 9th of July instant relating to Battey Street

Passed July 23 1855

Approved J Y Smith Mayor

City Hall plans

Resolved, That the City Council of Providence will consider any design for a City Hall, that may be submitted to it, on or before 12 o'clock noon, on Saturday the Eighth day of September next

Resolved, That if a satisfactory design is received and adopted, the Architect offering it, is to be employed to furnish working plans and specifications, and to superintend the erection of the building, provided that a satisfactory contract can be made with him by the Building Committee

Resolved, That the following conditions shall be observed by those presenting plans:

The designs shall comprise plans for each floor, Elevations and Sections drawn to a scale of one eighth of an inch to a foot, and accompanied by the names of the Architects offering the same

The plans shall be adapted to a level lot surrounded by Streets 150 feet front by 190 deep exclusive of

side walks; and to admit of future extension at the same time preserving the symmetrical form of the building.

The building to be built of stone and to be made fire proof throughout. The following accommodations to be amply provided for in the building; viz Police Court Room, Lock up with 14 cells, Female Lodging Room Watch Station, Police Office; Offices for the City Marshal, Collector of Taxes, Overseer of the Poor, Surveyor of Highways, Municipal Court, School Committee, Probate Clerk, Treasurer & Auditor, City Clerk and Registry of Deeds, Mayor, Assessors of Taxes, Board of Health, City Solicitor, Aldermen, Common Council and Board of Engineers with additional Rooms for Committees.

The Rooms, entrances, Stairs, corridors, closets and other appurtenances to be suitable for a building like the one in contemplation.

Each design shall be left in the City Clerks Office on or before the day above mentioned, where it shall be kept for public examination until some plan shall be adopted by the City Council

Resolved, That the above resolutions be printed in the papers which do the City printing, daily for ten days

Passed July 26 1855

Approved J. G. Smith Mayor

Pioneer Hall Chandelier

Resolved, That the Standing Committee on City Property be and they hereby are authorized to purchase of Edwin A Brown, the Chandelier now in use at Pioneer Hall (so called) the same to remain where it now is, for the use of the City — and the sum of fifty Dollars is hereby appropriated to defray the expense of the same, payable to the order of said Committee out of the appropriation for Contingencies

Passed July 26. 1855

Approved J Y Smith Mayor

Prov. Warren & Bristol R R Co

Resolved That Aldermen Bowen & Manchester and Messrs Lester, Angell & Lincoln, be and they are hereby appointed a Committee under whose direction, the Providence, Warren & Bristol Rail Road Company are authorized to lay their rails upon that part of South Main Street, south of its junction with Wickenden Street, and also, upon any Street or Gangway between South Main Street and South Water Street, South of said junction, and to connect their said rails with those laid upon South Water Street by the Providence & Worcester Rail Road Company.

Provided, that the terms and conditions of this grant shall be in all respects the same, as were those of the grant to the Providence, Warren & Bristol Rail Road Company by the resolutions of the City Council passed August 15th 1853

Approved J Y Smith Mayor

Passed July 27 1855

Wooden Buildg

The petition of Thomas W Greene requesting liberty to remove a two story wooden building from William Street to Fremont Street

Read, whereupon it is Resolved, that the prayer thereof be granted, provided the petitioner give a satisfactory bond to the City Treasurer as required by the 3d Sec. of "An Ordinance in relation to the removal of Wooden Buildings & provided also that no pavement be removed or holes dug in the Streets

Passed July 27 1855

Approved J Y Smith Mayor

Valley St

Resolved, That the Surveyor of Highways be and he is hereby directed to cause the work of setting the Edge Stone and paving the gutters of Valley Street to be done in connection with the work now being done on Broadway

Passed July 23 1855

Approved J Y Smith Mayor

Orms St

Resolved, That the Surveyor of Highways be and he is hereby directed to cause as much work to be done on Orms Street, at its connection with Charles Street, as the safety and interest of the Public demand

Passed August 6. 1855

Approved James Y Smith Mayor

Courtland St

Resolved That the Surveyor of Highways be and he is hereby directed to set the Curb Stone and pave the Gutters on Courtland Street whenever the owners shall furnish Curb Stone for the same

Passed August 6. 1855

Approved James Y Smith Mayor

Teacher's Salaries

Resolved, That the School Committee be and they are hereby authorized to pay the Teachers in Public Schools, Annual Salaries in quarterly payments as follows viz

The Masters in the Grammar Schools, each a Salary not exceeding twelve hundred Dollars

The female teachers in the High School, salaries not exceeding the following specifications viz the teacher in the first room six hundred & fifty dollars; the teacher in the second room, five hundred and fifty dollars; the teacher in the third room four & fifty dollars; the teacher in the fourth room four hundred dollars.

The Assistants in the Grammar Schools each a Salary not exceeding three Hundred & fifty Dollars;
The principals of the Intermediate & Primary Schools, each a Salary not exceeding three hundred & fifty Dollars;
The Assistants in the Intermediate & Primary Schools, each a Salary not exceeding three hundred Dollars

Passed August 13. 1855

Approved
J. Y. Smith Mayor

Surveyor of Highways

The Surveyor of Highway makes his Monthly report of Work done from the 9th July to 11 August 1855 Amt $4992,65

Read Whereupon it is Ordered, that the same be received

Passed Aug 13. 1855

Approved J Y Smith
Mayor

Appropriations

Resolved, That the sum of Nineteen Thousand Dollars be added to former appropriations as follows:

Ten thousand Dollars to Highways.
Three thousand Dollars to Public Watch
Two thousand Dollars to Fire Department
One thousand Dollars to Salaries
One thousand Dollars to Gas Fixtures
One thousand Dollars to Bridges
One thousand Dollars to Contingencies

Passed August 13 1855

Approved J. Y. Smith
Mayor

Appropriation for Canal St & Basin

Resolved, That the sum of five thousand Dollars be and is hereby appropriated for the Stone Wall and removal of mud on Canal Street ordered in May 1855

Passed August 13. 1855

Approved J. Y. Smith
Mayor

Engineers Report

The Chief Engineer makes his Monthly Report of Expenditures for the Fire Department amt $1130.77

Read Whereupon it is Ordered, that the same be received

Passed Aug 13. 1855

Approved James Y Smith
Mayor

Dam at Canal Basin

Resolved, That Aldermen Holden & Manchester and Messrs Salisbury, Hill and Cornell, be and they are hereby appointed a Committee to determine the height to which the dam under the bridge at the crossing on the causeway of the Old Canal Basin shall be carried, and to contract for the establishment of said dam at such place and of such height as they shall deem expedient, not to exceed its present height, or to cause the same to be removed at their discretion, and to arrange and settle the case now pending before the Blackstone Canal Commissioners, between Charles Lippitt and the owners of the Howell Mill Estate and the City of Providence

Passed August 13 1855

Approved
James Y Smith Mayor

Wooden Buildings to Remove

The petition of William Diamonds requesting liberty to remove a two story wooden Building from Grove Street to Ridge Street, to be used for a dwelling

and Morris Turner to remove a One Story wooden Building from East of Ives Street to Fremont Street, to be used for a Dwelling. &

James Baxter to remove a One Story Wooden Building from near Broad Street to the North Providence Line &

Quincy Parker to remove a One & half Story Wooden Building from Jefferson Street to the corner of Orms & Davis Streets &

Daniel E Carpenter to remove a two Story Wooden Building from Meeting Street to Walling Street, (for a Dwelling) &

Thomas Merewether to remove a two story wooden Building from No 13 Bowen Street to the rear of the same lot &

John B Hennessy to remove a 1½ Story wooden Building from Mulberry Street to the North Providence line

Read Whereupon it is resolved, That the prayers thereof be granted, Provided the Petitioners give a Satisfactory bond to the City Treasurer, as required by the 3d Section of an Ordinance in relation to the removal of Wooden Buildings provided also that no paving be removed or holes made in ~~the~~ any Street

Passed August 13 1855

Approved J Y Smith Mayor

In Convention August 13th 1855

The resignation of Edward B Hall as a Member of the School Committee read & accepted

Thos M Clarke is appointed Member of the School Committee.

The two Boards Separate

Clemence Street

Resolved, That the Surveyor of Highways be and he is hereby directed to cause Clemence Street to be paved instead of gravelled as previously ordered.

Passed August 13. 1855

Approved J Y Smith Mayor

Untaxed Property

Resolved, That the Standing Committee on City Property be and they are hereby directed to report to this Council the appraized amount of Property, owned by the City and also the amount owned by Religious and Literary Corporations and Individuals which is by Law exempt from taxation designating the amount held in each Ward

Passed August 13. 1855

Approved J Y Smith Mayor

Wm Bowen Tax Remitted

Resolved That the City Treasurer be and he is hereby directed to pay to William Bowen, Seventeen Dollars and ninety two cents the said Sum being in remission of tax improperly assessed against him in the year 1854 provided it shall appear to the Treasurer, upon the Certificate of the Collector of Taxes, that the said Sum has been paid into the City Treasury. If it shall appear to the City Treasurer, that the said Tax has not been paid into the Treasury, then he shall credit the Collector of Taxes with the amount so unpaid and the Collector of Taxes shall deduct the amount hereby remitted from the Tax of said William Bowen

Passed August 13 1855

Approved J. Y. Smith Mayor

Chesnut Street

Resolved, That the Surveyor of Highways acting under the advice of the Standing Committee on Highways, be and he is hereby authorized to repair that portion of Chesnut Street lying between Elm and Elbow Streets at an early day

Passed August 13. 1855

Approved J Y Smith Mayor

Westminster Street & Market Sq

Resolved, That the Surveyor of Highways be and he is hereby directed to pave that portion of Westminster Street below the junction of Broad Street and also Market Square with small pebble Stones, the work to be proceeded with immediately

Passed August 13 1855

Approved

J Y Smith

Mayor

Assessors of Taxes

Upon the Memorial of the Board of Assessors of Taxes this day presented to the City Council for assistance;

Resolved, That the same be received and referred to Messrs E A Greene, Winsor and Waterman, with such as the Board of Alderman may add, with power to employ such assistance as in their opinion, the Board of Assessors may need Alderman Rathbone added

Passed August 13. 1855

Approved J Y Smith Mayor

Cross Walks

Resolved. That the Surveyor of Highways be and he is hereby directed to proceed immediately to the laying of Cross-walks where they have been previously ordered by the Council

Passed August 27. 1855

Approved J Y Smith Mayor

West Water Street

Resolved. That Messrs Pike, Tingley & Snow and Alderman Brastow be, and they are hereby appointed a Committee to confer with the parties directly interested in the widening of West Water Street, who have appealed from the Report of the Commissioners of Assessments and Awards, on said Street, and that said Committee be, and they are hereby empowered to settle with said parties for the Land or improvements received, for the widening of said Street, or for Benefit assessed, upon such terms as shall be satisfactory to said Committee

Passed August 27. 1855

Approved J Y Smith Mayor

4th July

Ordered, That the City Treasurer pay the following named bills for Expenditures made by the Committee of Arrangements for the Municipal Celebration of the recent anniversary of American Independence viz

Bill of Sanderson & Lanergan for Fire Works. Six Hundred Dollars.
Bill of the Baptist Charitable Society for use of Meeting House fifty Dollars,
Bill of First Light Infantry Company for fifty Dollars,
Bill of Providence Artillery for fifty Dollars,
Bill of Providence Marine Corps of Artillery for fifty Dollars,
Amounting in the whole to Eight hundred Dollars; and that the same be paid to the Order of said Committee, out of any monies in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated

After discussion the above order was laid aside and the following resolution on next page was passed

Appropriation for 4th July

Resolved That the Sum of Eight hundred Dollars be, and the same is hereby appropriated, in addition to the sum already appropriated, to defray the Expenses of the Celebration of the 81st anniversary of American Independence

Passed August 27 1855

Approved J Y Smith Mayor

Durrance Street

Resolved, That the City Treasurer be and he is hereby empowered and directed to pay to such of the parties who have sustained loss and damage in the Extension of Dorrance Street as the Committee appointed July 9. 1855. for that Purpose shall agree to settle with in such a manner and such an amount as said Committee shall direct; and he is hereby authorized & empowered to receive the estimates and assessments made against any of the parties with whom said Committee shall settle and give receipts therefor, for such amount and upon such conditions as he shall be directed to do by said Committee

Passed August 27 1855

Approved J Y Smith Mayor

Salaries School Teachers

Resolved, That the School committee be and they are hereby authorized to pay the following teaches of the Boys Department of the High School viz. the Principals of the Classical and English departments, each an annual salary in equal Quiterly payments a sum not exceeding twelve hundred & fifty Dollars

Passed Sept 3 1855

Approved James Y Smith Mayor

Somerset St

Resolved, That the Surveyor of Highways be and he is hereby directed to cause the Curb Stone set and the gutters paved on Somerset Street from Broad to Pine Street. And also to cause the Curb Stone Set & gutters paved on Prince St from Friendship to Point Street

The above work to be done immediately following the work now being done on Point Street

Passed Sept 3 1855

Approved J Y Smith Mayor

In Convention Aug 27. 1855. The following Gentlemen are appointed Trustees of the Sinking Fund under the Act passed by the General Assembly May session 1855 entitled "an act authorizing the City of Providence to issue bonds and establish a Sinking fund"

Amos D Smith, Amasa Manton & Henry Anthony The two Brands separate

F E Curtis

Resolved, That the City Treasurer be and he is hereby directed to pay to Francis E Curtis, from the appropriation for Highways the sum of Fifty Dollars; upon receiving from him, a full discharge for all claims against the City relating to the opening of Dorrance Street

Passed Sept 3 1855

Approved J Y Smith Mayor

B Street

Resolved, That the Board of Aldermen of said City be and they are hereby requested to lay out a highway in said City under an act entitled "An Act for laying out highways" From Pond Street to Central Street in said City" said Highway to be a continuation of and in a line with B Street in a southeasterly direction about One hundred feet and of the same width as B. Street

Passed September 10. 1855

Approved James Y Smith Mayor

Dexter Training Ground

Resolved That the Overseers of Highways be, and he is hereby authorized, acting under the advice of the Commissioners of the Dexter Donation Fund, to level off the heaps of dirt and carriage paths, so far as is necessary to fit the Dexter Training Grounds for the use to which they were devoted

Passed September 10. 1855

Approved J Y Smith Mayor

Public Schools

An Ordinance in Amendment of an Ordinance entitled "An Ordinance in relation to Public Schools

See Ordinance Book No 2 Page

Passed September 10 1855

Approved J Y Smith Mayor

Issues & Payments

Abstract of Issues & Payments from June 11 to Sept 10 th 1855

Issued Notes

From No 260 to 277 inclusive Amt $ 79.026.48

Paid Notes as follows

Nos 247. 214. 245. 239. 241. 217. 246. 249. 248. 244. 228. 233. 251 237. 255. 62. 63. 73. 222. 223. 229. 257. 259. 262. 254. 218 } $ 145.283.38

Amount paid over Issues $ 66.256.90

To the Hon. City Council

Gentlemen Please have the above abstract of Issues and payments of City Debt to date

Treasurers Office
Prov. Sept 10 1855

M. W. Gardiner
City Treasurer

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

Passed Sept 10 1855

Approved J Y Smith Mayor

Indian Deeds

Resolved That the City Clerk, and Clerk of the Common Council, acting under the advice of His Honor the Mayor, be and they are hereby authorized to procure some suitable person to transcribe arrange and bind, such of the original deeds from the Indians to our ancestors, and such of the early records of the town, as are still in such a state of preservation as to admit thereof, and draw upon the Treasurer for the cost thereof, to be paid out of any money not otherwise appropriated

Passed September 10 1855

Approved J. Y. Smith Mayor

Friends School

Resolved, That the Mayor is hereby authorized to refer all matters in controversy between the City of Providence and the Friends school in relation to the taxation of their property situated in said Providence, to the Judges of the Supreme Court, or to said Court.

Passed September 10. 1855

Approved J. Y. Smith Mayor

Maple Street

Resolved That the Surveyor of Highways be and he is hereby directed to cause the curb-stone to be set and gutters paved on Maple Street, whenever the owners of the adjoining estates shall furnish suitable curbstone

Passed September 10 1855

Approved J Y Smith Mayor

C Engineer Monthly Rep

The Chief Engineer makes his Monthly Report of the Expenditures for the Fire Department amt $701.79

Read. Whereupon it is Ordered that the same be received

Passed Sept 17 1855

Approved J. Y. Smith Mayor

Surveyor of Highways Report

The Surveyor of Highways makes his Monthly Report of work done from August 13th to September 8th 1855

Read. Whereupon it is Ordered that the same be received

Passed September 17th 1855

Approved J. Y. Smith mayor

Zebina W Bourn

Resolved, That the City Treasurer be and he is hereby directed to pay Zebina W Bourn the sum of Twelve Dollars the same being the amount of his bill for damage done to his land, in the survey for the Water Works, and to be paid out of the appropriation for Contingent expense

Passed Sept 17 1855

Approved J Y Smith Mayor

Hartford, Prov & Fishkill R R Company

Upon the petition of the Hartford, Providence and Fishkill Rail Road Co. praying for the immediate issue by the City of Providence of the remaining 30.000 Dollars of the bonds of said City, which bonds were, and are retained as security for the completion of certain buildings, and the filling of certain lands, in conformity with the contract of said Rail Road Co. with the City, it is

Resolved, That the City Treasurer be, and he is hereby authorized to exchange the Bonds of the City of Providence for the Mortgage Bonds of the Hartford, Providence and Fishkill Rail Road Co. to the amount of thirty thousand dollars, upon the conditions following; Viz

That the said Rail road Company, give written assurance to the City Treasurer, that they will, within the present year, construct a building, after plans that shall be approved by the City Council, for the accommodation of the freight passing over the road; and that they will also deposit with the City Treasurer Six thousand dollars of their Mortgage bonds, as collateral security for the fulfilment of this their agreement, which bonds shall also be held as collateral security for the fulfilment of a former contract to fill certain lands prior to the year Eighteen hundred and fifty seven; said bonds shall not draw interest until Jan. 1. 1857, at which time interest shall commence to accrue, and shall be paid to the City in case of the non fulfillment of the contract and agreement above named. If the freight station should be erected, and the earth filling completed within the time respectively specified, then the said Bonds shall be returned to the Railroad Company, it being expressly understood, that the de-

livery of these bonds to the City shall not release the said company from their obligation under former contracts in reference to earth fillings and "suitable Railroad accommodations"

Passed September 17. 1855

Approved J. Y. Smith
Mayor

H. P. & F. R. R. Co

Resolved That Messrs Robbins, Taylor, E A Greene, Salisbury, R Greene Jr, Hill, Lester & Barstow and the Mayor Ald Knight & Bowen be a Committee to confer with the Directors of the Hartford, Providence & Fishkill Rail Road Company in reference to the erection of a Cotain Stone or brick building upon the Cove lands, to be used at present as a freight depot, with full power to approve the same

Passed Sept 17 1855

Approved J. Y. Smith Mayor

North main Street

Whereas the Commissioners of Estimate and Assessment in the matter of widening North Main Street at the Amasa Breck Estate in the City of Providence, appointed by the Supreme Court at the March term thereof in the County of Providence under an act entitled "An Act in relation to the laying out enlarging, straightening or otherwise altering Streets in the City of Providence" have made their first report to said Court

Now therefore within thirty days after the making of said Report

Resolved that the City Council elect to make said improvement

Passed Sept 17 1855

Approved J. Y. Smith Mayor

Appropriation for Lighting

Resolved That the sum of Three Hundred Dollars be added to former appropriations for lighting Streets

Passed Sept 17 1855

Approved J. Y. Smith Mayor

City Hall

Resolved That the Architects who have presented unfinished plans for a City Hall, have permission to finish them (out of Office hours) before the next regular meeting of the City Council

Passed Sept 17 1855

Approved J. Y. Smith
Mayor

West Water St

Upon the Memorial of William Grosvenor and others

Resolved. That Messrs Lester, Angell & Lincoln and Alderm Bowen and Manchester, be and they are hereby appointed a Committee under whose direction, the Surveyor of Highways is authorized and directed to relay the rails of the Providence and Worcester Rail Road Company upon West Water Street from Westminster Street to the present termination of said rails.

Provided that the terms and conditions on which said rails (when relaid) shall remain and be used, - shall be in all respects, the same as those under which saide rails are now used by the existing grant from the City Council

Passed Sept 17 1855

Approved J. Y. Smith
Mayor

India Street

Resolved. That the Surveyor of Highways be and he is directed to proceed immediately to the grading of and setting curbing and paving gutters on India Street

Passed Sept 17 1855

Approved J. Y. Smith Mayor

High Street

Resolved. That the Surveyor of Highways be and he is hereby directed to proceed immediately to reset the curb stone on High Street, North side from Stewart to Dean Street, South side from Stewart to Summer St

Passed Sept 17 1855

Approved J. Y. Smith Mayor

Gen Washington Portrait

Mayors Office Providence Sept 17 1855

To the Hon. City Council

I transmit to you herewith a Splendid Portrait of Gen Washington, woven in Silk, presented to the City of Providence by our much Esteemed fellow Citizen Genl Elisha Dyer, together with the correspondence in regard to the same

I recommend that after the Portrait has been on Exhibition, in conformity with the suggestion of Gen Dyer, that suitable arrangements may be made by the City Council for preserving the same

Respectfully
James Y Smith
Mayor

Read, whereupon, it is ordered, that the same with the accompanying papers, be printed in the Newspapers employed to do the City Printing

Passed Sept 17 1855

School Houses & Lots

Resolved. That the sum of Thirty five hundred Dollars be added to former appropriations for School Houses and Lots

Passed Sept^r 24 1855

Approved J.Y. Smith mayor

Taxes Remitted

Whereas the Assessors of Taxes for the years 1853 and 1854 have represented to the City Council, that the taxes assessed in said years, upon the persons named in the Lists hereto annexed, in the sums placed against their respective names, and committed to James Mumford to be collected, are not collectable, owing to errors in the assessment thereof; and whereas the City Council are satisfied, that said taxes, in said sums, are not collectable

It is resolved, that the respective taxes aforesaid, be and the same are hereby remitted; and that the City Treasurer be, and he is hereby authorized and directed to credit the amount thereof, viz Eleven Hundred and thirty eight $^{11}/_{100}$ Dollars, to the said James Mumford, in account with him, as Collector of Taxes, with the interest which has accrued on said several items

Passed Sept 24 1855

Approved J.Y. Smith Mayor

6th School District

Resolved That the School Committee be and they are hereby authorized to make temporary arrangements for the accommodation of such scholars in the sixth school district as cannot now be accommoded in the Grammar school, and are also authorized to use the Ward Room, if deemed suitable for that purpose

Passed September 24 1855

Approved J.Y. Smith Mayor

Albert Hopkins

Resolved, That the City Treasurer be and is hereby directed to pay to Albert Hopkins the sum of Seven Dollars, the said Sum being in remission of tax improperly assessed against him in the year 1854 provided it shall appear to the Treasurer upon the Certificate of the Collector of Taxes that the said Sum has been paid into the City Treasury - If it shall appear to the City Treasurer that the said tax has not been paid into the Treasury, then he shall credit the Collector of Taxes with the amount so unpaid, and the Collector of Taxes shall deduct the amount hereby remitted from the tax of said Albert Hopkins

Passed Sept 24 1855

Approved J.Y. Smith Mayor

A Alexander

Resolved, That the City Treasurer be and is hereby directed to pay to Abraham Alexander, the sum of Seven Dollars and twenty eight cents, the said sum being in remission of tax improperly assessed against him in the year 1854: provided it shall appear to the Treasurer upon the Certificate of the Collector of Taxes, that the said sum has been paid into the City Treasury.

If it shall appear to the City Treasurer that the said tax has not been paid into the Treasury, then he shall credit the Collector of taxes with the amount so unpaid and the Collector of taxes shall deduct the amount hereby remitted from the tax of said Abraham Alexander.

Passed Sept 24 1855

Approved J.Y. Smith Mayor

House of Correction

Resolved That Messrs Snow, Hill, Winsor and Ald^n Manchester & Bowen be a Committee to examine the subject of the erection of a House of Correction in this City and that they be directed to report by Ordinance

Passed Sept 24 1855

Approved J.Y. Smith mayor

Appropriations

Resolutions making appropriations for the year ensuing the last Monday in September A.D. One thousand eight hundred & fifty five.

Resolved That the several sums hereinafter mentioned be and the same are hereby appropriated for the following purposes: to wit:

For the Fund established for the payment of the City Debt in and by the Ordinance, entitled "An Ordinance in relation to the City Debt", All sums of money which may be received, being proceeds of the Sales of Real Estate sold by the City; all sums received into the City Treasury for Rents of the City property, Licenses and Interest; and the sum of Twelve thousand Dollars from the first monies received into the Treasury from other sources after the first day of October next; as provided by said Ordinance.

For the support of the Public Schools, for the year ending on the last Monday in September A D 1856. together with, and in addition to, the sum which the City may receive for the same purpose, from the State Treasury and Registry Tax: (the expenditures under this appropriation to be made by the order and direction of the School Committee): Fifty Thousand Dollars ($ 50.000)

For the support of the Poor and the Removal of Paupers, (including Asylum;) together with the income of the Tillinghast Fund (so called) Twelve thousand Dollars

For the Fire Department, Forty five thousand Dollars;

For the support of Public Bridges, Two thousand Dollars;

For the support of the Public Watch, Thirty three Thousand Dollars

For Lighting the Streets Fifteen thousand Dollars;

For the Salaries of the Mayor, Aldermen, Members of the Common Council, and other City Officers, Thirty two thousand Dollars;

For the Repairs of Public Buildings, Five hundred Dollars;

For the Repair of the City Pumps and Wells, Fifteen hundred Dollars;

For the Police Department, One thousand Dollars;

For the Repair of the Asylum Walls & Buildings, One thousand Dollars;

For Highways, Fifty thousand Dollars;

For Contingent Expenses; viz Any claims which may be allowed by the Board of Aldermen or by the City Auditor not included in any of the preceding items; and also the compensation allowed to Wardens and Ward Clerks Eighteen Thousand Dollars:

For School Houses and Lots, Fifteen thousand Dollars;

For the improvement of Public Grounds, Two thousand Dollars

For Gas Light Fixtures, Three thousand Dollars

For the Providence Reform School, Twelve thousand Dollars;

For the City's proportion of the State Tax, Eight thousand and One hundred Dollars

For the interest on the bonds issued and to be issued by the City of Providence, to the amount of Six Hundred Thousand Dollars, established in and by the Ordinance entitled "An Ordinance in relation to the issue and sale of the bonds of the City of Providence and the establishment of a Sinking fund for the satisfaction and payment thereof;" Thirty six thousand Dollars; and the sum of ten thousand Dollars, to be applied to the Sinking fund, as provided by said Ordinance

Resolved, That the several sums hereby appropriated, (excepting the sums to be appropriated for the Fund established for the payment of the City Debt, as provided by ordinance) be paid out of any monies in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated

Passed Sept 26 1855

Approved J. G. Smith Mayor

H. P. & F. R. R. Depot

Resolved, That the plan of building presented by the Hartford, Providence & Fishkill Rail Road Company. Thirty feet wide, and not less than Two hundred feet long, to be built of brick or stone, with slate roof, and granite underpinning to be used at present for a Merchandise Depot, be approved.

Passed Sept 26 1855

Approved J. G. Smith mayor

Reform Sch By Laws

Resolved, That the by-laws adopted by the Trustees of the Reform School and this day presented to the Council, be and they are hereby sanctioned and approved as rules for the government of that institution and the officers thereof

Passed Sept 26 1855

Approved J. G. Smith Mayor

Matron Reform School

Resolved, That the Trustees of the Reform School be and they are hereby authorized to pay to the Matron of said institution a Salary not exceeding the sum of Two hundred dollars per annum

Passed Sept 26 1855

Approved J. G. Smith Mayor

Schools

Resolved, That the Mayor be, and he is hereby authorized to make such arrangements in the Engine Houses on Knight, Wickenden and Haymarket Streets as is necessary to secure the heating of the School rooms above them by furnaces, and that he have liberty to partition off a small room in each of said Engine houses for the said furnaces. if he deem it expedient

Passed Sept 26. 1855

Approved J Y Smith Mayor

North Main Street

Resolved, That Messrs Miller, Angell, & Stone and Ald^{n} Bowen be and they are hereby appointed a Committee to confer and advise, with the Surveyor of Highways relative to the widening of North Main Street, the disposition of the buildings standing on the same and all matter connecting therewith

Passed Sept 26 1855

Approved J Y Smith Mayor

Tax Ordinance

An Ordinance providing for the assessment and collection of a Tax of not less than Three hundred & Seventy five thousand Dollars, nor more than Three Hundred & Eighty thousand Dollars.

It is Ordained by the City Council of the City of Providence as follows viz

Section 1. That a tax of not less than Three Hundred & Seventy five thousand Dollars, nor more than Three hundred & eighty thousand Dollars, be assessed and levied upon the ratiable property of the inhabitants and others owning such property in said City; and the said tax be assessed on or before the third monday in November next and collected and paid into the City Treasury on or before the third Monday in December next.

Section 2 That the Collector shall advertise in the newspapers employed to do the City Printing, for three weeks successively, calling upon all persons who may be assessed for said tax, to make payment at his office within ten days ending on said third Monday in December next, and including that day; and during said said ten days said collector shall attend at his Office for the purpose of receiving said tax every day (Sundays excepted) from nine o clock in the morning until three o clock in the afternoon: and said Collector shall deduct three per cent from the respective sums assessed upon those who shall make payment on or before the said third Monday in December next

Section 3 Said Collector shall be allowed three and three eighths per cent for collecting said Tax, he allowing out of his said

Commission three per cent to all those who shall pay him the amount of their respective Taxes on or before said third Monday in December next

Section 4 That said Collector shall pay into the City Treasury without delay, all monies which he shall receive towards the Tax assessed aforesaid by the Third Monday in December next, collecting and paying over the residue if any, of said Tax, as soon as may be, and that all persons who shall be delinquent in paying in said Tax by said third Monday in December next shall pay interest afterwards for which interest said Collector shall be accountable, to said City

Section 5 The tax hereby ordered is intended to include and shall be held to include the sum paid by the City to the State in the year One thousand eight hundred and fifty four as the Citys proportion of the State Tax

Section 6 The city hereby assumes the payment to the State of the Citys proportion of the State Tax for the year One thousand eight hundred and fifty five, and the Assessors of Taxes are hereby directed not to assess said State Tax

Passed Oct 8th 1855

Approved James Y Smith Mayor

Surveyor of Highways

The Surveyor of Highways makes his monthly report of work done from September 10 th to October 6th 1855 amt $4713.32

Read. Whereupon it is ordered that the same be received

Passed October 8 1855

Approved James Y Smith Mayor

Bacon Street

Resolved by the City Council of the City of Providence, That the Board of Aldermen of said City are hereby requested to lay out a highway in said City, under and according to the act entitled "An Act for laying out highways" said highway to commence on North Main Street between the land of the City and land of Frank W Cheney and Knight D Cheney formerly held in Common between said City and Frank W. and Knight D Cheney; said highway to run from said place of commencement, of the uniform width of thirty three feet until it meets and joins Bacon Street

Passed October 8 1855

Approved James Y Smith Mayor

Dr City of Providence in account with

1854						
Sept 25	For balance due from City as per a/c rendered at close of Financial Year				15940	80
Dec 14	" cash paid Joseph Manton for over chge in Bill May 24 1854		39	-		
26	" Do " Benj Hoppin " " " " Dec 7 "		5	25	44	25
1855 Jany 6	" Do " Harriet Brown - rent of Land				61	25
9	" Do " Seth Padelford pay bills of C Council for amt deposited by the N.Y. P. & B RR Co for land of N Carlile taken by s^d Co		75	00		
Feby 20	" " " Interest		28	91	103	91
"	" Do " Eliza Bowen Tax Remitted		16	80		
	Amy G Dorrance " "		82	32		
	Wm Grosvenor " "		11	59		
	Mt Vernon Lodge " "		10	08		
	Wm T Bullock " "		25	31		
	Thos P Ives heirs " "		109	13		
	J.C. Brown " "		56	25		
March 22	David Gowdy " "		11	76		
April 7	James Eames " "		28	00		
10	Benj Dyer " "		7	84		
May 14	H B Anthony Adm^r Geo Rivers " "		12	88		
30	Benj G Pabodie " "		11	30		
June 23	I C Hartshorn " "		13	44		
27	John W Smith " "		12	80	409	50
Feby 21	Archibald Stewart heirs Land on Stewart Street				1532	"
March 3	Peter Cox Fine remitted		10	00		
"	Bryan Barrett " "		10	00		
"	James Lane " "		10	00	30	00
"	I Budlong for Support of I Tillinghast				281	
24	E. Dyer for part of City Hall Lot Note # 236		12000	00		
	H.B. Lyman & W.C Snow Trustees to F Vinton " 237		12000	00		
	Do Do " C Lyman " 238		12000	00		
	Wm Fletcher part of City Hall Lot A W Aldrich " 239		1500	00		
	Anna W Aldrich " " 240		1500	00		
	Do " " 241		6500	00		
	Earl Carpenter Trustee " " 242		6000	00		
	Alfred K Aldrich " " 243		1000	00		
	Do " " 244		4932	77		
	Do " " 245		3163	50		
	Thomas Brown " " 248		8700	00	69296	27
	A.K. Aldrich Cash		1403	73		
	A.W. Aldrich "		600	"		
	E. Carpenter "		350		2353	73
April 3	Daniel Clapp Note # 249		2000	-		
	Do damage Cost &c		2058	46	4058	46
	Cash paid Thomas Brown for unexpired policy N° 2648				20	14
May 22	" " S B Vernon Gen Treas Dft for Stales pro of Licens				763	36
June 4	" " Board of Aldermen Commissions				19	57
30	" " Public Schools				39887	79
	Amt forwd				134,523	84

Esek Aldrich City Treasurer Cr

1854					
Sept 25	By Balance of Cash on Settlement of old a/c				155 25
Oct 12	" cash received of A.P. Dyer for entering Drain	52	50		
"	" " " " Thos J Stead " " "	52	50		
Dec 7	" " " " Benj^a Hoppin " " "	150	75		
1855 Jany 5	" " " " W.S Burges " " "	30	00		
"	" " " " T.F Carpenter " " "	30	00		
"	" " " " John Knowles " " "	15	75		
April 9	" " " " F Church " " "	28	50		
May 7	" " " " Mrs Larned " " "	60	00		
23	" " " " Michael O Keefe " "	10	00		
June 1	" " " " Dennis Sawyer " "	28	12		
4	" " " " Franklin Co^s " "	31	50		
11	" " " " Helme & Dorrance " "	10	00	499	62
"	" " " Junk Shop			2	00
Oct 17	" " " Sheldon & Barton for Sale of Horses			12	22
"	" " " Tax on Bowling Alley to June 1854			391	87
"	" " " Do " Billiard Tables			380	"
18	" " " P.W. Gardiner Tax omitted			69	53
"	" " " H J Smith "			16	96
"	" " " Brown & Ives & others Opening Streets			8	00
"	" " " Brown Estate for Side Walks			37	00
May 1	" " " A G Greene Clk M Ct fines & Costs			93	86
"	" " " A Pabodie City Clk Wagon Licenses	483	00		
"	" " " " " Dogs "	151	00		
"	" " " " " Dogs "	54	12	688	12
"	" " " Wm Richmonds Estate	76	08		
"	" " " John Feagan "	166	47		
"	" " " I McDonald	7	91	250	46
"	" " " I Northrup Ex for rent of Tillinghast Estate	—	—	40	00
June 4	" " " N Church Harbor Master			876	05
"	" " " H Staples & Co Sale of Old buildings on Dorrance St			112	50
18	" " " James Austin for use of land east of Town House			15	00
"	" " " Auction dues			73	53
"	" " " James Mumford Collector on a/c Tax 1854			24155	543
"	" " " Thos Burgess cost on Interest			1150	—
"	" " " American Bank over drawn			41630	02
"	" " " City Standard Scales			217	81
"	" " " H. P. & F R R Fund			7770	—
"	" " " City Licenses on half			229	—
"	" " " Police fees of Officers			585	14
"	" " " Excess of Notes Issued			58282	54
	Notes for Stalls			2015	—
	470 Rail Road Bonds at $1000. ea			470000	—
	Amt forward			$ 827,156	91

1855	Amount brought forward		134.523 84
June 30	For cash paid for Pumps & Wells		470 14
	" " " " Public Buildings		391 47
	" " " " Notes Receivable (on hand)		2015 —
	" " " " State Tax		8085 79
	" " " " Lot cor of Stewart Street		750 —
	" " " " Rail Road Fund		375 30
	" " " " N. B. Ground		504 73
	" " " " Bridges		1374 30
	" " " " Alterations of Masons Hall		1431 86
	" " " " Gas fixtures		3028 03
	" " " " School Houses & Lots		3600 —
	" " " " Support of Poor at Asylum	2789 72	
	" " " " " Butler Hospital	4076 51	
	" " " " Lange	4599 75	11465 98
	" " " " Asylum Walls & Buildings		598 10
	" " " " Culvert in Mathewson, Sabin & Fountain Sts		3977 46
	" " " " Iron Fence around the Cove		7413 11
	Bonds Receivable		470.000 —
	" " " " Lighting Streets		11.982 25
	" " " " Improvement of Public Grounds		2.297 17
	" " " " Pro. Reform School		5.113 90
	" " " " Salaries		17,025 34
	" " " " Removing Obstructions from River		6236 24
	" " " " City Watch		24.274 11
	" " " " Fire Department		34 033 11
	" " " " Highways		55.543 48
	" " " " Contingencies		15.673 34
	" " " " City Debt Fund		4898 91
	Cash		73 95
		$	827.156 91

Bonds for Sinking Fund

Resolved, That the Committee to advertise and receive bids for the Loan of Six hundred thousand Dollars be and they are hereby authorized to issue to the Trustees of the Sinking Fund, Bonds at par for the amount of the premium and Appropriation for said funds

Passed October 8 1855

Approved James Y Smith mayor

J C Sheridan

Ordered That the amount of the within account, viz fifteen Dollars, be paid to James C Sheridan from the Appropriation for Contingencies

Passed October 8 1855

Approved J. Y. Smith Mayor

Amount brought forward 827156 91

I hereby certify that I have examined the accounts of Ezek Aldrich City Treasurer for the nine months ending June 30 1855 and that these accounts agree with the vouchers and that on the 2d day of July 1855, there was a balance of Seventy three 95/100 Dollars belonging to the City in his hands

Providence Oct 8 1855

John J Paine,
City Auditor

Read, Whereupon it is resolved that the same be received and Recorded

Passed October 8 1855

Approved
J Y Smith
Mayor

$ 827.156 91

Tax Remitted

Resolved, That the City Treasurer be and he is hereby directed to pay to Martha H Walker the amount of Tax improperly assessed against her in the Year 1854 the said amount having been assessed upon four thousand dollars over and above the valuation of her Real Estate, arising from an error in transcribing said valuation upon the Tax Book; provided it shall appear to the Treasurer, upon the certificate of the Collector of Taxes, that the said tax has been paid into the City Treasury. If it shall appear to the City Treasurer that said Tax has not been paid into the Treasury then he shall credit the Collector of taxes with the amount so unpaid; and the Collector of Taxes shall deduct the amount hereby remitted from the Tax of said Martha H Walker

Passed October 8 1855

Approved J Y Smith
Mayor

Dr City of Providence in account with

1855			
July 2	For cash paid H. Brown Rent on S. Main Street	61	25
18	" " " D. C. Jenckes Taxe remitted	6	72
Aug 20	" " " Thom Burgess cash borrowed with Intrest to date	1171	65
Sept 19	" " " Trustees of Sinking Fund of Hartford, Prov. & Fishkill Railroad Co debt & Int	8147	47
22	" " " American Bank, Amt overdrawn by E. Aldrich late Treas	41.630	02
24	" " " Bills Payable of City of Providence	88.706	90
	" " " Public Schools	4.004	46
	" " " Support of Poor	818	59
	" " " Interest	6.699	59
	" " " Fire Department	10.272	77
	" " " City Watch	7.983	33
	" " " Lighting Streets	3.085	65
	" " " Contingencies	4438	54
	" " " Salaries	6.454	60
	" " " Prov. Reform School	7.698	91
	" " " Fourth of July Appropriation 1855	2.251	25
	" " " School Houses & Lots	6,318	—
	" " " Paving Stone for Exchange Place	2.904	27
	" " " Gas Fixtures	1.019	76
	" " " Improvement Public Grounds	623	50
	" " " Asylum Wall & Building	252	96
	" " " Pumps & Wells	2	50
	" " " Repair Public Buildings	84	91
	" " " Eliptic Wall Extension	300	—
	" " " Bridges	1.379	08
	" " " Laying Wall & Digging Mud on Canal Street	4.236	27
	" " " Opening Dorrance Street	44.236	85
	" " " Highways	23.530	23
	" " On Hand to balance	43.094	64
		322.014	67

Resolved by the City Council of the City of Providence, That the Board of Aldermen of said City are hereby requested to lay out a Highway in said City (This resolution recorded on page 291

Bacon St

Resolved, That the Surveyor of Highways be and he is hereby directed to proceed forthwith to Setting the Curb Stone and paving the Gutters on Bacon Street

Passed Oct 8 1855

Approved J Y Smith Mayor

M. W. Gardiner City Treasurer Cr

1855				
July 2	By cash received of Esek Aldrich late Treasurer			73 95
13	" Do " " D W Vaughan Auction due to July 10			46
19	" Do " " Prov. Gas Company 37 Openings of Streets	74.00		
Aug 22	" Do " " Albert Conner " "	2.00		
Sept 6	" Do " " Mathewson & Allen " "	2.00		
18	" Do " " H A Howland " "	2.00		
21	" Do " " Ellery Miller " "	2.00		
"	" Do " " John H Lonsdale " "	2.00		84 00
24	" Do " " A Potvdie City Clerk Licenses Magom. Dogs &c			569 00
"	" Do " " James Mumford Collector of Taxes			16.200 —
"	" Do " " City Licenses (one half to the State)			162 00
"	" Do " " Police for fees of Officers			523 72
"	" Do " " Rent			207 18
"	" Do " " N. B. Ground Grad &c			4 96
"	" Do " " 300 Bonds "Loan to City of Prov			300.000 "
"	" Do " " Heirs of Howard Block Estate in pledge for Tax for Betterments			4.125 00
"	" Do " " City Standard Scales			64 40
				322 014 67

I hereby certify that I have examined the Accounts of M. W. Gardiner City Treasurer for the three Months ending September 24 1855, and that these accounts agree with the Vouchers, and that on the said 24th day of September, there was a balance of Forty three thousand six hundred ninety four 64/100 Dollars to the credit of the City as per certificates exhibited

Providence Oct 8 1855 Jno J Paine City Auditor

Read, whereupon it is resolved that the same be received and recorded Passed October 8 1855

Approved J Y Smith Mayor

Cross Walks

Resolved That the Surveyor of Highways be and he is hereby directed to cause Cross Walks to be laid as follows: viz

One across Angell Street, opposite Congdon Street,
One across Benefit Street, in range with the South side Walk on Angell Street, on the North side of the High School building

Passed October 15 1855

Approved J Y Smith Mayor

Pond Street

Resolved That the Surveyor of Highways be and he is hereby directed to proceed forthwith to set the Curb Stone and pave the gutters on that portion of Pond Street lying between Fenner and Stewart Street

Passed October 15. 1855

Approved J. Y. Smith
Mayor.

Brook St Sewer

Resolved That the Surveyor of Highways be and he is hereby directed to construct or cause to be constructed a Sewer on Brook Street from Power to John Street, a distance of three hundred and seventy five feet

Passed October 15. 1855

Approved J Y. Smith Mayor

Dexter Training Ground

Resolved That the Surveyor of Highways be and he is hereby authorized and directed acting under the advice of the Commissioners of the Dexter Donation Fund, to grade the Dexter Training Grounds, so far as is necessary to fit the same for the use to which they were devoted

Passed October 15 1855

Approved J. Y. Smith Mayor

An Ordinance repealing the Ordinance entitled "An Ordinance providing for the assessment and collection of a tax of not less than three hundred and seventy five thousand nor more than three hundred and eighty thousand dollars"

It is Ordained by the City Council of the City of Providence as follows.

Section 1 That the Ordinance entitled "An Ordinance providing for the assessment and collection of a tax of not less than three hundred and Seventy five thousand dollars nor more than three hundred and eighty thousand dollars" passed October 8 1855 be and the same is hereby repealed

Passed Oct 25 1855

Approved J Y Smith Mayor

Shelton

Resolved, That the Surveyor of Highways be and he is hereby directed to furnish the Curb Stone and repair the front of the Estate belonging to the "Shelles" situated in the Easterly part of Providence, at the Expense of said City of Providence, provided the cost shall not exceed the sum of One Hundred Dollars

Passed Oct 25 1855

Approved J Y Smith
Mayor

Tax Ordinance

An Ordinance providing for the raising assessment and collection of the sum of Three Hundred & Eighty thousand dollars by a tax on real and personal Estate (see Ordinance Book N° 2 page 94)

Passed October 25 th 1855

Approved J Y Smith mayor

Walker Street

Resolved That the Surveyor of Highways be and he is hereby instructed to grade and pave gutters in Walker Street, between Westminster and Washington Street, whenever the owners of the adjoining Estates shall furnish Curb Stones and that he cause said Work to be done forthwith

Passed October 25 1855

Approved J Y Smith Mayor

Elisha Dyer Trustee

On the petition of Elisha Dyer Trustee of the heirs of Elisha Dyer deceased it is

Ordered that said petition be received and referred to the Committee appointed to settle the claims on West Water Street

Passed Oct 25 1855

Ordinances to be printed

Resolved, That the City Clerk be directed to cause to be printed in pamphlet form, and in uniform style with the Revised Ordinances, five hundred copies of all ordinances which have been passed since the passage of the revised Ordinances, excepting those which may have been repealed prior to the passage of this Resolution

Passed Oct 25 1855

Approved

Public Schools

An Ordinance in amendment of an Ordinance entitled "An Ordinance in relation to Public Schools"
(See Ordinance Book N° 2 page 96)

Passed November 12 1855

Approved
J Y Smith Mayor

Privy Vaults

An Ordinance in addition to an Ordinance entitled "An Ordinance in relation to the removal of the contents of Privy Vaults"
(See Ordinance Book 2 page 95)

Passed Nov 12 1855

Approved J Y Smith
Mayor

City Bonds

An Ordinance in addition to an Ordinance entitled "An Ordinance in relation to the issue and sale of the bonds of the City of Providence and the establishment of a Sinking Fund for the satisfaction and payment thereof"

(See Ordinance Book 2 page 96.)

Passed Nov 12 1855

Approved J. Y. Smith Mayor

Elisha Dyer Trustee

Resolved That the City Treasurer be and he is hereby directed to pay Elisha Dyer Trustee on the first of January 1856 the sum of Fourteen hundred & two $\frac{65}{100}$ Dollars in full for Damage Sustained in opening West Water Street out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated

Passed Nov 12 1855

Approved J Y Smith mayor

West Water St

Resolved That the City Treasurer be and he is hereby empowered and directed to pay to such of the parties who have sustained loss and damage in the widening of West Water Street, as the Committee appointed August 27th 1855 for that purpose shall agree to settle with, in such manner and such an amount as said Committee shall direct, and he is hereby authorized and empowered to receive the Estimates and assessments made against any of the parties with whom said Committee shall settle and give receipts therefor for such amount and upon such conditions as he shall be directed to do by said Committee

Passed Nov 12 1855

Approved J Y Smith Mayor

Iron Pipes

Resolved That the Chief Engineer acting under the advice of the Standing Committee on the Fire Department be and he is hereby authorized to contract for the continuance of the line of Iron pipes connecting with the pump at the New England Butt Companys Works, at its present termination near the junction of High and Cranston Street: down High to Fenner, and through Fenner to Broad Streets, with proper Hydrants attached thereto, providing the same can be done at a cost not exceeding Thirty five hundred dollars, to be paid out of the appropriation for the Fire Department

Passed Nov. 12 1855

Approved J. Y. Smith Mayor,

Cross Walk Knight & High Streets

Resolved. That the Surveyor of Highways be and he is hereby directed to cause the curbstone to be set on the corner of High & Knight Streets opposite the Roger Williams Church, and also a cross walk to be laid across High Street opposite said Church, the work to be done forthwith

Passed Nov 12 1855

Approved J Y Smith mayor

Benefit St Cross Walk

Resolved. That the Surveyor of Highways be and he is hereby directed to construct a Cross-walk on Benefit between Jenckes and Halsey Streets in connection with the Cross Walks ordered to be made on Benefit Street

Passed Nov. 12 1855

Approved J. Y. Smith mayor

Auditors Report

Upon the Annual Report of the City Auditor, this day presented to the City Council; it is Resolved that the same be received

Resolved, That the Standing Committee on Finance be and they are hereby directed to cause said Report, or so much thereof as is required to be published by the fourth section of the City Charter, — with a Schedule of the property of the City, to be published in the newspapes employed to do the City Printing; and also, to cause not exceeding five hundred copies of said Report and Schedule to be printed in pamphlet form, for the use of the City Council

Passed Nov. 12 1855

Approved J Y Smith Mayor,

Lockwood St

Resolved. That the Surveyor of Highways be and he is hereby directed to set the Curb stone and pave the gutters on that portion of Lockwood Street lying between Friendship and Windmill Street, whenever the owners of the adjoining Estates shall furnish suitable curbstone for the same

Passed Nov. 12 1855

Approved J. Y. Smith Mayor

A. Breck House

The petition of Wm & Thos Breck for leave to remove the Amasa Breck house back eight & one half feet from its present location on North Main St

Read, whereupon it is Resolved, that the prayer thereof be granted, provided, the petitioner give a satisfactory bond to the City Treasurer as required by the 3d Sect of "An ordinance in relation to the removal of Wooden Buildings"

Passed Oct 8 1855

Approved J Y. Smith Mayor

Engine House

Resolved, That the City Treasurer, acting under the advice of the Board of Engineers be, and he is hereby authorized to sell the Old Engine house Situated in Olneyville

Passed November 12th 1855

Approved J Y Smith Mayor

Cross Walk, Benefit & N Main St

Resolved That the Surveyor of Highways be and he is hereby directed to lay cross walks, across the following Streets, one across Halsey Street, east side of Benefit Street, one across Benefit St at the junction with North Main St, one across North Main St at the junction with Benefit St, one across North Main St. opposite Short Alley, One across North Main St opposite the steps on the Thurber Estate, and also to remove the one in front of Grammar School on Benefit Street, to the North side of Halsey St

Passed November 12 1855

Approved J Y Smith Mayor

S Court St

Resolved That the Surveyor of Highways be and he is hereby directed to set the Curb Stone and pave the gutters on that portion of South Court Street lying between Benefit and Congdon Streets and otherwise repair the same whenever the owners of adjoining Estates furnish suitable curb stone for the same

Passed Nov. 12 1855

Approved J Y Smith Mayor

Wooden Building

The petition of Hiram Pearsons & Wife for liberty to remove two wooden buildings from Kenyon Street to Broadway.

Read whereupon it is resolved, that the prayer thereof be granted, provided the petitioner give a satisfactory bond to the City Treasurer as required by Ordinance

Passed Nov. 12 1855

Approved J Y Smith Mayor

Wooden Building

The petition of Michael Mulvey asking liberty to remove a wooden building from Martin St to North Providence Line

Read, whereupon it is resolved, that the prayer thereof be granted, provided the petitioner give a satisfactory bond as required by Ordinance, & provided the same be done without removing the paving or digging holes in any Street

Passed Nov 12 1855

Approved J Y Smith Mayor

C Engineer Report

The Chief Engineer makes his monthly report of the Expenditures for the Fire Department dated October 8 1855 amt $ 190.99

Do do do dated November 12 1855 " 2062.22

Read, whereupon it is ordered that the same be received

Passed Nov. 12 1855

Approved J Y Smith Mayor

S of Highways Report

The Surveyor of Highways makes his Monthly Report of Work done from October 6 to November 10 1855 five weeks amt $ 5949.20

Read, whereupon it is ordered that the same be received

Passed Nov. 12 1855

Approved J Y Smith Mayor

Iron Water Pipes

Resolved, That the Chief Engineer, acting under the advice of the Standing Committee on the Fire Department, be and he is hereby authorized to cause the Iron Pipes heretofore purchased and ordered to be used in connection with a Pump at the Franklin Foundry and Machine Company's Works, to be laid in exchange of the present suction and discharge pipes connected with the pump at the Steam Mill on Eddy Street, Providing the cost do not exceed the sum of One hundred Dollars, to be paid out of the appropriation for the Fire Department, Provided that the pump shall be kept ready for use at every fire without Expense to the City, and be entirely under the control of the Board of Engineers

Passed Nov. 12 1855

Approved J Y Smith Mayor

Pine & Richmond St

Resolved, That the Surveyor of Highways be and he is hereby directed to reset the Curb stone and pave the gutters on that portion of Pine Street lying between Chestnut and Richmond Streets and also that portion of Richmond Street lying between Pine and Friendship Streets whenever the owners of the adjoining estates shall furnish seven inch curb stone for the same

Passed Nov. 12 1855

Approved J Y Smith Mayor

Hospital St

Resolved That the Surveyor of Highways be and he is hereby directed to cause that portion of Hospital Street lying between South & Lockwood Streets to be brought to the grade established by the Street Commissioners

Passed Nov 12 1855

Approved J Y Smith Mayor

Sewer from Scott St to Randall St

Resolved, That the Surveyor of Highways be and he is hereby directed to cause a Sewer to be constructed from the foot of Scott Street from the East line of North Main Street and to connect the same with the Sewer on Randall Street

Passed Nov. 12. 1855

Approved J Y Smith Mayor

N Main St pump

Resolved. That the Overseer of the City Pumps be and he is ~~hereby directed to cause the City Pumps be and he is~~ hereby directed to cause the City Pump at the Junction of North Main & Benefit Streets to be put in perfect order forthwith

Passed Nov 15 1855

Approved J Y Smith Mayor

Primary Sch

Resolved. That the School Committee be, and they are hereby authorized to establish a Primary School in the Engine House on Transit Street

Passed Nov 15 1855

Approved J Y Smith Mayor

Wooden Building

The petition of Stephen C Kinyon requesting liberty to remove a Wooden building from Dean Street, and to place the same on the rear of an adjoining lot &c

Read, whereupon it is Resolved, That the prayer thereof be granted, Provided, the Petitioner, give a satisfactory bond to the City Treasurer as required by the 3d Sec. of an Ordinance in relation to the removal of Wooden Buildings"

Passed Nov 15 1855

Approved J Y Smith Mayor

Olive Street

Resolved That the Surveyor of Highways be and he is hereby directed to set the Curb Stone and pave the gutters on Olive Street opposite Seth Adams Estate whenever the Street shall have been brought to the grade Established by the Street Commissioners

Passed Nov 15 1855

Appvd J Y Smith Mayor

H P Snow

Upon the petition of Henry P. Snow

Ordered, That the City Treasurer, pay to said Henry P. Snow fourteen Dollars and eight cents; being the amount of fine and cost paid by him under a judgment of the Court of Magistrates in the City of Providence and that the same be paid from the appropriation for Contingencies

Passed Dec 10 1855

Approved J Y Smith Mayor

In Convention December 10 1855

Edwin Metcalf tenders his resignation as a member of the School Committee, whereupon

Voted That said resignation be accepted

George I Chace is appointed a member of the School Committee

William B Arnold is appointed City Constable

Joseph C Shaw is appointed Measurer of Grain, Salt, Sea Coal & Bran

Philip W Martin is appointed Undertaker

Henry B Anthony, Amos D Smith, Marinus W Gardner } Trustees of the Sinking Fund of the Hartford, Prov and Fishkill Railroad Bonds

Stephen A Phillips is appointed Overseer of the Poor

The two Board separate the Board of Aldermen retire to their Chamber

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Issues and Payments

Abstract of Issues & Payments of City Debt from Sept 10 to 1855 to Dec 10th 1855

When Issued 1855	To whom Issued	No of Note	Amount
Oct 6	Martha T Oliver	278	$ 6.000
Nov 1	Amos Fiske	279	1.050
"	Same	280	1.218.45
5	Bank of Commerce	281	12.000.—
7	Peoples Savings Bank	282	6.000.—
"	City Bank	283	5.000.—
"	Peoples Savings Bank	284	10.000.—
24	William Grosvenor	285	1.000.—
"	Do	286	1.000.—
"	Do	287	1.000.—
"	Do	288	2.000.
"	Do	289	2.000.
"	Do	290	2.000.—
"	Do	291	2.000.—
"	Do	292	1.500.—
Dec 4	Earl Carpenter	293	13.200.—
		Dolls	66.968.45

To Whom paid 1855		No	
Sept 21	Dexter Donation Fund	160	9.200.—
"	Do	166	5.300.—
		Amt forwd	14.500

Date	To Whom paid	No	Amount	
1855				
Sept 21	Amt brought forward		14,500.—	1
" "	Dexter Donation Fund	178	2,450.	
" "	Do	250	4,000.—	
"	Providence Dispensary	167	1,500.—	
29	Earl Carpenter Trustee	242	6,000.—	
Oct 6	Daniel R Clapp	267	1,000.	
11	American Bank	231	15,000.	
"	Alfred K Aldrich	243	1,000.	
18	Loisa S Derby	235	5,000.—	
25	American Bank	253	15,000.	
27	H. B. Waterman	272	2268.45	
29	City Bank	260	5000.—	
Nov 1	Amos Fiske	270	2,268.45	
5	Bank of Commerce	276	12,000.—	
6	City Bank	277	5,000.—	
"	Peoples Savings Bank	264	5,000.—	
"	do	265	5,000.	
Dec 3	Olney B Waterman	274	2268.45	
7	Bank of Commerce	281	12,000.	
"	Peoples Savings Bank	282	6,000.—	
"	Do	261	5,000.—	
"	Do	284	10,000—	
			137,255.35	

Read, Whereupon, it is Ordered that the same be received
Passed December 10 1855
Approved J Y Smith Mayor

Surveyor of Highways Report

The Surveyor of Highways makes his Monthly Report of Work done from November 12 to December 8. 1855
Amount $4002.05

Read Whereupon it is ordered that the same be received
Passed Dec 10 1855

Approved J Y Smith Mayor

H P Snow Recorded Twice

Upon the petition of Henry P Snow

Ordered, That the City Treasurer pay to said Henry P Snow fourteen Dollars and eight Cents; being the amount of fine and costs paid by him under a judgment of the Court of Magistrates in the City of Providence; and that the same be paid from the appropriation for Contingencies
Passed Dec 10 1855

Approved J Y Smith
Mayor

Mechanics Rifle company & Prov Aid Society

Resolved, That the City Treasurer be authorized to let the Hall of No 3 Engine House on Page Street, to the Mechanics Rifle Company for a nominal Rent during the pleasure of the Board of Aldermen and said Treasurer is hereby authorized to let the Hall of Engine House No 6 to the Providence Aid Society for such time and at such rent as the Board of Aldermen shall determine
Passed Dec 10 1855

Approved J Y Smith Mayor

C Engineers Report

The Chief Engineer makes his Monthly Report of the Expenditures for the Fire Department Amount $ 8510.43

Read, Whereupon it is ordered that the same be received
Passed December 10. 1855

Approved J Y Smith Mayor

Transit Street Primary Sch.

Resolved, That a new primary School be and the same is hereby established in the Third Ward

Resolved That the School Committee be and they are hereby authorized to use the Engine House in Transit Street as a location for said School.

Resolved That the Resolution passed on the fifteenth day of November last authorizing the School Committee to establish such School, be and the same is hereby repealed
Passed December 10 1855

Approved J Y Smith Mayor

Overseer of the Poor Report

The Overseer of the Poor makes his Semi-Annual Report from May 31 to Dec 1 1855
Read, Whereupon, it is Ordered that the same be received
Passed Dec 10 1855

Approved J Y Smith Mayor

Aug E. Field

The Committee of Finance recommend the passage of the following resolution

Resolved, That the City Treasurer be and he is hereby directed to pay to Augustus E Field the sum of Sixty Seven Dolls and six cents (67.06)
Passed Dec 10 1855

Approved J Y Smith Mayor

Orlando Smith

Resolved. That the City Treasurer be and he is hereby directed to pay Orlando Smith. Five hundred & forty seven 20/100 Dollars out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated

Passed December 10 1855

Approved J. Y. Smith Mayor

Wooden Building J Almy

The petition of Tillinghast Almy requesting liberty to remove a one & half Story Wooden Building

Read, Whereupon it is Resolved That the prayer thereof be granted, provided the petitioner give a satisfactory bond to the City Treasurer as required by the 3d Sec. of "An Ordinance in relation to the removal of Wooden Buildings" provided that the same be done without removing the Paveing or digging holes in any Street

Passed Dec 10 1855

Approved J Y Smith Mayor

M A Snow

The petition of Marton A Snow requesting liberty to remove a Wooden Building from the West to the East side of Cargill Street

Read Whereupon it is resolved, that the prayer thereof be granted, provided, the petitioned give a satisfactory bond to the City Treasurer as required by the 3d Section of an ordinance in relation to the removal of Wooden Buildings

Passed Dec 10 1855

Approved J Y Smith Mayor

H.P. & F R R Co

Resolution in relation to location of buildings and laying of tracks of Hartford. Prov. & Fishkill Rail-road Co.

Read, Whereupon it is Ordered that the same be referred to the joint Committee appointed on the 17th day of September last, to confer with the directors of the Hartford. Providence and Fishkill Rail-Road in relation to the erection of a Freight Depot &c to examine & report thereon

Passed Dec 10 1855

Approved J Y Smith Mayor

Francis Smith

Resolved. that the City Treasurer be and he is hereby directed to pay to Francis Smith the sum of Five Dolls and four cents ($5 04/100). the said amount having been assessed in the year 1854 upon an excess of land in his lot No 29 Benefit Street, over and above the number of Square feet contained in said lot, provided it shall appear to the Treasurer upon the Certificate of the Collector of taxes that the said tax has been paid into the City Treasury. If it shall appear to the City Treasurer that the Tax of said Francis Smith has not been paid into the City Treasury, that he shall credit

the Collector with the amount hereby remitted, and the Collector shall deduct the said amount from the tax of said Francis Smith

Passed Dec 10 1855

Approved J Y Smith Mayor

Undertakers &c

An Ordinance in relation to Undertakers and to the Interment of the dead.

(See Ordinance Book No 2 page)

Passed Dec 27 1855

Approved J Y Smith Mayor

Highways

An Ordinance in relation to the repairing and mending of Streets

(See Ordinance Book No 2 page

Passed Dec 17 1855

Approved J Y Smith Mayor

W H Low

The petition of Wm H Low requesting liberty to remove a Wooden Building from Westminster to Orange Street

Read whereupon it is Resolved That the prayer thereof be granted, provided the petitioned give a satisfactory bond to the City Treasurer as required by the 3 Sec. of An Ordinance in relation to the removal of Wooden Buildings

Passed Dec 21 1855

Approved J Y Smith Mayor

W H Greene

The petition of Anthony H Greene requesting liberty to remove a Wooden building from Fennes Street to the Southwest corner of Dean & Fountain Streets

Read, whereupon it is resolved, that the prayer thereof be granted, provided, the petitioner give a Satisfactory bond to the City Treasurer as required by the 3d Sec of An Ordinance in relation to the removal of Wooden Buildings, provided the same be done without removing the paving or digging holes in any Street

Passed Dec 21 1855

Approved J. Y. Smith Mayor

N. F. Potter

The petition of Nath'l F Potter requesting liberty of removing two One story wooden buildings from corner of Peck & Pine Streets & place the same on Scows to be removed out of the City

Read whereupon it is resolved that the prayer thereof be granted (with provisos same as above)

Passed Dec 21 1855

Approved

J Y Smith Mayor

Taxes Remitted

The undersigned assessors of Taxes for the year 1854 recommend the Hon. City Council to sink the following Taxes for reasons stated against the name of each person or Estate they having examined each case and find them to be errors that should be corrected

William T. Rounds	1.68	No Estate
Spencer Waters	1.12	Taxed twice
James Cousins N. Pov	7.28	do do
Martha E Dyer	8.40	No Estate
Michael Meguire	5.60	Taxed twice
James Walsh	14.00	do do
Wm H Crowley	3.92	No Estate
Fayette Hardenburg	5.60	Non Resident
Margaret Burns	8.42	Error in making Tax
John Tillinghast	1.12	Building burnt down
Joseph Yates	1.89	No Estate
John Wheldon Lease	3.18	do do
John Mc Laughlin	3.92	Do Do
Patrick Callahan	1.68	Do Do
Wm Horatio Bowen	60.48	Error in making tax
Patrick Mc Gaughlin	3.36	Taxed twice
Danville Leadbeater & Wife	6.72	Error in making tax
William A Low	1.68	No property
Isaac Peck heirs Ex	2.80	Error in making tax
Charles G Taft	20.16	No property
Patrick Hammond	19.60	do gone away
	180.11	
Patrick Kelly N Pov	2.80	Deduct
	182.31	

The Standing Committee on Finance to whom was referred the foregoing List report the following resolution

Esek Aldrich
Jas R Mumford
Daniel Field
Daniel Angell
Henry Packard

Assessors for 1854

Resolved That the Taxes specified in the foregoing list amounting to the sum of 182,31 (100) Dollars assessed reported by the Assessors for the year 1854 to have been improperly in said year for the reasons specified in each case, be and the same are hereby annulled, and that the City Treasurer be and he is hereby directed to credit the Collector of Taxes with the said amount of One hundred and eighty two dollars and thirty one cents

Passed Dec 21, 1855

Approved J Y Smith Mayor

Cross Walks Smith St

Resolved, that the Surveyor of Highways be and he is hereby directed to cause cross walks to be laid across Smith Street, at the following named places, one across said Street at the junction of Back Street, one at the junction of Francis Street, and one at the junction of Park Street and that said work be done as soon as practicable

Passed Dec 21 1855

Approved J Y Smith Mayor

Cross Walks Prospect St

Resolved. That the Surveyor of Highways be and he is hereby directed to construct Cross Walks across the following places, One across Prospect Street on the North side of Angell Street - Also one across Prospect Street on the North side of Olive Street.

Passed December 21 1855

Approved J Y Smith Mayor

Sewer on Benefit St

Resolved That the Surveyor of Highways be and he is hereby directed to construct a suitable sewer on Benefit Street commencing opposite the Angell Estate and connecting the same with the one on Steeple or Meeting Street a distance of about two hundred feet the work to be done forthwith

Passed Dec 21 1855

Approved J Y Smith Mayor

Alarm Bell

Resolved That the Chief Engineer be and he is hereby directed to remove the Alarm bell from its present location on Knight Street to the Tower of the Roger Williams Church on the Corner of High and Knight Streets

The Expense arising therefrom to be paid by the said Roger Williams Church and Society

Passed Dec 21, 1855

Approved J Y Smith Mayor

Tax Remitted Wm Calders

Resolved That the City Treasurer be and he is hereby directed to pay to William Calder the Sum of Six Dollars and thirty eight cents, the said sum being in remission of tax improperly assessed against him in the year Eighteen hundred and fifty four, provided it shall appear to the Treasurer upon the Certificate of the Collector of Taxes, that the said sum has been paid into the City Treasury. If it shall appear to the City Treasurer that the said tax has not been paid into the Treasury, then he shall credit the Collector of Taxes with the amount so unpaid, and the Collector of Taxes shall deduct the amount hereby remitted from the tax of said William Calder

Passed January 14 1856

Approved J Y Smith

Mayor

Geo. Mason Tax Remitted

Resolved, That the City Treasurer be and he is hereby directed to pay to George Mason, the sum of Five Dollars and three cents, the said sum being in remission of tax improperly assessed against him in the year, Eighteen hundred and fifty four; provided it shall appear to the Treasurer upon the certificate of the Collector of Taxes, that the said sum has been paid into the City Treasury — If it shall appear to the City Treasurer that the said Tax has not been paid into the Treasury, then he shall credit the Collector of Taxes with the amount so unpaid, and the Collector of Taxes shall deduct the amount hereby remitted from the tax of said George Mason

Passed January 14 1856

Approved J Y Smith Mayor

W S Burges Tax Remitted

Resolved, That the City Treasurer be and he is hereby directed to pay to Walter S Burges the sum of twenty two dollars and forty cents, the said sum being in remission of tax improperly assessed against him in the year Eighteen hundred and fifty four; provided it shall appear to the Treasurer upon the Certificate of the Collector of Taxes, that the said sum has been paid into the City Treasury, if it shall appear to the City Treasurer that the said tax has not been paid into the Treasury, then he shall credit the Collector of taxes with the amount so unpaid, and the Collector of Taxes shall deduct the amount hereby remitted from the tax of said Walter S Burges

Passed January 14. 1856

Approved J Y Smith mayor

Appropriation for Lighting Streets

Resolved, That the sum of Ten thousand Dollars be appropriated for Lighting Streets in addition to the former appropriation.

Passed January 14 1856

Approved J Y Smith Mayor

C Engineer Report

The Chief Engineer makes his Monthly Report of the Expenditures of the Fire Department amo$ 287245

Read Whereupon ordered that the same be received

Passed January 14 1856

Approved J Y Smith Mayor

S of Highways Monthly Rpt

The Surveyor of Highways makes his Monthly Report of Work done from 8 th December 1855 to 12 January 1856 amo$ 29772.78

Read Whereupon it is ordered that the same be received

Passed Jany 14 1856

Approved J Y Smith, Mayor

To Contract for Gas

Resolved That the City Treasurer be and he is hereby authorized acting under the advice and direction of Ald[n] Manchester and Messrs Lester, Mc Knight and Taylor to contract with the Providence Gas Co for a supply of Gas for such period, not exceeding one year and upon such terms as said Committee may deem expedient for the purpose of lighting the Streets & Public Buildings

Passed Jany 14 1856

Approved J Y Smith Mayor

West Harbor Line

Resolved, That the Committee appointed to build a monument at the angle of the West Harbor Line be and they are hereby directed to report the amount by them expended on said work

Passed January 14. 1856

Approved J Y Smith Mayor

South Water Street

Whereas the Commissioners of Estimate and Assessment in the matter of widening South Water Street, beginning at the North Westerly corner of the Brick block occupied by A & R Lippitt on said Street and proceeding northerly or as near as may be on a line with the Westerly front of said Store to Market Square of a width of Forty feet, appointed by the Supreme Court at the September term thereof A D 1855 within and for the County of Providence under an act entitled "An Act in relation to the laying out, enlarging, straightening or otherwise altering Streets in the City of Providence" have made their first report to said Court

Now therefore within thirty days after the making of said report

Resolved, That the City Council elect to make said improvement

Passed January 14 1856

Approved J. Y. Smith Mayor

City Hall Lot

Resolved, That the Committee appointed by this City Council, to investigate the title of the City Hall lot, viz Messrs Waterman, Barstow and Beckwith, the Mayor and Alderman Rathbone be and they are hereby authorized and empowered to negotiate and settle with any party or parties having any claim to any portion of said Lot or to direct such proceedings to be commenced as they shall deem expedient in behalf of the city

Passed January 14th 1856

Approved J. Y. Smith Mayor

Moses Brown Bridge

Upon the Communication from the Mayor, this day, made to the City Council:

Resolved That Messrs E. W. Tingley, J. N. Francis & T. J. Hill and the Mayor and Aldr Knight, be and they are hereby appointed a Committee to appear before the Hon. General Assembly and to remonstrate, in behalf of the City, against the granting of the prayer of the petition of J. D. Thornton and others, for the discontinuance of the Central or Upper Bridge across Seekonk River

Passed January 14. 1856

Approved J Y Smith Mayor

Census

Resolved, That the report of the Committee, to cause a census of the City to be taken, be received, and that said Committee be authorized to print One Thousand copies of the same in pamphlet form, for the use of the City Council

Passed January 14. 1856

Approved J Y Smith Mayor

D W Pettey

Resolved, That the Treasurer be and he is hereby directed to pay to David W Pettey Eight hundred and two 3/100 Dollars it being the amount of his bill against the City for work done and material furnished in the alterations and repairs done on the School house on Potters Avenue, also grading the Lot & building the fence around the School house Lot and painting the same, also building Privy & vault: said work was done by order of the Superintendent of Public Schools and the Select Committee appointed in June last. Said Treasurer to pay the same whenever the Superintendent and Select Committee shall certify the same to be correct

Passed January 14. 1856

Approved J Y Smith Mayor

North Main St

Resolved That the Mayor & Aldr Bowen and Messrs R. Greene, Spicer & Salisbury be and they hereby are appointed a Committee to confer with the parties interested in the widening of North Main Street from a point at the North west corner of the Brick building on the estate owned by Anna E Arnold to a point at the South west corner of the building on the Estate owned by Richard and Elizabeth Waterman, as to the loss and damage, benefit and advantage, apportionment and assessment to each, and the said Committee are hereby authorized to agree with and settle with said parties for the lands & improvements required for such widening or for benefits assessed upon such terms as may be deemed satisfactory to said Committee

Passed January 14 1856

Approved J Y Smith, Mayor

Tax to pay for widening N Main Street

Resolved, That the City Treasurer be and he is hereby empowered and directed to pay to such of the parties who have sustained loss and damage in the widening of North Main Street from a point at the North west corner of the brick building on the estate owned by Anna E Arnold to a point at the Southwest corner of the building on the Estate owned by Richard and Elizabeth Waterman, as the Committee appointed January 14. 1856 for that purpose, shall agree to settle with, in such manner & such an amount as said Committee shall direct, and he is hereby authorized and empowered to receive the estimates and assessments made against any of the parties with whom said Committee shall settle and give receipts therefor, for such amounts and upon such conditions as he shall be directed to do by said Committee

Passed Jan 7 14 1856

Approved J Y Smith Mayor

Park on Exchange Place

Resolved by the City Council of the City of Providence, That the Mayor be and he is hereby authorized to lay out a Park at the West end or side of Exchange Place of the size and according to the plat made by the order of the Board of Aldermen passed September, 3rd 1855 herewith annexed and to finish and complete the same at an expense not exceeding Nine hundred and fifty Dollars

Passed Jan 7 14 1856

Approved J Y Smith Mayor

B. Street

On the petition of Messrs George W. Chapin, Abiel Sampson, and Miles B Lawson it is

Resolved That the Surveyor of Highways be and he is hereby directed on or before the first day of June next, to cause B Street bordering on the land of Messrs Chapin, Sampson & Lawson, to be graded, the curbing set and the gutters paved and put in as complete condition as Central Street now is, and that said portion of B. Street be so improved at the expense of the City

Passed January 14 1856

Approved J. Y. Smith Mayor

Reform School Report

Resolved, That the Report of the Trustees of the Providence Reform School be received and that five hundred copies be printed in pamphlet form under the direction of the Superintendent of said school

Passed January 14 1856

Approved J Y Smith Mayor

School House to build

Resolved, That the City Treasurer be and he is hereby authorized to contract under the advice and direction of Messrs Lyon, Francis, Winsor & Snow and Ald^m Knight for the erection of a Grammar School building in accordance with the plan adopted by the School Committee, on the Estate on Burges and Knight Sheets belonging to the City, at a cost not exceeding Seventeen Thousand five hundred Dollars and pay for the same out of the appropriation for School Houses & Lots

Passed Dec^r 10, 1855

Approved J Y Smith Mayor

City Hall Lot

A Communication from the Mayor in relation to the title of the Lot on Exchange Place

Read, Whereupon it is ordered That the same be referred to Messrs Waterman Barston & Beckwith and the Mayor & Ald Rathbone to examine the title to the property; and that they apply for the services of the City Solicitor to investigate the same; and that they report what action is necessary in order to secure a perfect title

Passed January 7. 1856

Approved J Y Smith Mayor

Note The two last resolutions are recorded out of place having been misled

A P

Taxes Remitted

Resolved That the City Treasurer be and he is hereby directed to pay to the persons named below, the sums set against their respective names, the said sums being in remission of taxes improperly assessed against them in the year Eighteen Hundred and fifty five, provided it shall appear to the Treasurer upon the certificate of the Collector of Taxes, that the said sums have been paid into the City Treasury, if it shall appear to the City Treasurer that the said taxes have not been paid into the Treasury, then he shall credit the Collector of Taxes with the amounts so unpaid, and the Collector of Taxes shall deduct the amounts hereby remitted, from the taxes of said persons.

To Susan Aborn	6.75	James A Robinson	2.02.5
Sam^l N. Amsbury	27.00	John C Robinson	2.02.5
Benj^m B. Babbitt	4.05	Thomas R Robinson	2.02.5
Tristam Burgess	40.50	Peleg A Rhodes' heirs	33.75
Walter S Burges	27.00	Hezekiah Sabin's "	50.62.5
Christopher Burn	13.50	Pardon Clark	27.00
Mary B Gladding, J Y Smith Trustee	14.17.5	Walter R Danforth Ex	13.50
William S Haines	3.37.5	Niles B Schubarth	4.05
Sylvester R Jackson	68.17.5	Sally Thompson's heirs	19.57.5
Hiram Kendall	93.82.5	Oliver P Turner's "	33.75
Wm J King	56.02.5	Robert Wistall	2.02.5
Luke Mowry	2.02.5	Elizabeth Waterman	6.75
Mandana A Nye	16.87.5		
R.I. Episcopal Convention	17.55.		$ 621.67.5
James F Rhodes	33.75		

Passed February 11 1856

Approved J Y Smith Mayor

Reform Sch. Report

Resolved, that the Superintendent of the Providence Reform School be and he is hereby authorized to have five hundred copies of the Annual Report of that Institution printed in pamphlet form in addition to those already ordered

Passed February 11. 1856

Approved J Y Smith Mayor

Albert G Barton

Resolved, That the City Treasurer be and he is hereby directed to pay to Albert G Barton the sum of Seventy Seven Dollars in full for his claim, for the amount expended by him on Engine House № 4

Passed February 11. 1856

Approved J Y Smith Mayor

Surveyor Highways Report

The Surveyor of Highways makes his Monthly Report of work done from January 12 to February 9. 1856 amt $1063.82

Read. Whereupon it is ordered that the same be received

Passed Feby 11 1856

Approved J Y Smith Mayor

C Engineers Report

The Chief Engineer makes his Monthly Report of the Expenditures of the Fire Department amt $804.62

Read Whereupon Ordered that the same be received

Passed Feby 11 1856

Approved J Y Smith Mayor

A C Barstow et als

Upon the petition of A. C. Barstow, Hollis Chaffin and Thomas W Hart to be relieved from the amount of a judgment against them in the suit of Darius Sessions for false imprisonment it is

Resolved That the City Treasurer be and he is heuby authorized to pay an execution issued from the U. S. Circuit Court for this District, against the said Barstow Chaffin and Hart, amounting to Nine hundred five $^{64}_{100}$ Dollars and interest thereon from Nov 22d last and charge the same to the appropriation for police

Passed February 11. 1856

Approved J Y Smith Mayor

Police

Resolved That the Sum of Seven Thousand Dollars be appropriated for police in addition to former appropriations

Passed February 11. 1856

Approved J Y Smith Mayor

Mayors Portrait

The joint Committee appointed on 18 June last to request his Honor the Mayor to sit for his portrait, beg leave to report, that they have attended to that duty; and that an excellent portrait from the pencil of our townsman J. S. Lincoln Esq. now adorns the walls of the Council Chamber

A C Barstow for the Com

Pvn. Feb 11 1856

Read Whereupon it is ordered, that the same be receive

Passed Feby 11. 1856

Approved J Y Smith Mayor

Grammar School House to be built

Resolved, That the City Treasurer be and he is hereby authorized to contract for the erection of a Grammar School building on the estate on Burgess and Knight Streets belonging to the City; acting under the advice and direction of Messrs Lyon, Francis, Winsor and Snow of the Common Council and Alderman Knight in accordance with a plan proposed by Messrs Morse & Hall instead of the plan adopted by the School Committee as provided by resolution passed by the Common Council Nov 12 1855 and Concurred in by the Board of Aldermen Dec 10 1855. Said contract to be made by the City Treasurer at a cost not exceeding Seventeen thousand five hundred dollars ($17500) and the City Treasurer is hereby directed to pay for the same out of the appropriations for School Houses and Lots

Resolved That the resolution aforesaid passed by the Common Council Nov 12 1855 and concurred in by the Board of Aldermen Dec 10 1855 be and the same is heuby repealed.

Passed February 11. 1856

Approved J Y Smith Mayor

Water

Mayors Office Providence Feby 11. 1856

Gentlemen of the City Council

In my annual Address to the City Council the subject of supplying the City with water was brought to your attention, as no action has been taken by the Council, I again bring the subject before you;

There are sources from which a good supply of water may be procured, and the wants of the city call for action in the matter, The present supply of water is very limited and cannot well be increased I therefore recommend that the Council take the Subject into consideration and appoint a Committee, that shall examine into the matter and report some plan for procuring a supply of Pure water, that shall meet the wants of our growing City

Respectfully James Y Smith Mayor

Read, Whereupon it is Ordered that the same be referred to Messrs Hill, Taft and Waterman and Alderman Rathbone to examine and report thereon

Passed February 11. 1856

Approved J Y Smith Mayor

Return of Lumber Surveyed in the City of Providence for the Year Ending February 4th 1856

By whom Surveyed	White Pine Boards, Planks & Joist No 1	2	3	4	5	Southern & Eastern Hard pine Boards & plank		Southern Hard Pine Timber and Ship plank		Spruce Boards Plank Joist & Sawed Timber	
	feet	feet	feet	feet	feet	Merch. feet	Refuse feet	Merch feet	Refuse feet	Merch ft	Refuse ft
Robert Manchester Jr	30837	146063	397752	1079658	144335	308845	59286	11640	...	1608229	289655
Jacob Silloway	31954	96728	181747	829686	123608	506037	232733	174507	11 50	1554871	474006
Nathaniel C. Bushee	53309	134930	169165	1050787	222695	239138	131226	157115	4906	1338268	283009
Benjamin Bowman 1st	21586	150359	298006	1008659	63622	481107	133060	...	...	1620137	301575
Eslk A Jillson	20260	153472	235725	503500	106862	502582	205885	150244	7638	1854416	417770
William R Talbot	31594	104762	296458	874018	113486	311647	127667	...	...	1355348	296398
Charles C Lee	2736	15746	32804	379921	21937	...	...	...	...	455404	108613
Smith Potter	18826	39015	65762	515662	51050	394716	296300	170225	16868	770261	175472
Charles W Randall	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
James Salsbury	...	...	15638	28833	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Christopher Rhodes	...	9384	61678	8331	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Temporary Appointments	11001	3656	21140	174503	82653	231249	60556	33725	431	78912	93198
Robert Manchester	6332	6120	74	15167	...	...	...	...	...	117351	11812
Total	228435	860235	1775949	6468725	930248	2975321	1246713	697456	30993	11463406	2371508

By whom Surveyed	Hemlock Boards plank, Joist & Sawed Timber		Pine Timber		Oak and Chesnut Bds & plk		Ash Boards Plank & Joist		Birch and Maple Bds Plk & Joist		Wht Wood Bds plk & Joist		Cherry Bds Plank & Joist		Bth Walnut Bds Plk & Joist		Mahogany & Cedar Bds Plk & Joist		Surveyor Generals Fees		Deputy Surveyors Fees	
	Merch	Ref	M	R	M	R	M	R	M	R	M	R	M	R	M	R	M	R	$	¢	$	¢
	ft	ft	ft	ft	ft	ft	ft	ft	ft	ft	ft	ft	ft	ft	ft	ft	ft	ft				
Robert Manchester Jr	377981	136757	4786	272	2295	648	20117	1771	4462	556	30100	2515	...	...	9909	876	...	...	138	34	1012	10
Jacob Silloway	319592	152696	...	...	...	...	18086	3360	...	...	21876	5672	11576	3356	12328	3322	...	...	144	35	1055	88
Nathaniel C. Bushee	391129	130708	26465	11215	5522	605	14512	3069	16963	3060	43607	5574	7433	10882	8666	2775	...	...	136	48	995	83
Benjamin Bowman 1st	239394	80276	...	...	5600	18322	1830	...	...	...	26435	4189	...	...	1774	236	...	...	134	56	983	97
Eslk A Jillson	92387	82777	...	...	179	...	17800	2531	...	...	59648	4533	...	...	1269	...	...	...	133	31	975	35
William R Talbot	286939	131762	...	...	881	...	...	...	...	...	5150	482	...	...	...	...	...	...	118	10	865	98
Charles C Lee	185600	64356	...	...	63476	7323	71424	24776	31509	25795	333365	80354	...	...	56303	27784	24662	6584	69	82	490	08
Smith Potter	272694	104120	...	...	3675	2470	9350	2267	...	...	33813	3502	1265	715	...	...	...	...	88	87	649	66
Charles W Randall	...	...	...	...	3508	1029	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	27		1	54
James Salsbury	...	...	...	...	75380	9202	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	6	41	38	53
Christopher Rhodes	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...				
Temporary Appointments	54601	63486	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	19244	1092	...	...	...	...	...	...				
Robert Manchester	...	...	...	...	870	433	2987	224	...	...	...	...	...	...	1052	780	...	...				
Total	2221117	946938	31211	11487	161386	40032	156106	37998	52934	29411	573238	77913	20274	14953	91301	35773	24662	6584	1063	89	7447	11

To the Honorable City Council

The undersigned, Surveyor General of Lumber presents the above Report, which contains the account of all the Lumber survey under his direction during the past year

Respectfully Submitted

Robert Manchester

Prov. Feby 4 1856

Read Whereupon it is resolved, that the same be received, recorded and advertised in the papers employed to do the City Printing

Passed Feby 11 1856

Approved

Teste Estate

Whereas the Board of Aldermen on the 14th Ult. decreed to widen Dorrance Street between Broad and Pine Streets and relay the Easterly line of said Street, and whereas it will be necessary to cut off a portion of the house on the Teste Estate to carry out said decree therefore

Resolved That the Board of Aldermen be authorized to sell said house at public or private sale and lease the remaining portion of said Lot for a term not exceeding five years

Passed February 11 1856

Approved J Y Smith Mayor

In Convention February 11th 1856

Robert Manchester is reappointed Surveyor General of Lumber for the year ending the 2d Monday of February next or until another is appointed in his place

Daniel G Briggs is elected City Constable

Amos C Barstow tenders his resignation as Trustee of the Prov. Reform School. which is accepted

Wm J King is appointed Trustee of the Prov. Reform School

The two Brands separate, the Board of Aldermen retire to their Chamber

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Dorrance St Dock

Resolved, That the City Treasurer be and he is hereby authorized to pay to the Dorrance Street Association, the sum of Seven Hundred Dollars; whenever said Association shall cause Dorrance Street Dock to be deepened to the depth of thirteen feet, at common high tides, from the head to the South end of said Dock

Passed February 4 1856

Approved

City Marshal's Report

The annual report of the City Marshall. Read, whereupon it is Ordered, that the same be received and that the same be printed in the newspapers employed to do the City Printing

Passed February 4 1856

Police

An Ordinance in amendment of an Ordinance entitled, "An Ordinance in relation to Police"

(See Ordinance Book No 2 page 99)

Passed March 3d 1856

Approved J Y Smith Mayor

Reservoirs

Resolved That the Chief Engineer be and he is hereby ordered, under the advice and direction of the Committee on the Fire Department to cause a Reservoir to be constructed on North Main Street near the junction of Sexton Street, the cost of the same not exceeding the sum of Five Hundred dollars to be paid out of the appropriation for the Fire Department

Passed March 3d 1856

Approved J Y Smith Mayor

H. Ide

Resolved, That the City Treasurer, be and he is hereby directed to pay to Hartford Ide, upon his giving a discharge in full for all claims against the City of Providence, the sum of fifteen Dollars, the same being for damage sustained by him, in the survey for the introduction of water into said City

Passed March 3d 1856

Approved J Y Smith Mayor

S W Bridgham Portrait

Resolved That Messrs Barstow, Angell & Stone & Alderman Manchester be and they are hereby authorized, to cause the portrait of the late Hon. Samuel W Bridgham, first Mayor of the City, to be repaired; or to obtain a copy of the same of larger size, at their discretion and draw upon the Treasurer for the cost thereof to be paid out of the appropriation for contingencies

Passed March 3d 1856

Approved J Y Smith Mayor

Central Bridge

The Committee appointed in January to appear before the Genral Assembly to protest against the granting the Prayer of the petition of J S Thornton & others asking for the removal of Central Bridge report

Read, Whereupon it is ordered that the same be received

Passed March 3 1856

Approved J Y Smith Mayor

South Water St

Resolved That Aldermen Bowen, Beckwith R Greene and Tucker, be and they hereby are appointed a Committee to confer with the parties interested in the widening of South Water Street from the North Westerly corner of the Brick block occupied by H & R Lippitt on said Street and proceeding Northerly or as near as may be on a line with the Westerly front of said Store to Market Square of a width of forty feet, as to the loss and damage, benefit and advantage, apportionment and assessment to each, and the said Committee are hereby authorized to agree with and settle with said Parties for the lands and improvements required for such widening or for benefits assessed upon such terms as may be deemed satisfactory to said Committee

Passed March 10. 1856

Approved J Y Smith Mayor

Abbott Lot

Resolved, That the Surveyor of Highways be and he is hereby directed to place a Watering Trough upon the Abbott Lot in the Southerly part of the City fronting on India Street, and to conduct the water into such trough, and to put said lot into such condition as to continue it a convenient watering place for the Public

Passed March 10 1856

Approved J Y Smith Mayor

Issues and Payments

The City Treasurer makes his Quarterly Report of Issues and Payments from Dec 10 1855 to March 10 1856

None Issued since last Report

Paid

32 Notes viz Nos 278. 258. 263. 271. 240. 279. 238. 285. 286
287. 288. 289. 290. 291. 292. 293. 224. 225.
226. 227. 232. 252. 266. 234. 269. 280. 268
283. 197. 273. 275. 256. Amt $ 152. 489, 58

Read, Whereupon it is ordered, that the same be received

Passed March 10 1856

Approved Jas Y Smith Mayor

Primary School Building to be removed

Resolved. That the City Treasurer under the advice and direction of the Committee on the Erection of a Grammar School building, be and he is hereby authorized to cause the Primary School bluilding on the lot on Knight & Burgess Streets to be removed to the north west corner of said lot and made suitable for the temporary use of the School and pay for the same out of the appropriation for School Houses & Lots

Passed March 10 1856

Approved J Y Smith mayor

Spink & Salisbury

Resolved That the City Treasurer be and he is hereby authorized to pay the bill of Messrs Spink and Salisbury of seven hundred ninety three dollars & thirty four cents for building the fence & sundries on the School house lot on Graham St

Passed March 10 1856

Approved J Y Smith Mayor

Surveyor of Highways Report

The Surveyor of Highways makes his Monthly Report from February 9 dt to March 8. 1856 amt $1194.40

Read, Whereupon it is ordered that the same be received

Passed March 10 1856

Approved J.Y. Smith Mayor

C Engineer Report

The Chief Engineer makes his Monthly Report of Expenditures of the Fire Department Amt $8.986.93

Read Whereupon ordered that the same be received

Passed March 10 1856

Approved J Y Smith Mayor

City Registrars Report

The City Registrar makes report which is Read Whereupon it is ordered that the same be received

Passed March 10 1856

Approved J.Y. Smith Mayor

City Registrar to print Report

Resolved That the City Registrar be and he is hereby authorized to cause to be printed in Pamphlet form, for the use of the City Council five hundred copies of his Report for the past year

Passed March 10 1856

Approved J Y Smith Mayor

In Convention March 10 1856

The Surveyor General of Lumber presents the names of the following pusons who he has appointed Deputy Surveyors of Lumber for the approval of the City Council

Robert Manchester Jun
Jacob Silloway
Nathaniel C Bushee
Benjamin Bogman 1st
Esek A Jillson
William R Talbot
Smith Potter
Joseph K Robinson
Charles C Lee for Mahogany & other ornamental Lumber
Hazard Reynolds for oak & other hard wood used in Ship building

Resolved That the City Council approve of the appointments aforenamed

Thomas A Doyle tenders his resignation as Chairman of Assessors of Taxes which is received and laid on the table

The two Boards separate, the Board of Aldermen retire to their Chamber

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Wooden Building to remove

The petition of John Kieran requesting liberty to remove a One story wooden building from Dean Street to Atwells Avenue,
Eddy Street Iron Foundry to remove a One Story Wooden building from the West side of Eddy Street to the East side of said Street
J G Johnson to remove a two story do do over the Cranston line,
George Miller to remove a One Story do do over the Johnson line,
Wm Sheldon & Dennis Sawyer to remove a two & ½ Story Do do from corner of Grove & Almy Street to the corner of Courtland and Ring Streets
George Harshell to remove a One Story building from front to rear of lot on Warren Street
Abner K Angell & Co to remove a One Story Do from the corner of High & Bridgham Streets forty feet West

Read whereupon it is resolved, that the prayer thereof granted, provided the petitioner give a Satisfactory bond to the City Treasurer as required by the 3d Sec. of "An Ordinance in relation to the removal of Wooden Buildings, provided the same be done without digging holes in any Street

Passed March 10 1856

Approved J.Y. Smith Mayor

Market Sq Cross Walk

Resolved, That the Surveyor of Highways be and he is hereby directed to take up the Cross Walk and pavement at the junction of Canal Street and Market Square, and to relay the same, so that the water from the Square may be turned into the Culvert in front of the building upon the corner of said Street

Passed March 10. 1856

Approved J Y Smith Mayor

Census

Resolved That the Clerk of the Council be and he is hereby directed to have a thousand additional copies of the Census of the City of Providence of 1855 printed for the use of the Council

Passed March 11 1856

Approved J Y Smith Mayor

Taxes Remitted

Resolved, That the City Treasurer be and he is hereby directed to pay to the persons whose names are annexed, the sums set against their respective names, the said sums being in remission of taxes improperly assessed against them in the year Eighteen Hundred and fifty four, provided it shall appear to the Treasurer, upon the certificate of the Collector of Taxes, that the said Sums have been paid into the City Treasury.

If it shall appear to the City Treasurer that the said Taxes have not been paid into the Treasury, then he shall credit the Collector of Taxes with the amounts so unpaid, and the Collector of Taxes shall deduct the amounts hereby remitted from the Taxes of said persons viz

To Allen Brown	6.72
George N Gillmore	12.32

Passed March 24 1856

Approved James Y Smith Mayor

Taxes Remitted

Resolved, That the City Treasurer be and he is hereby directed to pay to the persons whose names are annexed, the sums placed against their respective names, the said sums being in remission of taxes improperly assessed against them in the year, Eighteen Hundred and fifty five, provided it shall appear to the Treasurer, upon the certificate of the Collector of Taxes, that the said Sums have been paid into the City Treasury. If it shall appear to the City Treasurer that the said taxes have not been paid into the Treasury, then he shall credit the Collector of Taxes with the amounts so unpaid, and the Collector of Taxes shall deduct the amounts hereby remitted from the Taxes of said persons

To the Heirs of Jonathan Salisbury	22.92
R W Booth	67.50
Horace W Perry	4.05
Samuel Haven	6.75
William Douglas	20.25
Gardner M Burgess	13.50
Benjamin B Wood	10.12
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Passed March 24 1856

Approved J Y Smith Mayor

Butler Hospital

The Overseer of the Poor makes his Annual Report of persons sent to the Butler Hospital at the Expense of the City of Providence and amounts expended for each person

Whole Amount	$7.134.24
Less amt received from State	4.025.03
Expense to City for 1855	$ 3.109.21

Read Whereupon it is ordered that the same be received

Passed March 24 1856

Approved J Y Smith Mayor

Mayor Salary

Resolved, That the Salary of the Mayor for the year ensuing the first Monday in June next shall be fifteen hundred Dollars payable quarterly

Passed March 24 1856

Approved J Y Smith

Ebenezer G Church

Resolved That the City Treasurer be and he is hereby directed to pay to Ebenezer G Church the sum of Two hundred Dollars, out of any monies not otherwise appropriated, upon receipt of said Ebenezer G Church in full for damages received by falling on the ice in Westminster Street, on the first day of January A D One thousand eight Hundred and fifty six

Passed March 24 1856

Approved J Y Smith Mayor

Stephen A Phillips

The Petition of Stephen A Phillips.

Read Whereupon it is Ordered, that the same be received and referred to Messrs Angell, Taft, Simmons, Cornell, Rhodes, Lincoln and Stone and the Mayor and Ald^n Kalkbone, to examine and report thereon

Passed March 24 1856

Approved J Y Smith Mayor

Wooden Buildings

The petition of Francis Salmon requesting liberty to remove a One story wooden Building from ~~Point Street~~ Peck Street and place the same on the Southerly side of Point Street and also the petition of Manchester & Hopkins requesting liberty to remove a certain two Story wooden Building from corner of Eddy Street and Tallman's Lane and place the same twenty feet South on the same lot.

Read, Whereupon it is Resolved, That the prayers thereof be granted, Provided the petitioners give a satisfactory bond to the City Treasurer as required by the 3d Sect. of "An Ordinance in relation to the removal of Wooden Buildings" provided the same be done without removing the paving or digging holes in any Street

Passed March 24 1856

Approved J. Y. Smith Mayor

Lease of Prop

Resolved That the City Treasurer be and he is hereby directed to report at the next meeting of the Common Council the names of the Lessees of Property belonging to the City, the date of the expiration of the several leases with the amount of rent paid under each

Passed March 24 1856

Approved J Y Smith Mayor

In Convention March 24 1856

William H Sweet tenders his resignation as Assistant Engineer which is accepted

A Communication from the Board of Engineers is received and laid on the Table

The Resignation of Thomas A Doyle is accepted

The two Boards separate, the Board of Aldermen retire to their Chamber

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Surveyor of Highways Report

The Surveyor of Highways makes his Monthly Report of Work done from March 8 to April 12 1856 Amt $ 1860.76

Read Whereupon it is Ordered that the same be received

Passed April 14 1856

Approved J Y Smith Mayor

In Convention April 14. 1856

Moved That the Convention proceed to the Election of the School Committee

Ames C Barstow withdraws his name as a candidate for reelection as a member of the School Committee

The following Gentlemen were then elected members of the School Committee

John Eddy	James Tillinghast
Esek Aldrich	J. W. C Ely
Josiah Chapin	Samuel S Greene
Samuel Wolcott	Samuel Allen
Thomas M Clarke	Alex Farnum
Thomas A. Doyle	Wm C Snow
James B Simmons	George I Chace
Geo. B Jastram	John J Simson
Charles Akerman	Joseph C Hartshorn
E M Stone	Alexander H Clapp

Joseph Martin is Elected Chairman of the Board of Assessors

The two Boards separate the Board of Aldermen retire to their Chamber

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Laban T Rogers Widow

Resolved That the City Treasurer be and he is hereby directed to pay to M. A. Rogers Widow of Laban T Rogers the sum of Forty two Dollars and forty cents the same being the amount due her husband by the City for services lighting lamps at the time of his death

$42.40

Passed April 14 1856

Approved J Y Smith Mayor

Chief Engineers Report

The Chief Engineers makes his Monthly Report of the Expenditures of the Fire Department Amt $751.90

Read Whereupon ordered that the same be received

Passed April 14. 1856

Approved J Y Smith Mayor

School House Lot Bridgham Street

Resolved That the City Treasurer acting under the advice & direction of the Standing Committee on Education be and he is hereby authorized to purchase a tract of land situated between Bridgham & Dodge Streets, consisting of lots Nos 54, 335, 184, & 183 on plat 32 and containing twenty seven thousand two hundred & five feet, at a price not exceeding five

thousand & four hundred dollars and pay for the same out of any monies in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, and if it be approved by the School Committee, to cause the Grammar School building to be erected on this lot instead of that on Knight & Burgess Streets, as authorized by a Resolution of the City Council passed February 11. 1856

Resolved, that three thousand five hundred dollars be added to the Appropriation for the erection of said Grammar School building to be paid out of the Appropriation for School Houses and Lots

Passed April 14 1856

Approved J Y Smith Mayor

The Report of City Treasurer in relation to property leased by the City

Read, whereupon it is ordered that the same be received

Passed April 14. 1856

Approved James Y Smith Mayor

Stephen A Phillips

Resolved, That the City Treasurer be and he is hereby directed to pay to Stephen A Phillips, Overseer of the Poor fifty Dollars on the thirty first day of May next in addition to the amount of Salary which may then be due him for the present Municipal year

Passed April 21 1856

Approved J Y Smith Mayor

South Water Street

Resolved That the City Treasurer be and he is hereby empowered and directed to pay to such of the parties who have sustained loss and damage in the widening of South Water Street, from the Northwesterly corner of the Brick Block occupied by H & R Lippitt on said Street and proceeding Northwesterly or as near as may be on said line with the Westerly front of said Store to Market Square, of a width of Forty feet as the Committee appointed March 10th 1856 for that purpose shall agree to settle with, in said manner and such an amount as said Committee shall direct and he is hereby authorized and empowered to receive the estimates and assessments made against any of the parties with whom said Committee shall settle and give receipts therefor for such amounts and upon such conditions as he shall be directed to do by said Committee

Passed April 21 1856

Approved J Y Smith Mayor

Tristam Burges

Whereas Tristam Burges has represented, that the City Hydrants have been carried through and under his land in front of the Royle Tavern Estate, east of the Hay Scales and between the Hay Scales and the pump and continue there to the present time, and that he has no present objection to such use provided it is not intended on the part of the City to claim any rights therein against him by adverse possession

Resolved by the City Council, that the City of Providence do not intend to claim or acquire any rights by adverse possession (by using any of the said lands of the said Burges for the City Hydrants) against the said Burges' Estate

Passed April 21 1856

Approved J Y Smith Mayor

Abraham Payne

Resolved That the City Treasurer be and he is hereby directed to pay to Abraham Payne the sum of One hundred and fifty dollars for his bill against the City of Providence in case of D Sepions vs Barstow & others

Passed April 21 1856

Approved J Y Smith Mayor

Canal Street

Resolved, That the sum of One Thousand Dollars be added to the appropriation already made for laying wall and digging mud on Canal Street

Passed April 21. 1856

Approved J Y Smith Mayor

Taxes Remitted

Resolved, That the City Treasurer be and he is hereby directed to pay to individuals whose names are annexed, the sums placed against their respective names, the said sums being in remission of taxes improperly assessed against them in the year 1855 provided it shall appear to the Treasurer upon the certificate of the Collector of Taxes, that said sums have been paid into the City Treasury.

If it shall appear to the City Treasurer that the said taxes have not been paid into the Treasury, then he shall credit the Collector of Taxes with the amounts so unpaid & the Collector of Taxes shall deduct the amounts hereby remitted from the taxes of those persons whose names are annexed

To Elisha S. Winsor	3. 37. 5
" Nathan W Parker	54. 00
" Olney Hendrick	49. 95
	107. 32. 5

Passed April 21 1856

Approved J Y Smith Mayor

Public Schools

An Ordinance in amendment of an Ordinance entitled "An Ordinance in relation to Public Schools"

(See Ordinance Book No 2 page 100)

Passed April 21 1856

Approved J G Smith Mayor

Edwin Burnham & others to remove Wooden Building

The petition of E Burnham to remove a two story wooden Building from Dorrance Street back to the new line of said Street also the petition of John Penno to remove a One & half Story Woden building from Dean Street to Spruce Street and the petition of David S Carr to remove a one story wooden building from South side of Pine to Summer Street

Read whereupon it is

Resolved, That the prayers thereof be granted provided the petitioners give satisfactory bonds to the City Treasurer as required by the 3d Sect of an Ordinance in relation to the removal of Wooden buildings provided the same be done without removing the paving or digging holes in any Street

Passed April 21 1856

Approved J G Smith Mayor

No 9 Engine & House Lot to be sold & to purchase Lot on Pallas St

Resolved That the City Treasurer acting under the advice of the Committee on City Property be and he is hereby authorized to dispose of the House & Lot on Carpenter Street now occupied by Engine Co No 9, and to purchase the lot on Pallas Street for the purpose of erecting a building suitable for an Engine House & Ward Room, also to sell any portion of the Pallas Street Lot, so purchased not needed by the City

Passed April 21 1856

Approved J G Smith Mayor

To Erect Ward Room & Engine House

Resolved That the City Treasurer acting under the advice of the Joint Committee on City Property and the Chief Engineer of the Fire Department be and he is hereby authorized to contract for the erection of a building upon the Pallas Street Lot, suitable for an Engine House and Ward Room provided the expense does not exceed the sum of Three thousand Dollars

Passed April 21 1856

Approved J G Smith Mayor

Salary of Assist at Reform School

Resolved That the Salary of the Assistant Superintendent and Teacher of the Providence Reform School be Five Hundred Dollars per Annum from and after the fourteenth day of April Eighteen Hundred and fifty six

Passed May 12 1856

Approved J G Smith Mayor

Gas Lights

Resolved That the City Treasurer be and he is hereby directed to contract with the Prov. Gas Company for a supply of Gas for Street Lamps (when said Lamps are required to be lighted) until daylight the year round, instead of two o'clk as now burnt

Passed May 12 1856

Approved J G Smith Mayor

A G Greene

Resolved, That the City Treasurer be and he is hereby directed to pay Albert G Greene, the Sum of Two Hundred and fifty Dollars, for services rendered as a member of the Committee appointed to revise the Ordinances of the City, and the same to be paid out of the appropriation for Contingent Expenses

Passed May 12 1856

Approved J G Smith Mayor

Taxes Remitted

Resolved, That the City Treasurer be and he is hereby directed to pay to the persons whose names are annexed, the sums placed against their respective names, the said sums being in remission of taxes improperly assessed against them in the year 1855, provided it shall appear to the Treasurer upon the certificate of the Collector of Taxes; that the said sums have been paid into the City Treasury; if it shall appear to the City Treasurer that the said taxes have not been paid into the Treasury, then he shall credit the Collector of taxes with the amounts so unpaid and the Collector of taxes shall deduct the amounts hereby remitted from the taxes of said persons whose names are annexed

To John B. Palmer	67.50
" Joseph Homer	8.10
" Wm W Bailey	6.75
" Joseph R Burrows	25.65
" Pine St Baptist Society	135.67.5
" Philip Case	72.90
	$ 316.57.5

Passed May 12 1856

Approved J G Smith Mayor

Public Schools

Resolved, That the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars be added to former appropriations for Public Schools

Passed May 12 1856

Approved J Y Smith mayor

John Tilton

Resolved That the City Treasurer be and he is hereby directed to pay to John Tilton, the sum of Eight Hundred Dollars in full for all damages sustained by him in falling into a hole on South Water Street, on his giving a full and satisfactory receipt; and the same to be paid out of any monies not otherwise appropriated

Passed May 12 1856

Approved J Y Smith Mayor

C Engineer Report

The Chief Engineer makes a Monthly Report of the expenditures of the Fire Department amt $1125.03

Read. Whereupon ordered that the same be received

Passed May 12 1856

Approved J Y Smith Mayor

Surveyor of Highways Report

The Surveyor of Highways makes his Monthly Report of Work done April 12. 1856 to May 10 1856 amt $3582.16

Read. Whereupon it is ordered that the same be received

Passed May 12 1856

Approved J Y Smith Mayor

Wooden buildings

The petition of Owen Carrell for liberty to remove a two story Wooden building from No 213 High Street & place the same on Plane Street

Philip Quin two wooden Buildings from the junction of High & Westminster Street and place the same on the Cranston line

Andrew Ward a two story wooden Building from Hospital St and place the same on the Lot aforesaid about thirty rods South-west from where it now stands

G C Gibbs a two story wooden building from East Street North about Sixteen feet on the same lot

Henry B Lyman a two story wooden building from the junction of High & Westminster Street and place the same on Jones Street

Joseph Knowles a two story wooden building from Corner of Atwells Avenue & Bradford and place the same 450 feet north of its present location

Stephen J Shearman. a One Story wooden building from East side of Hope Street about forty feet West

Haskins & Seekell two one story wooden buildings from Summer Street about one hundred & twenty feet South on said Street

Read whereupon it is Resolved, That the Prayer of said Petitions be granted provided the petitioners give a satisfactory bond to the City Treasurer as required by the 3d Section of "An Ordinance in relation to the removal of Wooden Buildings" provided the same be done without digging holes in said Street

Passed May 12 1856

Approved J Y Smith Mayor

B Street

Resolved by the City Council of the City of Providence. That the Board of Aldermen of said City be and they are hereby requested to lay out a Highway in said City under the Act entitled an "act for laying out highways" from Pond to Cranston Street in said City, said highway to be a continuation of B Street, and about four feet east of the line of said B. Street, about one hundred and sixty feet and of such width as the Board of Aldermen deem expedient

Passed May 12 1856

Approved J Y Smith Mayor

Indexes

Resolved That the City Clerk be authorized to have an Index or Indexes made of all the Deed Books in his Office arranged in Alphabetical Order, and draw on the City Treasurer for the Expense

Passed May 19. 1856

Approved J Y Smith Mayor

Superintendent of Health

Resolved That Alderman Knight, and Messrs Waterman Tucker & Simmons be and they hereby are appointed a committee to apply to the Legislature at its next session, for the passage of an act establishing the Office of Superintendent of Health in this City, said Officer to act as the agent of the Board of Health and to be appointed by the Board of Aldermen of said City, and his duties to be defined and his salary to be fixed by said Board of Aldermen.

Passed May 19 1856

Approved J. Y. Smith Mayor

City Bonds

An Ordinance in relation to the further sale and negotiation of the City Bonds. (see Ordinance Book. page 106 N 2)

Passed May 19. 1856

Approved J. Y. Smith Mayor

Appropriation

Resolutions making appropriations for the year ensuing the last Monday in September A.D. One thousand eight hundred and fifty six

Resolved, That the several sums hereinafter mentioned be and the same are hereby appropriated for the following purposes, respectively: to wit,

For the Fund established for the payment of the City Debt, in and by the Ordinance entitled "An Ordinance in relation to the City Debt", All sums of money which may be received, being proceeds of the Sales of Real Estate sold by the City; all sums received into the City Treasury for rents of the City Property, licenses, and interest; and the sum of Twelve thousand Dollars from the first monies received into the Treasury from other sources after the first day of October next; as provided by said Ordinance

For the support of the Public Schools for the year ending on the last Monday in September A D 1857, together with, and in addition to the sum which the City may receive for the same purpose from the State Treasury and Registry Tax (the Expenditures under this appropriation to be made by the order and direction of the School Committee) Sixty thousand Dollars.

For the support of the Poor and the removal of Paupers, (including Asylum) together with the income of the Tillinghast fund (so called) Twelve Thousand Dollars.

For the Fire Department. Forty five thousand Dollars.

For the support of Public Bridges. Two thousand Dollars

For the support of the Public Watch Thirty three thousand Dollars.

For lighting the Streets Thirty thousand Dollars

For Salaries of the Mayor, Aldermen, Members of the Common Council, and other City Officers Twenty three thousand Dollars.

For the Repairs of Public Buildings, Five hundred Dollars

For the Repairs of City Pumps & Wells, Fifteen hundred Dollars

For the Police Department, Eight thousand Dollars

For the Repairs of the Asylum Walls and Buildings One thousand Dollars

For Highways, Fifty five thousand Dollars

For Contingent Expenses; viz any claims which may be allowed by the Board of Aldermen, or by the City Auditor not included by the preceding items; and also the compensation allowed to Wardens and Ward Clerks, Twenty Thousand Dollars

For School Houses and Lots, Twenty thousand Dollars

For the improvement of Public Grounds, Two thousand Dollars

For Gas Light Fixtures Three thousand Dollars

For the Providence Reform School, Twelve thousand Dollars

For the Citys proportion of the State Tax, Twenty seven thousand Dollars

For the Interest on the Bonds issued and to be issued by the City of Providence to the amount of six hundred thousand Dollars, established in and by the Ordinance entitled "An Ordinance in relation to the issue and sale of the Bonds of the City of Providence, and the establishment of a Sinking Fund for the satisfaction and payment thereof," Thirty six thousand Dollars, and in addition thereto the further sum of Ten thousand Dollars to be applied to the Sinking Fund as provided by said Ordinance.

Resolved That the several sums hereby appropriated (excepting the sums to be appropriated for the Fund established for the payment of the City Debt, as provided by Ordinance) be paid out of any monies in the Treasury, not otherwise appropriated

Passed May 19. 1856

Approved J Y Smith Mayor

Tax Remitted Seth Padelford

Resolved that the City Treasurer be and he is hereby directed to pay to Seth Padelford, the sum of Twenty Seven Dollars and forty four cents, the said sum being in remission of tax improperly assessed against him in the year 1854 (Eighteen hundred & fifty four) Provided it shall appear to the Treasurer upon the Certificate of the Collector of Taxes, that the said sum has been paid into the Treasury. If it shall appear to the City Treasurer, that the said Tax has not been paid into the Treasury, then he shall credit the Collector of Taxes with the amount so unpaid, and the Collector of Taxes shall deduct the amount hereby remitted from the tax of said Seth Padelford

Passed May 19 1856

Approved J. Y. Smith Mayor

The undersigned Assessors of Taxes recommend the Honorable City Council to sink the Taxes assessed against the following persons for reasons stated against the name of each as follows;

Preserved W. Arnold	6	75	Resides in Pawtucket
Thomas H Angell	2	02½	Taxed for R Estate
Henry S Angell	3	37	no property
Geo. M Angell	2	02½	lives out West
Benja C Allen	6	75	Taxed twice
Chas L Bowler	13	50	no Estate
John D Biglow	6	75	non Resident
Geo. A. Bibrough	13	50	" "
Wm Belcher	6	75	Assigned & left city
Allen Brown	2	02½	No property
Ralph Brook	67	50	sunk by City Council
Freeman Biglow	5	40	resides in Chicago
Wm Carnoe	6	75	removed 32½ ounces
Wm Cornett	16	87½	" West
Olney Cole	3	37½	assigned. no property
Asa C Clarke	33	75	moved to N York May 1855
Francis Card	6	75	moved to Knightsville
John Wing	3	37½	Jan 7 20 1856
James F Chapman	6	75	taxed twice
Henry G Coggeshall	2	02½	Dead. left nothing
Wm B Cory	13	50	removed to Willimantic
Chace Davis	6	75	Dead. had no interest in Oil
Joseph Colwell	5	40	no property
Chas N Caswell	2	02½	lives in Conn.
A P Dennis	4	05	" in Johnson
John Daniels	3	37½	" " Chepachet
Nehemiah Dodge Jr	2	02½	Non Resident
Jesse K Down	2	02½	no property
Joshua Down	3	37½	" "
Charles Dow	10	12½	" " Chas J
Anna F Darling	12	15½	resides in Cranston
Orange D Day	16	87½	
Sumner Fifield	8	10	lives in Pawtucket
Harrison Gray	3	37½	" " Johnson
John Henry Gould	2	02½	Non resident
Isam Frost	2	70	lives in Seekonk
James F Eddy	3	37½	No property
Thos M Hathaway agt	30	37½	taxed twice
Homer P Hunt	6	75	lives in Cranston
John W Hoard	3	37½	" " N York
same 1854 & Int	3	13	" " "
Edwd M Harris	3	37½	Died June 15. no prop.
Benjamin Hurd	2	02½	No property
Saml Hazard	5	40	taxed twice
Wm S Haines	3	37	" "
John R Hudson	13	50	lives in N York
Thomas Rich	3	37½	
Angell T Healy	12	82½	No property
Sylvester G Hazard	2	02½	" "
Asa Hill	6	75	" "
Thos J Herring 1854	1	68	" " left City
Int		20	
Wm M Knights	6	75	lives in New York
Henry C Goslin	3	37½	" " Exeter and RI
John Leonard	4	05	not found
Saml C Loud	3	37½	removed to Maine
William Lynch	6	75	no property
John Laha	3	37½	" "
Henry L Luther	16	87½	Stock belongs Saml L Luther cor. Market & Canal
Abel Lincoln	2	02½	out of the City
James C Mason heirs	20	25	no real Estate
John Meader	3	37½	N Providence
Alfred G Mowry	2	02½	no property
David S Matheuson	2	02½	non Residence
James Moore	1	35	no property
Luke Mowry	2	02½	left the City
Henry N Manchester	23	62½	taxed twice
Coomer Mason heirs	30	37½	Estate divided
Robert Mowry	2	02½	left the City
Wm E Peck	6	75	lives in E Greenwich
Philo S Perkins	3	37½	" State N York
Phebe Peck heirs	10	12½	Est divided
Edwin J Peace	3	37½	moved to Wisconsin
Solomon Pareis	10	12	Stock owned by Halbert Starr
Joseph C. Potter Jr	33	75	moved to Wisconsin
Mary A Otley	6	75	Error in Taxing
Owen O Riley	4	05	resides in N Prov
Stephen D Olney	3	37½	Agt for D D Sweet
Ezek Owen Est	16	87½	never resided here
R.I. Episc State Con	17	55	Church prop.
Wm H Rhodes	33	75	Madison Wisconsin
Daniel Robinson	3	37½	live Fall River
Wm J Rounds	2	02½	Moved West
S. W Razey	6	75	lives in Cumberland
Warren Richardson	2	02½	moved to Conn
John S Pitman	6	75	resides in England
Geo. F Rice	27	00	" " Barrington
Thos Sweeney	6	75	moved to Blackstone
Calvin Stone	3	37½	resides in Cranston
Chas G Stafford	6	75	left the City in 55
Gilbert Spaulding	33	75	" " " 55
Daniel Stewart	2	02½	gone to California
Nelson Spaulding	3	37½	" " Conn.
Williams S Slater	37	12½	lives in Webster Mass
Geo. W Smith	20	25	supposed taxed twice
Ira N Standley	3	37½	no property
Joseph Sherm	6	75	gone West
Geo. E Thurston	3	37½	" to Pennsylvania
Wm C Tolman	3	37½	resides in Pawtucket
Anne Waite	11	47½	no Estate
Willard Walling	4	05	lives in N Prov
Geo. A Willard	20	25	gone to Wisconsin
Otis Wilmarth	3	37½	Moved to Kansas
Wm G Wing	2	02½	" " N York
Levi C Wood	3	37½	request to pay name Levi F.
Zebulon Whipple	23	62½	non resident
Calvin W Wilbur	10	12	twice taxed
Geo. W Griffin	2	02½	no Estate
Wm H White	2	02½	no property
Geo. Whitford	1	35	" "
Geo. W Walden	3	37½	" " Dead
Thos H Watson	2	02½	lives in Roxbury
Wm B Winchester	2	02½	not found
Chas A Westcott	3	37½	no property
Wm J Worthington	3	37½	left the City
Otis P Underwood	2	02½	non Resident
Benj C. Read	2	70	no property
Charles N Pond	2	02½	" "
Charles H Morse	2	02½	not found
Francis Miller	1	35	At Sea
Henry Mazon Jr	2	02½	not found
Thos C Love	2	02½	no property
Andrew Lawson	3	37½	left the City
Albert G Kendall	2	02½	no property
John Shaw	6	75	do do

Thos Harrington	1	35	not found
Thos C Hudson	2	02½	" "
John Hazard	3	37½	no property
Robert B Hubbard	2	02½	Attleborough
John Hopkins	2	02½	no property
Thos R Greene	2	02½	not found
Chas H Fowler	3	37½	left the City
Isaac L Fish	2	02½	not found
Osborn W Freeze	2	02½	no property
Henry Hales	2	02½	" "
Elisha P Ellis	2	02½	" "
Benjamin Eddy	2	02½	not found
Henry Dawson	2	02½	" "
John Congdon	3	37½	" "
Joseph Carr	5	40	" "
Jonas Crowell	2	02½	resides in —
Wm Capron	2	02½	moved to Mass Cap in
Elisha Bailey	2	02½	not found
Geo. C Bradford	2	02½	do do
Thos S Appleby	3	37½	no property
Saml G Arnold	3	37	not found
Benj Allen	2	02½	lives in Seekonk
Geo. C Willis	2	02½	No property
James L Saunders	4	72	lives in N Prov
Lemuel Gage	3	37½	at Sea
Philip J Brayton Est	6	75	no such Est
Francis Miller	1	35	no property
Isaac Greene	6	75	" " moved
Stillman W Ellis	3	37½	" "
Henry S Dewey	2	12½	" "
Thos C Drye	3	37½	" "
John E Dyer	2	02½	Non Resident
	$	1096 47	

Resolved. That the City Treasurer be and he is hereby directed to pay to the persons whose names are annexed with the exception of Thomas Rich, the sums placed against their respective names, the said sums being in remission of taxes improperly assessed against them in the year 1855 (Eighteen hundred and fifty five) provided it shall appear to the Treasurer upon the certificate of the Collector of Taxes, that the said sums have been paid into the Treasury. if it shall appear to the City Treasurer that the said taxes have not been paid into the Treasury then he shall credit the Collector of taxes with the amounts so unpaid, and the Collector of Taxes shall deduct the amounts hereby remitted from the taxes of those persons whose names are annexed, excepting the name of Thomas Rich

Passed May 19. 1856

Approved J G Smith
Mayor

Taxes Remitted

Resolved That the City Treasurer be and he is hereby directed to pay to the persons whose names are annexed the sums placed against their respective names, the said sums being in remission of taxes improperly assessed against them in the year 1855 (Eighteen hundred and fifty five): provided it shall appear to the Treasurer upon the Certificate of the Collector of Taxes that the said sums have been paid into the Treasury. If it shall appear to the City Treasurer that the said taxes have not been paid into the Treasury, then he shall credit the Collector of Taxes with the amounts so unpaid, and the Collector of Taxes shall deduct the amounts hereby remitted from the taxes of said persons whose names are annexed

Jo Stephen Crary	13.50
Wm W Peace	20.25
Holden Peace	13.50
Enos H Weeden	33.75

Passed May 19. 1856

Approved J Y Smith Mayor

In Convention May 12 1856

Arthur Fenner is appointed City Constable

George R Darrow resigns his Office as a member of the School Committee, resignation accepted

Marinus W Gardiner is elected a member of the School Committee

The two Boards separate the Board of Aldermen retire to their Chamber (This meting should have been page 73)

In Convention June 2d 1856

This being the day fixed by Law for the Annual Organization of the Municipal Government of the City of Providence, the following Gentlemen, being the Mayor, Aldermen and Common Councilmen Elect, met in Convention at 3 o'clock p m

James Y Smith Mayor

William C Waterman	Alderman of	1st	Ward
William H Bowen	"	2	"
Billings Brastow	"	3	"
George L Rathbone	"	4	"
Cyrus B Manchester	"	5	"
Jabez C Knight	"	6	"
Zelotes W Holden	"	7	"

Common Council

First Ward	Second Ward
John H Taylor	Edward A Greene
Daniel Angell	Royal C Taft
Consider W Burt	Rhoden B Chapman
Alfred Potter	

Third Ward	Fourth Ward
Stephen S Salisbury	Stephen Waterman
Edmund W Tingley	Oliver Johnson
Henry M Simmons	Albert G Sprague
John L Noyes	Luke Green

Fifth Ward	Sixth Ward
Arnold C Hawes	John K Lester
William Spencer	John N Francis
William H Hopkins	James Tucker Jr
Thomas A Doyle	Thomas Lincoln

Seventh Ward
Joseph C Hartshorn
Edward N Davis
Chas M Stone
Stephen Brownell

The Convention was called to order by the Mayor

The City Clerk read the Certificate of Election of the Mayor

James Y Smith mayor Elect was then engaged by Judge Brayton

The Mayor then Engaged the Aldermen and then the members of the ~~Common~~ Council, excepting Daniel Day who is absent from the City Also Chas M Stone, afterwards engaged

Thereupon the Convention proceeded to ballot for City Clerk, and on counting the ballots it appeared that Albert Pabodie was duly elected to that Office

The City Clerk was then engaged by the Mayor

The Mayor then delivered his inaugural Address

The two Boards separate the Board of Aldermen retire to their Chamber

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Standing Rules

Resolved. That the same Standing Rules which were on the fourth day of June A D 1855, adopted as the Standing Rules of the City Council, for the Municipal Year last past, be and the same are hereby adopted as the Standing rules of the City Council for the present Municipal Year.

Passed June 2d 1856

Approved J. V. Smith Mayor

Swill

An Ordinance in amendment of an Ordinance entitled an Ordinance in relation to Swill & House Offal

Passed June 2 1856

Approved J V Smith Mayor

(See Ordinance Book No 2 page 101)

City Printing

Resolved That Messrs Doyle, Taft & Francis and Alderman Bowen, be and they are hereby appointed a Committee to contract for the City Printing for the present Municipal Year.

Passed June 2 1856

Approved J V Smith Mayor

Police Court

Resolved That from the Justices assigned to keep the Peace within this City Henry L Bowen and William Knowles be and they are hereby selected to compose the Police Court of this City, during the present Municipal Year

Passed June 2d 1856

Approved J. V. Smith Mayor

Treas' Bond

Resolved, That Messrs E. A. Greene, Luke Green, Taft and Aldermen Rathbone & Braslow be and they are hereby appointed a Committee to take a Bond of the City Treasurer, for the faithful discharge of the duties of his Office for the present Municipal year; and that said bond be for the sum of Thirty Thousand Dollars

Passed June 2d 1856

Approved J V Smith Mayor

City Debt

Whereas Messrs E A Greene, Luke Green and Hawes have been, this day appointed by the Common Council, as the Committee on their part for the reduction of the City Debt for the present Municipal year, pursuant to the requisition contained in the first Section of the Ordinance entitled "An Ordinance in relation to the City Debt" It is resolved, that the names of said Committee be communicated to the Board of Aldermen, in order that said Board may add an Alderman to said Committee pursuant to the requisition contained in said Section

In Common Council June 2 1856
Read and Passed

In Board of Aldermen same day
Read, and Added Alderman Rathbone

Approved
J V Smith Mayor

School Com^ee Report

The Report of the School Committee

Read Whereupon, it is ordered, that the same be received and referred to the Standing Committee on Education; with directions to cause five hundred copies of the same with the accompanying Papers, to be printed in Pamphlet form for the use of the City Council

Passed June 2 1856

Approved J V Smith Mayor

4th July

Resolved That Aldermen Bowen & Manchester and Messrs Doyle, Brownell, Taft and Noyes be and they are hereby appointed, a Committee to make arrangements for a Proper Celebration of the approaching Anniversary of American Independence and that the sum of Twenty five hundred Dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated for that Purpose to be paid to the order of said Committee by the City Treasurer, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated

Passed June 2 1856

Approved J V Smith Mayor

Report of the Fire Department

The Annual Report of the Board of Engineers of the Fire Department

Read, Whereupon it is resolved, that the same be received and referred to the Standing Committee on the Fire Department; and that One thousand copies of the same with the accompanying Tables, be Printed in Pamplet form for the use of the City Council

Passed June 2 1856

Approved J V Smith Mayor

Standing Committees of the City Council appointed on the part of the Common Council on the 2° day of June 1856 for the present Municipal Year

On Finance
Messrs E. A. Greene, L. Greene, Taft, Hawes } & Alderman Knight

On Highways
Messrs Johnson, Angell, Sprague } " Brastow

To Engross Ordinances
Brownell, Tucker, Simmons } " Manchester

On Education
Messrs Doyle, Chapman, Hartshorn, Burt } " Rathbone

On the Fire Department
Messrs Francis, Taylor, Noyes } " Holden

On City Property
Messrs Day, Spencer, Davis } " Waterman

On Police. Messrs Salisbury, Potter, Lester, Stone } " Bowen

On North Burial Ground
Messrs Tingley, Lincoln, Hopkins } " Waterman

In Common Council June 2° 1856
The aforenamed members of this Board, having been this day appointed as members of this Board of the Standing Committees of the City Council for the present Municipal year; it is resolved that the aforegoing list be communicated to the board of Aldermen

in order that an Alderman may be added to each of said Committees

In Board of Aldermen same day
The communication of the Common Council Read, whereupon it is Resolved That the Aldermen above named be added to the Committees to which their names are severally attached

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Overseer of Poor Report

The Semi Annual Report of the Overseer of the Poor Read

Whereupon it is ordered that the same be received
Passed June 2 1856

Approved J Y Smith Mayor

Tax Ordinance

An Ordinance providing for the raising, Assessment and collection of the sum of Four Hundred and fifty thousand Dollars
Passed June 2 1856

Approved J Y Smith Mayor

(See Ordinance Book N° 2 page 101)

Mayors Address

Resolved, That Messrs Taft Lester and Davis and Alderman Waterman, be and they are hereby appointed a Committee to wait upon the Mayor, and request him to furnish for publication, a Copy of the Address, this day delivered by him to the City Council; and to cause the same to be published in such manner as they may deem expedient
Passed June 2 1856

Approved J Y Smith Mayor

Organization to be printed

Resolved That the joint Committee to whom was referred the subject of printing the Mayors Address to the City Council; be and they are hereby authorized and directed to cause a list of the Standing Committees and such portions of the organization of the City Government as they may deem expedient; to be printed in Pamphlet form for the use of the City Council
Passed June 2° 1856

Approved J Y Smith Mayor

In Convention June 2d 1856

The two Boards met in Convention for the choice of City Officers, the following Gentlemen are elected

Judge of the Municipal Court	Francis E Hoppin
Clerk " " "	Albert G Greene
City Treasurer	Marinus W Gardiner
City Auditor	John J Paine
City Solicitor	James M Clarke
City Marshal	William H Hudson
*Surveyor of Highways	William Batchellor
Street Commissioners	Asa Pierce, Josiah Simmons, Cyrus Fisher
Overseer of the Poor	Stephen A Phillips
Board of Assessors	Joseph Martin Chairman Ezek Aldrich, Solomon Ingraham
Collector of Taxes	James Mumford
City Constables.	Wm H Hudson, James Sheldon, John H Gould Daniel Wightman, Daniel F Potter, Thos W Haywrard James G Arrington, John B Barton, Ethan Tourtellot Christian M Johnson, James O Swan, Wm P Dean, Philip W Martin, Daniel G Briggs, Arthur Fenner William F Bush, Peleg Johnson, Nathan Smalley
Clerk of the Market	William H. Hudson
City Sergeant	James C Sheridan
" Messengers	same

Presidents of Five Wards, Wm Tallman, Nath[l] F Potter, Earl Carpenter

Chief Engineer	Joseph W Taylor
Assistant Engineers	David A Cleaveland Abner H Angell Allen Baker Samuel C Blodget Henry W Rodman
Sealer of Weights & Measures	Charles T. Pottle

* H G Mumford declines being a Candidate for Surveyor of Highways

Viewer of Hoops.	Geo. S. Harwood, Peleg S Sherman, Samuel C Cathforth
Undertakers.	Judson Blake, John G Hopkins, Gardner T. Swarts, Wm C Millard Amos Flocker, Merie Nichols, Hollis Chaffin, William O Briggs William Vere, William Wallace, Horace B Knowles, Patrick Barron Philip W Martin
Packers & Inspectors of Fish.	Peleg S Sherman, Geo. S. Harwood, Geo W Wheeler
Inspectors of Pot & Pearl Ashes.	Smith Bosworth, Amasa Manton
Inspector of Saleratus & Bi Carbonate of Soda	Joseph Martin
Inspector of Beef and Pork,	Rufus W Kimball
Sealer of Leather	George Rice
Surveyors & Measurers of Stone	William Andrews, Leonard Blodget Cyrus Fisher, Clifton A Hall
Surveyors of Cordage of Wood	Thos J Wardwell, Geo. B. Holmes, Benj S Olney Sam[l] B Bullock Nelson Chase, Joseph Robinson Wm K Thurber, Geo. T Brown, Clark Steere Wm W Arnold, Nathan Thornton, Cyrus Potter Sayles Brown, Benj J Brown, Jabez C Olney Benj S Olney Jr, Rowland Evans, Daniel Lincoln Darwin R Mowry, Ephraim L. Hall
Inspectors & Measurers of Carpenters, Masons and Painters Work	Leonard Blodget, Robert Manchester, Robert Manchester Jr, Emor Angell, James Lewis Russell Greene, Weston A Fisher, Cyrus Fisher, Jonathan S Angell, Horace Gray, Stephen C Arnold, Clifton A Hall, Thomas J Griffin, John A Townsend, Isaac N Hallett
Trustees of the Reform School.	Edwin M Snow, Wm T. Grinnell Henry A Howland, Sam[l] G. Arnold Thomas J Stead, William J King
Commissioners of the North Burying Ground	Edward P Knowles Zachariah Allen William S Patten
Superintendents of North Burying Ground	Postponed
Harbor Master	Nathaniel Church
Auctioneer	Henry Staples
Fence Viewer	William Batchellor

Pound Keeper — Hollis Chaffin

Keeper of Public Grounds — James G Armington

Measurers of Grain — Hazeltine Taft, Ellery Wesson, Richard B Crowell
Salt & Sea Coal — John S Eddy, Joseph C. Shaw

Measurers of Bran — Hazeltine Taft, Joseph C Shaw

Weighers of Cotton — Nathaniel B Chace, John A Foster,
James Burrough, George H Koppin
William Rusell, William H Reynolds

Weigher of Hay — Edward Hawkins

Overseer of the Hospital — Mayor & Aldermen

Overseer of Bridges — Moses B. Salisbury

Overseer of City Pumps — Joseph W. Taylor

Overseer of Town House Lots & Buildings — Wm H. Hudson

Advising Com^e on Bridges — Mayor & Aldermen

Committee to superintend the building of Chimneys & placing Stoves & Pipes — Cyrus Fisher, Moses Richardson, Samuel Lewis

Gauger General — Postponed
Application of E G Farmer read & laid on the Table

Port Wardens, Shubael H Cady, Christopher B Peirce, Lloyd Bowers

Trustees of the Sinking Fund of N. P. & F R R Bonds — Henry B Anthony, Amos D Smith, Marcus W Gardiner

The two Boards separate the Board of Aldermen retire to their Chamber.

Dexter Training Ground

Resolved, That the Surveyor of Highways be and he is hereby authorized and directed to complete the work now being done on the Dexter Training Ground by grading and leveling the same, also to seed and roll the land when the grading & leveling are finished

Passed June 16 1856

Approved J Y Smith Mayor

Hacks &c

An Ordinance in amendment of and in addition to an Ordinance entitled "An Ordinance for the regulation of Hacks, Omnibusses, Drays, Trucks &c"

Passed June 16 1856

Approved James Y Smith Mayor (See Ordinance Book No 2 page 102)

Grammar Sch 6 Ward

Resolved, That the Special Committee appointed to superintend the erection of a Grammar School house in the Sixth Ward be and they are hereby directed to cause the cornice on the outside of the building to be constructed of brick, stone or metal instead of wood as now proposed

Passed June 16 1856

Approved J Y Smith Mayor

S of Highways Report

The Surveyor of Highways makes his report of Work done from 12th to 31st May 1856 Amt $266.17

Read, Whereupon it is Ordered that the same be received

Passed June 16 1856

Approved J Y Smith Mayor

City Treas Bond

The Committee appointed by the City Council June 2d 1856 to receive a bond from the City Treasurer for the amount of Thirty Thousand Dollars, beg leave to report that they have received the same, with Messrs Allen C Mathewson, Walter W Updike, Benjamin B. Knight and Arba B Dike as sureties, and delivered the bond to the City Clerk

For the Committee
Edward A Greene

Read, Whereupon, it is resolved, that the same be received

Passed June 16 1856

Approved J. Y. Smith
Mayor

North Burying Ground

The Commissioners of the North Burying Ground, in conformity with law make this their Second Annual Report

Read. Whereupon, it is ordered that the same be received
Passed June 16 1856

Approved J Y Smith Mayor

Mayors Office Providence June 14. 1856

West Harbor Line

Gentlemen of the City Council

In May 1855 a special Committee was appointed to cause to be erected, a Bound at a certain point or angle, on the West Harbor line; and they commenced by driving the piles for the foundation; the Committee then concluded to abandon the erection at this point, the piles so driven are near the channel, and dangerous to the navigation of the river; One vessel has already been upon this reef, and sunk, for which damages are claimed.

I would recommend, that a Committee be appointed to remove this dangerous obstruction, and that said Committee be empowered to settle any claim that may arise from said obstruction

James Y Smith Mayor

Read. Whereupon it is Ordered that the same be referred to Messrs L Green, Francis, & Taylor and Alderman Manchester to examine report thereon

Passed June 16. 1856

Approved J Y Smith Mayor

Surveyor of Highways

Resolved, That the Surveyor of Highways be and he is hereby directed to procure a book to be kept in the Office of the City Clerk, in which he shall enter, in a tabular form, all work ordered by the City Council, the time when ordered, the time when commenced and finished and any other matter which he may deem useful or convenient for future reference; commencing with the work already ordered and not completed; and adding from time to time such work as the City Council shall order

Passed June 16 1856

Approved J. Y. Smith
Mayor

Roan Est.

Resolved, That the Board of Aldermen be and they are hereby authorized to lease in such manner and for such time as they may deem expedient the Roan Estate on Broad Street, Provided the City has a good title to the land

Passed June 16 1856

Approved J Y Smith
Mayor

Printing

The Committee who on the 2d instant were authorized and directed to contract for the City printing and advertising for the present Municipal year

Report

That they have contracted with Messrs Knowles, Anthony & Co. to do the Book and Job Printing on the same terms as last year, that is to say, for prices satisfactory to the City Auditor

That they have contracted with Messrs Knowles & Anthony to do the advertising in the Providence Daily Journal and in their semi Weekly Journal on the same terms as last year, that is to say for three hundred dollars

That they have contracted with Messrs Sayles, Miller & Simons to do the advertising in the Providence Daily Post and in the Weekly Herald & Post on the same terms as last year, that is to say for Two hundred and fifty Dollars

And your Committee further report that the above contracts are on file in the Office of the City Treasurer

Respectfully Submitted
Thos A Doyle
for the Committee

Prov. June 16. 1856

Read Whereupon it is ordered that the same be received
Passed June 16, 1856

Approved J Y Smith Mayor

A Crawford Greene

Resolved That the Committee on City Printing be instructed to contract with A. Crawford Greene to advertise in the Providence Daily Transcript on the same terms as last year.

Passed June 16. 1856

Approved J. Y. Smith Mayor

Taxes Remitted

Resolved That the City Treasurer be and he is hereby directed to pay to the persons, whose names are annexed, the sums placed against their respective names, the said sums being in remission of taxes improperly assessed against them in the year 1855, provided it shall appear to the Treasurer upon the certificate of the Collector of Taxes, that the said sums have been paid into the City Treasury.

If it shall appear to the City Treasurer that the said taxes have not been paid into the Treasury then he shall credit the Collector of Taxes with the amounts so unpaid, and the Collector of Taxes shall deduct the amounts hereby remitted from the taxes of the persons whose names are annexed

To Thomas R Greene	13.50	
" Charles Jackson	33.75	47.25

Passed June 16 1856

Approved J Y Smith Mayor

Ward Room &c
7 Ward
Appropriation

Resolved, That the sum of Four Thousand and two hundred Dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated for a lot and building on Pallas Street for an Engine House and Ward Room as ordered by the City Council on the twenty first day of April Eighteen hundred and fifty six

Passed June 16 1856

Approved J G Smith Mayor

Appropriation

Resolved That the following sums be and they are hereby appropriated for the following purposes respectively viz

Five Hundred Dollars for Repairs upon Public Buildings

Two hundred dollars, for laying wall and digging mud on Canal Street &

Ten thousand dollars for Highways

Passed June 16. 1856

Approved J G Smith Mayor

Gauger General

The Gauger General makes his Annual Report

Read and Received June 16. 1856

Approved

J G Smith Mayor

Highway work

Resolved That the Standing Committee on Highways be and they are hereby directed to report at the next meeting of the City Council, all work ordered on the Highways that has not been completed with the date of the passage of the Order by the City Council

Passed June 16. 1856

Approved J G Smith Mayor

Engineer Report

The Chief Engineer makes his Monthly Report of the Expenditures of the Fire Department amt $865.73

Read whereupon Ordered that the same be received

Passed June 16 1856

Approved J G Smith Mayor

City Treas. Report

The City Treasurer makes his Quarterly Report of Issues and payments. none of either

Read Whereupon it is ordered that the same be received

Passed June 16 1856

Approved J G Smith Mayor

Wooden Buildings

On the petitions of James Murphy, B. A. Holbrook
Geo B Holmes agt. Albert Dailey
Ebben Simmons, Gardner Gibbs

Read, whereupon it is Resolved, that the prayer thereof be granted, provided the petitioners give a Satisfactory bond to the City Treasurer as required by the 3rd Section of an Ordinance in relation to the removal of Wooden Buildings and provided further, that no paving be removed, nor any hole dug in any Street

Passed June 16 1856

Approved J G Smith Mayor

In Convention June 16 1856

Thomas A Doyle being ex officio a Member of the School Committee resigns as an elected member, his resignation is accepted

Merrick Lyon is elected a member of the School Committee

Chas E A Mathewson is elected City Constable

Elected Weighers of Coal Isaac N Beach
Henry S Harris
Chas F Doyle

" Thomas E White Measurer of Wood

William Burrough is elected Gauger General

The two Boards separate the Board of Aldermen retire to their Chamber

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Jackson Street

Resolved by the City Council of the City of Providence that the Board of Aldermen be and they are hereby requested to lay out a highway from Westminster Street to High Street in continuation of Jackson Street, the same to be laid out under an Act entitled "an act for laying out highways"

Passed June 16 1856

Approved J G Smith Mayor

Engineers Report

The Chief Engineer makes his Monthly Report of Expenditures of the Fire Department amt $148.56

Read. Whereupon ordered that the same be received

Passed July 14 1856

Approved J Y Smith Mayor

S. of Highways Report

The Surveyor of Highways makes his Monthly Report of Work done from June 1st to July 1st 1856 amt $5198.16

Read. Whereupon it is ordered that the same be received

Passed July 14 1856

Approved J Y Smith Mayor

Taxes Remitted

Resolved. That the City Treasurer be and is hereby directed to pay to the individuals whose names are annexed, the sums placed against their respective names, the said sums being in remission of taxes improperly assessed against them in the year Eighteen hundred and fifty five; provided it shall appear to the Treasurer upon the Certificate of the Collector of Taxes, that the said sums have been paid into the City Treasury; if it shall appear to the City Treasurer that the said taxes have not been paid into the Treasury, then he shall credit the Collector of Taxes with the amounts so unpaid, and the Collector of Taxes shall deduct the amounts hereby remitted from the taxes of those persons whose names are annexed

To Patrick Burke	$2.02½
John Aldrich 2d	9.45
	11.47

Passed July 14 1856

Approved J Y Smith Mayor

Bridges to be cleared of posters

Ordered. That the City Marshal be and he is hereby directed to cause the Show bills, Posters and the Boards for posting the same, to be removed from the public Bridges and to prevent hereafter all use of the public bridges or buildings, for the purpose of posting bills

Passed July 14 1856

Approved J Y Smith Mayor

Oxen to be purchased

Resolved. That the Surveyor of Highways be and he is hereby authorized and directed under the advice of the Standing Committee on Highways to purchase for the use of the City such number of Oxen as may be necessary for the work on Highways, and to hire some suitable place to keep said Oxen

Passed July 14 1856

Approved J Y Smith Mayor

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appropriations

Resolved, That the following Sums be and they are hereby appropriated for the following purposes, respectively viz

For the Public Schools.	Twelve thousand Dollars
For Highways.	Ten thousand Dollars
For Contingent Expenses	Four thousand Dollars
For School Houses & Lots	Five thousand Dollars

Passed July 14 1856

Approved J Y Smith Mayor

Brown & Horton Bill paid for work on West Harbor Line

Resolved That the City Treasurer be and is hereby directed to pay to Brown & Horton, the Sum of Five Hundred and Sixty eight Dollars and Seventy eight cents, the same being for their bill of materials and labor for Stone bound on the West Harbor Line, and to be paid out of the appropriation for Contingent Expenses

Passed July 14. 1856

Approved J Y Smith Mayor

West Harbor Line Report of Com.

The Joint Committee of the City Council appointed the 16 of June last, to whom was referred the Communication of the Mayor in regard to certain obstructions to navigation on or near the West Harbor line, beg leave to Report

Read, Whereupon it is resolved, that the same be received, and that the same be printed in the Newspapers employed to do the City Printing

Passed July 14 1856

Approved J Y Smith Mayor

Buoy to be placed on West Harbor Line

Resolved, that Messrs L. Green, Francis & Taylor and Ald.n Manchester be a Committee to cause to be well Anchored, a suitable buoy, at the Angle in the West Harbor Line; and also, to cause to be set, a Suitable Stone bound at Sassafras Point; for the purposes and object, and in the manner indicated in the Report on this subject, this day made to the City Council

Passed July 14. 1856

Approved J Y Smith Mayor

Vessel damaged on W Harbor Limits

Resolved, That the City Treasurer be and he is hereby authorized to pay Luke Green or any other person authorized to receive the same, forty three Dollars in full for damage sustained by a vessel that ran on the piles driven on the West Harbor Line

Passed July 14 1856

Approved J Y Smith Mayor

Depot Training Ground

An Ordinance in relation to the Depot Training Ground

(See Ordinance Book No 2 page 103)

Passed July 14, 1856

Approved J Y Smith Mayor

Organization Report

The Committee to which was referred the printing of the Mayors address and the Organization of the City Government for the present municipal year Report

That they have attended to the duty assigned them and now submit the document to the Council

For the Committee
R C Taft

Prov. July 14, 1856

Read, Whereupon it is ordered, That the same be received

Passed July 14 1856

Approved J Y Smith Mayor

Prov & Wor. R R Co bill to be paid

Resolved That the City Treasurer be and he is hereby directed to pay to the Providence and Worcester Rail Road Company the sum of One Hundred Dollars, the same being for amount of their bill for use of Rail Road Hall on the Fourth day of July Eighteen hundred and fifty three, and to be paid out of the appropriation for Contingent Expenses

Passed July 14 1856

Approved J Y Smith Mayor

Oration to be printed

Resolved, That the Committee appointed to make arrangements for the Municipal Celebration of the Anniversary of American Independence be and they are hereby authorized to request of Jerome B Kimball Esquire a copy of the Oration delivered by him on the fourth of July last and of William R Rodman Esq a copy of the Poem delivered by him on the same occasion, and cause the same to be published in such manner as they may deem expedient for the use of the City Council

Passed July 14 1856

Approved J Y Smith
Mayor

Wooden Buildings

On the petition of Wm A Howard who asks permission to remove a House from the Corner of High & Courtland Street about 300 feet north on Courtland Street also to remove the house aforesaid to Knight Street, & on the petition of John McKenna who asks libety to remove a House near Bradford Street and place the same on Oak St & also on the petition of David Shields to remove building from near Bradway & Bradford Streets & place the on the Cranston line

Read Whereupon it is resolved, That the prayers thereof be granted provided the petitioners give a satisfactory bond to the City Treasurer as required by the 3d Sec. of An Ordinance in relation to the removal of Wooden Buildings and provided no holes be dug in any Street and provided that the last named building be moved on Wheels.

Passed July 14, 1856

Approved J Y Smith Mayor

In Convention July 14 1856

Shubael K Crowell is appointed Measurer of Grain, Salt and Sea Coal

William Batchellor is appointed City Constable

Reuben M Bowen " " " " (not eligable)

Trustees of Sinking Fund

Henry B Anthony, Amos D Smith, Marcus W Gardiner } are appointed Trustees of the Sinking Fund to redeem the City Bonds issued to the Hartford, Prov. & Fishkill Railroad Company

John J Stimson tenders his resignation as a member of the School Committee — the resignation is accepted

The Election of School Committee and Superintendent of the North Burying Ground are postponed

Voted That the Gauger General be requested to report the names of his Deputies to the Council for approval

The two Boards separate the Board of Aldermen retire to their Chamber

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Cross Walks

Resolved, That the Surveyor of Highways be and he is hereby directed to cause Cross Walks to be laid on the following named Streets.

One across Benevolent Street on East side of Cooke Street
One across Charles Field St on the West side of Cooke Street
One across same on the East side of Hope St

Passed August 11. 1856

Approved
J Y Smith Mayor

Atwells Avenue

Resolved That the Surveyor of Highways be and he is hereby directed to proceed at once to complete the work already ordered on Atwells Avenue, or as soon as the work on Eddy Street shall have been completed

Passed August 11. 1856

Approved J Y Smith mayor

Broadway

Resolved, That the Board of Aldermen be and they are requested to lay out a highway under an act entitled An Act for laying out highways from Broadway to High Street said Highway to be a continuation of, and in a line with Broadway, in a Westerly direction and of the same width as Broadway

Passed August 11 1856

Approved J Y Smith
Mayor

Surveyor of Highways Report

The Surveyor of Highways makes his Monthly Report of Work done from July 1 to August 1 1856 $ 5811.16

Read, Whereupon it is resolved that the same be received

Passed Aug. 11. 1856

Approved J Y Smith Mayor

Chief Engineer Report

The Chief Engineer makes his Monthly Report of Expenditures of the Fire Department Amt $ 356.28

Read, Whereupon Ordered that the same be received

Passed August 11. 1856

Approved J Y Smith Mayor

City Printing

To the Honorable the City Council

The Committee appointed to contract for the City Printing Report That in Obedience to the vote passed by the Council on the 16th June last they have contracted with A C Greene & Brother to do the City printing in the Providence Transcript for the year ending on the first Monday in June next for the sum of Two Hundred dollars which said contract is on file in the Office of the City Treasurer. Respectfully submitted

Thos A Doyle
Chairman

Read, Whereupon, it is resolved, that the same be received

Passed August 11 1856

Approved J Y Smith Mayor

Teachers of Music, French & Drawing

Resolved, That the School Committee be and they are hereby authorized to employ teachers of Music in the Public Schools, provided that the compensation of said teachers shall not exceed in all the sum of ten hundred and eighty Dollars annually, and they are also authorized to employ a teacher of French and a teacher of Drawing for the High School at an annual compensation of not exceeding three Hundred dollars each.

Passed August 11. 1856

Approved J Y Smith mayor

Report Com on Educations

The Committee on Education make a Report which is Read

Whereupon it is ordered that the same be received

Passed October 11. 1856

Approved J Y Smith Mayor

Ventilators

Resolved, That the Committee on City Property be authorized to place Ventilators in the Ward Room of the Fifth Ward

Passed August 11. 1856

Approved
J Y Smith Mayor

Ordinance Truant Children

An Ordinance in relation to Truant Children and Absentees from School

(See Ordinance Book No 2 page 114) Passed August 11. 1856

Approved J Y Smith Mayor

Taxes Remitted

Resolved That the City Treasurer be, and he is hereby directed to pay to the persons whose names are annexed, the sums placed against their respective names, the said sums being in remission of taxes, improperly assessed against them, in the year 1855; provided it shall appear to the Treasurer, upon the certificate of the Collector of Taxes, that said sums have been paid into the City Treasury. If it shall appear to the City Treasurer, that said sums have not been paid into the Treasury, then he shall credit the Collector of Taxes with the amounts so unpaid. And the Collector of Taxes shall deduct the amounts hereby remitted, from the taxes of the persons whose names are annexed, viz

To Patrick O'Riley	2.70
" Patrick Colgan	5.40
" Earl P Mason, Josiah Seagrave Jr and Thos A. Jenckes assignees of Hill, Carpenter & Co	675.00

Passed August 11 1856

Approved J Y Smith
Mayor

Wingate Hayes

Resolved, That the City Treasurer be and he is hereby directed to pay Wingate Hayes, the sum of One Hundred Dollars, for amount of his bill for services rendered, relative to Ordinance Book, and the same to be paid out of any monies not otherwise appropriated

Passed August 11 1856

Approved J Y Smith Mayor

Cross Walk

Resolved That the Surveyor of Highways be and he is hereby directed to cause a cross walk to be laid from the East side of Fenner Street across High Street to its junction with the proposed extension of Jackson Street, the same to be done in connection with the work of extending said Jackson Street

Passed August 11. 1856

Approved J Y Smith Mayor

Sam[l] Wesson

Resolved That the City Treasurer be and he is hereby directed to pay to Samuel Wesson, the sum of Three Hundred Dollars, in full for all damages sustained by him in falling upon the ice in Richmond Street, on his giving a full and satisfactory receipt, and the same to be paid out of any monies not otherwise appropriated

Passed August 13. 1856

Approved J Y Smith Mayor

Thomas A Tefft

Resolved, That the City Treasurer be and he is hereby directed to pay Thomas A Tefft, the sum of Two hundred dollars for "designs, plans, elevations and estimates for City Hall" on his giving a full receipt, and the same to be paid out of any monies not otherwise appropriated; provided said designs plans, elevations and estimates shall be the Property of the City

Passed August 13 1856

Approved J Y Smith Mayor

Appropriations

Resolved, That the following sums be and they are hereby appropriated for the following purposes respectively, viz;

For Lighting Streets	Five thousand Dollars
For Contingencies	Five thousand Dollars
For Bridges	Five hundred Dollars and
For Dexter Asylum Wall & Buildings	One thousand Dollars

Passed August 13 1856

Approved J Y Smith
Mayor

Cross Walk

Resolved That the Surveyor of Highways be and he is hereby directed to cause Cross Walks to be laid in the following places; viz,

One across Clifford Street on the East side of Richmond Street
One across Halsey Street on the East side of Benefit Street

Passed August 13. 1856

Approved J Y Smith Mayor

Cross Walks

Resolved That the Surveyor of Highways be and he is hereby directed to cause Cross Walkes to be laid on the following Streets

One across Congdon Street opposite the South side of Cushing St
One across Cushing Street opposite the East side of Congdon Street

Passed August 13. 1856

Approved J Y Smith Mayor

Point Street

Resolved by the City Council of the City of Providence That the Board of Aldermen be and they are hereby requested to lay out a highway in said City, from Hoppin Street to Plane Street, (said highway to be a continuation of Point Street) under and according to the act entitled "An Act for laying out highways"

Passed August 13. 1856

Approved J Y Smith
Mayor

Dodge Street

Resolved by the City Council of the City of Providence that the Board of Aldermen be and they are hereby requested to lay out a Highway from the present point of the termination of Dodge Street to High Street the same to be laid out under an Act entitled, "An Act for laying out Highways

Passed August 13. 1856

Approved J Y Smith
Mayor

Water

Resolved, That the Committee appointed to examine and report some plan for the introduction of Pure Water into the City be and they are hereby requested, to cause two thousand Copies of their report to be printed for the use of the City

Passed September 8 1856

Approved
J Y Smith Mayor

C Treas. Report Issues & Payts

The City Treasurer makes his Quarterly Report from June 16 to Sept 8 1856 of Issues & payments

Notes Issued none Notes paid none

Read Whereupon it is Ordered that the same be received

Passed September 8 1856

Approved J Y Smith Mayor

C Engineer Report

The Chief Engineer makes his Monthly Report of Expenditures of the Fire Department amt $84.98.60

Including three months pay of the Firemen 84.00.52

Read whereupon ordered that the same be received

Pass Sept 8 1856

Approved J.Y. Smith Mayor

Surveyor of Highways Report

The Surveyor of Highways makes his Monthly Report of Work done from August first to September first 1856 amt $6.488.82

Read Whereupon it is Ordered that the same be received

Passed September 8 1856

Approved J Y Smith Mayor

Sup't N. Burying Ground Report

The Superintendent of the North Burying Ground makes his Annual Report, which is Read whereupon it is

Ordered that the same be received and referred to the Standing Committee on the North Burial Ground

Passed September 8. 1856

Approved J Y Smith Mayor

Appropriations

Resolved That the following sums be and they are hereby appropriated, for the following purposes respectively viz;

For Highways, Eight Thousand Dollars

For Repair of Public Buildings, Five Hundred Dollars

Passed Sept 8 1856

Approved J.Y. Smith Mayor

Jas C Sheridan

Resolved, That the City Treasurer be and he is hereby directed to pay James C Sheridan Fifty Dollars for Attendance upon the Committee to revise Ordinances, out of the Appropriation for Contingencies

Passed September 8 1856

Approved J Y Smith Mayor

Dexter Training Ground, Well

Resolved That the Standing Committee on City Property be and they are hereby directed to cause a well to be dug on the Dexter Training Ground and to cause a Suitable Pump to be Placed therein the Expense of the same to be paid out of the appropriation for Public Grounds

Passed Sept 8 1856

Approved J Y Smith Mayor

Daily Tribune

Resolved That the Committee on City Printing be and they are hereby directed to contract with the Proprietors of the Providence Daily Tribune to do the City Advertising provided the same can be done on as favorable terms as by other papers

Passed Sept 8 1856

Approved J Y Smith Mayor

Taxes Remitted

Resolved That the taxes specified in the annexed list amounting to the sum of Four Hundred and twenty Dollars and twelve cents, reported by the Board of Assessors for the year Eighteen hundred and fifty five, to have been improperly assessed in said year, for the reasons specified in each case, be and the same are hereby annulled, and that the City Treasurer be and he is hereby directed to credit the Collector of Taxes with the amount of Four hundred and twenty Dollars and twelve cents

Passed Sept 8 1856

Approved J.Y. Smith Mayor

Flag Staff

Resolved That the Standing Committee on City Property be and they are hereby authorized and directed to cause a Flag Staff, of the height of One hundred and Seventy five feet, to be erected near the Eastern Angle of the Triangular park in Exchange Place, Outside the Curb Stones; And that said Committee be authorized & directed to cause the Flag Staff now Standing on the Cove Promenade to be taken down, and to be erected on the Dexter Training Ground

Passed Sept 8 1856

Approved J Y Smith Mayor

Taxes Remitted

Resolved That the City Treasurer be and he is hereby directed to pay to the persons whose names are annexed, the sums placed against their respective names; the said sums being in remission of taxes, improperly assessed against them in the year 1855; provided it shall appear to the Treasurer, upon the Certificate of the Collector of Taxes, that said Sums have been paid into the City Treasury; If it shall appear to the City Treasurer that said sums have not been paid into the Treasury, then he shall credit the Collector of Taxes, with the amounts so unpaid; and the Collector of Taxes shall deduct the amounts hereby remitted from the taxes of the persons whose names are annexed, viz

Jo John Oldfield	67.50
Jonathan Brayton	24.30
Charles W. Jenckes Administrator	8.10
Benjamin Bogman Housewright	27.00
	$ 126.90

Passed Sept 8th 1856

Approved J Y Smith
Mayor

Wooden Buildings to remove

The Petition of Rice & Hayward requesting liberty to remove a One & half Story Wooden Building from Broad to Conduit Street also. a One Story do do from Broad Street to the rear of the Lot and the petition of Albert T Sheldon requesting liberty to remove a Two Story Wooden Building from Cranston to Knight Street

Read whereupon it is Resolved, that the Prayer thereof be granted provided the petitioners give a satisfactory bond to the City Treasurer as required by the 3d Sec. of "An Ordinance in relation to the removal of Wooden Buildings"

Passed September 8 1856

Approved J Y Smith Mayor

Buoy. W Harbor Line

Resolved That the City Treasurer be and he is hereby authorized to pay C. B. Manchester Fifty 7/100 Dollars, for the Buoy on the West Harbor line, ordered on the 14th of July last

Passed Sept 8 1856

Approved J Y Smith
Mayor

Dorrance St

Resolved That the Mayor and Alderman Rathbone and Messes Doyle, Tucker and E A Greene be and they are hereby appointed a Committee to confer with the parties interested in the Extension of Dorrance Street, as to the loss and damage, benefit & advantage, apportionment and assessment to each, and the said Committee are hereby authorized to agree and settle with said parties for the Lands or improvements required for said Extension, or for benefits assessed, upon such terms as may be deemed satisfactory to said Committee

Passed September 8 1856

Approved

In Convention September 8th 1856

Nathan Smalley is elected Superintendent of the North Burying Ground.

Nathan Smalley is appointed Undertaker

Prof. John L Lincoln is appointed a Member of the School Comee

George A Turner & Ezra Colvin are Elected Weighers of Anthracite Coal

The Gauger General reports the names of James Burrough and George Greene as Deputy Gaugers, for Approval, whereupon

Voted That this Council approve and confirm the election of James Burrough

Voted That Ald Brayton Messrs Luke Green & Taft be a committee to examine and report upon the Qualifications of George Greene for a Deputy Gauger

The two Boards separate the Board of Aldermen retire to their Chamber

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Rewards

An Ordinance in relation to rewards for the detection of Crime (see Ordinance Book No 2 page 104)

Passed Sept 8, 1856

Approved J. Y. Smith Mayor

Hacks

An Ordinance in amendment of an Ordinance entitled "An Ordinance for the Regulation of Hacks, Omnibusses, Drays, Trucks &c" (see Ordinance Book No 2 page 105)

Passed September 22 1856

Approved J Y Smith Mayor

Sinking Fund H.P.&F.R.R.Co Bonds

The undersigned Trustees of the Sinking fund of the Hartford, Providence and Fishkill Railroad Co. in Providence, make the following report of the condition of said fund

They hold thirteen bonds of the City of Providence for One thousand dollars each payable in 1885, with coupons payable semi annually at 6 ⁰/₀ Nº 266 to 275 inclusive & 427, 474 & 475 is $13,000, 00
paid Premium on same 170. 00
Interest 83. 55
Cash on Hand 583. 92

To the Hon City Council
City of Providence

Providence Sept 20 1856

Amos D Smith
Henry B Anthony
Marinus W. Gardenier
} Commissioners Sinking Fund Hartford, Prov & Fishkill Railroad

Read Whereupon it is resolved that the same be received

Passed Sept 22 1856

Approved J Y Smith Mayor

Sinking Fund City Bonds

The undersigned Trustees of the Sinking Fund of the City of Providence appointed in conformity with an Act of the General Assembly at their May Session 1855 make the following report of the condition of said fund

They hold fifteen bonds of the City of Providence payable in 1885 with 6 ⁰/₀ Interest warrant Nos 301 to 313 inclusive & 428 & 501.
Bonds One thousand dollars each is $ 15,000. 00
They have on hand Cash 850. 14
$ 15,850. 14

To the Hon. City Council
City of Providence

Providence Sept 20th 1856

Amos D Smith
Amasa Manton
Henry Anthony
} Commissioners Sinking Fund City of Providence

Read Whereupon it is Ordered that the same be received

Passed Sept 22 1856

Approved J Y Smith Mayor

Report of Trustees of Sinking Fund to be printed

Resolved, That the Report of the Trustees of the Sinking Fund of the Hartford, Providence and Fishkill Railroad Companies Bonds, and the Report of the Trustees of the Sinking Fund of the Bonds of the City, presented to the Council this day, be printed with the City Auditors Annual Report

Passed Sept 22 1856

Approved J Y Smith Mayor

Lightning Rods

Resolved, That the Standing Committee on City Property be and they are hereby directed to cause Lightning Rods to be placed on all public buildings belonging to the City, not already supplied

Passed September 22 1856

Approved J Y Smith Mayor

Flag Staff

Resolved, That the Standing Committee on City Property be and they are hereby directed to cause a Flag Staff to be erected on the Dexter Training Ground, in place of one ordered to be removed from the Cove Promenade at a meeting of the Council the 8th inst

Passed September 22 1856

Approved J Y Smith Mayor

N Burial Ground

Ordered, That the Report of the Superintendent of the North Burial Ground this day (8th Sept) made to the City Council, be referred to the Standing Committee on the North Burial Ground

Passed September 22 1856

Approved J Y Smith Mayor

Cattle Market

Resolved That the Standing Committee on City Property be and they are directed to confer with the Standing Committee of the Rhode Island Society for the Encouragement of Domestic Industry in relation to the subject of the weekly Sales of Cattle in this City, and report such plan as they may deem expedient for remedying the present manner of conducting such Sales, and to ascertain and report whether in their opinion a Cattle Market could be properly established in this City

Passed September 22 1856

Approved J Y Smith Mayor

Mayors Clk & Supt of Lamps & Hacks

Ordered, That the Standing Committee to engross Ordinances be and they are hereby requested to present at the next Meeting of the Council a Bill establishing the Office of Mayors Clerk and Superintendent of Lamps, Hacks, Omnibusses, Drays, &c

Passed September 28. 1856

Approved J Y Smith Mayor

Wooden Buildings

The petition of Charles McKenna to remove a wooden Building from rear 79 Atwells Avenue to Cedar Street and the petition of Brayton Gardner to remove a wooden Building from Vernon Street to West side Sutton Street, and also of Thomas Carew to remove do do from Friendship Street and place the same on Warren's Lane

Read, whereupon it is

Resolved, That the prayers thereof be granted, Provided, the petitioners give a satisfactory bond to the City Treasurer as required by the 3d Sect of An Ordinance in relation to the removal of Wooden Buildings

Passed Sept 22 1856

Approved J Y Smith Mayor

Water

The Committee appointed to report some plan for the introduction of pure Water into the City, present their printed Report

Whereupon, it is Ordered, that the same be printed in the newspapers employed to do the City Printing; and also in the General Advertiser

Passed September 22 1856

Approved J Y Smith Mayor

Plats

Ordered That the Standing Committee on City Property be and they are hereby requested to report at an early day, the Expense of Lithographing the plats in the Assessors Office, and of causing one hundred Copies of the same to be printed with six Copies of each plat upon heavy drawing paper, and their opinion upon the expediency of the same

Passed October 6 1856

Approved J Y Smith Mayor

Rewards

Upon the petition of Sam'l H Wales & Daniel C Grimwood, this day presented to the City Council

Resolved, That the Mayor be and he is hereby authorized to offer a reward of not exceeding One thousand Dollars, for the apprehension and conviction of the thief or thieves, who entered and robbed the Stores of said Wales & Grimwood on the night of the fifth of August last

Passed September 8. 1856

Approved J Y Smith Mayor

Cross Walks

Resolved That the Surveyor of Highways be and he is hereby directed to cause Cross Walks to be laid on the following Streets

One across Gaspee Street opposite Francis Street
One across Brown Street South side of Angell Street
One across Angell Street East side of Brown Street
One across Point Street East side of Hospital Street
One across South Street East side " Do Do
One across Hospital Street North " " South Do
One across Point Street midway between Hospital & Hoppin Do
One across Broadway opposite the East side of Bradford St
One across Do " " House N° 21
One across Bradford St each side of Federal Street
One across Federal St each side of Bradford Do
One across Do " East side of Barclay Do
One across Barclay " North side of Federal Do

Passed October 13. 1856

Approved J Y Smith Mayor

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cross Walk

Resolved That the Surveyor of Highways be and he is hereby directed to lay a Walk across George Street at a point near the residence of General Whitaker

Passed October 13 1856

Approved J Y Smith Mayor

Tax Remitted

Resolved That the City Treasurer be and he is hereby directed to pay to the Providence Aqueduct Company, the sum of Three hundred and thirty three Dollars and twenty five cents, the said sum being in remission of tax improperly assessed against them in the year 1856: provided it shall appear to the Treasurer upon the Certificate of the Collector of taxes, that the said sum has been paid into the City Treasury.

If it shall appear to the City Treasurer, that the said sum has not been paid into the Treasury, then he shall credit the Collector of Taxes, with the amount so unpaid; and the Collector of Taxes shall deduct the amount hereby remitted from the tax of said Providence Aqueduct Co

Passed October 13. 1856

Approved J Y Smith Mayor

Surveyor of Highways Report

The Surveyor of Highways makes his Monthly Report of Work done from September 1st to Oct 1 1856 amt $7044.48

Read, whereupon it is ordered that the same be received

Passed Oct 13. 1856

Approved J Y Smith Mayor

C Engineers Report

The Chief Engineer makes his Monthly Report of the Expenditures of the Fire Department Amt $ 1843.09

Read, Whereupon ordered that the same be received

Passed Oct 13 1856

Approved J Y Smith Mayor

Dr

City of Providence in account with

1856			
Jany 8	For Cash paid Harriot Brown Rent of Land	61	25
12	" " " Jas Mumford Coll Amt of Taxes remitted Dec 17 1855	182	31
May 17	" " " State of Rhode Island one half License to 1st inst	661	22
July 5	" " " Harriot Brown Rent of Land	61	25
Sept 27	" " " Bills Payable	267294	93
	" " " Hartford, Providence & Fishkill R. Road Co	30.000	—
	" " " Public Schools	75.343	48
	" " " Interest	5.540	24
	" " " City Watch	32.416	05
	" " " Reform School	4.487	86
	" " " Fourth of July Appropriation 1855	11	38
	" " " Do Do Do 1856	2500	00
	" " " School Houses & Lots	22.195	54
	" " " Gas Fixtures	1.083	55
	" " " Improvement Public Grounds	587	91
	" " " North Burial Ground	1.491	81
	" " " Asylum Wall & Buildings	1660	14
	" " " Pumps & Wells	706	29
	" " " Repairs of Public Buildings	1.266	47
	" " " Elliptic Wall Extension	2.653	05
	" " " Bridges	2.786	18
	" " " Laying wall & digging Mud on Canal Street	2.110	15
	" " " Opening Dorrance Street	12.104	64
	" " " Sinking Fund	10.000	—
	" " " West Water Street	35.569	25
	" " " Police 11.142.37, Fence on Fountain Street & 86.82	11.229	19
	" " " Citys Proportion of State Tax	8085	79
	" " " North Main Street	1800	—
	" " " Interest on Loan	27.150	—
	" " " Highways	76.614	74
	" " " Park on Exchange Place	949	75
	" " " Support of Poor	9.745	28
	" " " South Water Street	19.618	33
	" " " Contingencies	22.585	98
	" " " Salaries	21.054	67
	" " " Lot & Building on Pallas Street	2 800	—
	" " " Lighting Streets	29.215	43
	" " " Fire Department	44.884	75
	" " " Continuation of B Street	2400	—
		$ 790.938	86

C A Williamson

Resolved, That the sum of One hundred and fifty Dollars, be appropriated and paid out of the appropriation for Contingencies, to the order of the City Clk. as additional wages to the Clerk now employed by him for the present Municipal Year

Passed Oct 13 1856

Approved J Y Smith Mayor

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Marinus W. Gardiner, City Treasurer

1855			
Sept 24	By Cash On Hand	43.694	64
"	" " received of James Mumford Tax 1854	5014	58
Oct 20	" " " Sheldon & Barton Sale of Horse	2	25
Nov 7	" " " E M Snow Bal. Quarantine fees	1	25
1856 Jany 8	" " " Luke Green for entering Drain	75	00
June 6	" " " Nathaniel Church Harbor Master	653	72
21	" " " Samuel B Bullock for Entering Drain 20.—		
30	" " " Wm A Howard " " " 66.—		
July 12	" " " David Heaton 2d " " " 58.87		
Aug 23	" " " Zachariah Allen " " " 52.50	197	37
"	" " " Borrowed of the Bank of Commerce	25.000	—
Sept 27	" " " Fees of 14 Auctioneers	72	75
	" " " Opening 49 Streets	98	00
	" " " City Clerk License for Wagons, Dogs &c	669	25
	" " " Jas Mumford Coll. Tax 1855	362.985	81
	" " " Sundry Taxes on Bowling Alleys & Billiard Tables	742	70
	" " " Bills Payable Issued	66.968	75
	" " " Rail Road Co Mortgage & Bonds	30.000	—
	" " " City License (One half belongs to State)	923	62
	" " " Registry Tax	3487	45
	" " " State of Rhode Island, (School Fund)	637	29
	" " " Rents	4.916	58
	" " " Lots in North Burial Ground	617	35
	" " " P Allen & Son for digging Mud on Canal Street 300.—		
	" " " Prov. & Worc. Rail Road Co Do " 250.—	550	00
	" " " Loan to the City of Providence	201.000	00
	" " " City Standard Scales	213	74
	" " " Police, fees of Office &c	4508	46
	" " " Opening Pond Street	14	71
	" " " George D Hall	60	00
	" " " Over Check at American Bank	37833	89

I hereby certify that I have examined the accounts of M W Gardiner Esq City Treasurer for the year ending September 29 1856 and that the accounts agree with the vouchers, and that on said 29th day of September there was a balance due from the City to the American Bank of said City of Thirty seven thousand eight hundred thirty three 89/100 Dollars

Prov. Sept 29 1856

Jno G Paine

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Marinus W. Gardiner City Treas.

$ 790.938 86

Read. Whereupon it is Ordered that the same be received and recorded

Passed October 13. 1856

Approved J Y Smith Mayor

In Convention October 13. 1856

The Gauger General Reports the name of Edward G Farmer as a Deputy Gauger

Voted That this Council Approve and confirm the Election of Edward G Farmer as Deputy Gauger

A motion to confirm the nomination of George Greene is put and lost.

George A Billings is appointed City Constable.

The two Boards separate the Board of Aldermen retire to their Chamber

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Reservoir

Resolved That the Board of Engineers be and they are hereby requested to report to the City Council upon the expediency of causing a reservoir to be dug upon Potter Street near the Planing Works of Messrs Smith & Baker, so that said Reservoir shall receive the water from the mill upon the Sidewalk of said Street belonging to said Smith and Baker – the said reservoir to be used for fire purposes

Passed Novr 3 1856

Approved J Y Smith Mayor

Surveyor of Highways Repot

The Surveyor of Highways makes his Monthly Report of Work from October first to November first 1856 amt $ 7148.03

Read Whereupon it is ordered that the same be received

Passed Novr 10 1856

Approved J Y Smith Mayor

North Burying Ground

An Ordinance in Amendment of "An Ordinance in relation to the North Burying Ground"

(See Ordinance Book No 2 page)

Passed November 10 1856

Approved J Y Smith Mayor

City Auditors Report

Upon the Annual Report of the City Auditor this day presented to the City Council. It is Resolved that said Report be received

Resolved, That the Standing Committee on Finance be and they are hereby directed to cause said Report or so much thereof, as is required to be published by the fourth Section of the City Charter, with a Schedule of the property of the City, to be published in the newspapers employed to do the City printing; and also, to cause not exceeding five hundred copies of said Report and Schedule to be printed in pamphlet form, for the use of the Council

Passed November 10. 1856

Approved J Y Smith Mayor

Water

Whereas the City Council on the 11th day of February last appointed a Committee to examine into the State of the Water supply of this city, and if necessary to report some plan for procuring an adequate supply of pure and wholesome Water for general use, which Committee have made report recommending the introduction of water for the aforesaid purpose from Ten Mile River in Seekonk, at an estimated cost of Six hundred thousand two hundred and eighty five 40/100 dollars, and whereas it is desirable that the City Council shall act upon said subject agreeably to the wishes of their constituents, therefore in order that the tax payers of said City may have an opportunity of expressing their opinions directly upon the subject, it is

Resolved, That Ward Meetings of the Voters in this City qualified to vote in the Election of Members of the City Council be held in the several Wards in this City on the third day of December next, and that the Board of Aldermen be requested to cause due notice to be given of the time, and to designate the Places for holding the same, and the manner of voting therein, at which meeting said Voters are requested to give in their votes upon the following proposition "Shall the City of Providence be supplied with water for General use from the Ten Mile River as proposed by a Committee of the City Council in their report made on the 22d day of September A D 1856"

Resolved That the City Clerk cause a sufficient number of printed ballots to be provided for said Meetings, on one side of which ballots shall be printed the words contained in the preceding proposition, and on the other side of a part of said ballots shall be printed the word "Yes" and on the other side of a part of said ballots shall be printed the word "No"

Resolved, That all ballots so given in shall be sealed up at the close of said Meetings, and within two days thereafter shall

be returned to the Board of Aldermen by the Clerks of the several Wards, and at the next meeting of said Board shall be opened and counted

Passed November 10. 1856

Approved J Y Smith Mayor

Jon Brayton

Resolved, That the City Treasurer be and he is hereby directed to pay to Jonathan Brayton, the sum of Thirty three 94/100 Dollars, being the amount of his bill for monies paid for a lot of land on Greenwich Street, sold by the Collector of Taxes the same to be paid out of any monies not otherwise appropriated

Passed November 10 1856

Approved J Y Smith Mayor

Sam[l] Warner (Tax Remitted)

Resolved That the City Treasurer be, and he is hereby directed to pay to Samuel Warner the sum of Seven Dollars and Eighty four cents, the said sum being in remission of a tax improperly assessed against him in the year 1854; Provided it shall appear to the Treasurer, upon the certificate of the Collector of Taxes, that said sum has been paid into the City Treasury. If it shall appear to the City Treasurer that said sum has not been paid into the Treasury, then he shall credit the Collector of Taxes, with the amount so unpaid, and the Collector of Taxes shall deduct the amount hereby remitted, from the Tax of said Samuel Warner

Passed November 10 1856

Approved J Y Smith Mayor

Taxes Remitted

Resolved That the City Treasurer be, and he is hereby directed to pay to the persons whose names are annexed the sums placed against their respective names; the said sums being in remission of taxes improperly assessed against them in the year 1856, provided it shall appear to the Treasurer, upon the certificate of the Collector of Taxes that said sums have been paid into the City Treasury. If it shall appear to the City Treasurer that said sums have not been paid into the Treasury, then he shall credit the Collector of Taxes, with the amounts so unpaid; and the Collector of Taxes shall deduct the amounts hereby remitted, from the Taxes of those persons whose names are annexed

To John Oldfield		$ 77.50
Stephen K Rathbone, Seth Padelford	for account of Board of Managers of the Ministry at Large	20. 16
William C Richmond		244. 12. 5

Passed November 10. 1856

Approved J Y Smith Mayor

Engineers Report

The Chief Engineer makes his Monthly Report of the Expenditures of the Fire Department Amt $ 37, 12

Read, whereupon Ordered that the same be received

Passed Nov. 10 1856

Approved J Y Smith Mayor

Long Wharf St

Resolved That the Surveyor of Highways be and he is hereby directed to cause Long Wharf Street to be paved from Broad Street to Dyer Street, before the expiration of the present year – and if practicable the same to be done with the block Pavement

Passed November 10 1856

Approved J Y Smith Mayor

Cross Walks

Resolved That the Surveyor of Highways be and he is hereby directed to cause Cross Walks to be laid on the following Streets

One across Thayer Street on the Southerly side Waterman St
One across Brook Street on the Southerly side of Waterman Street
One across Waterman Street on the Easterly side of Brown Street

Passed November 10 1856

Approved J Y Smith Mayor

Point St

Resolved That the Surveyor of Highways be and he is hereby directed to set the Curbing and pave the Gutters on that Portion of Point Street, lying between Hospital and Plane Street, recently declared a public Highway

Passed Nov[r] 10. 1856

Approved J Y Smith Mayor

N Main and President Sts

Resolved That the Board of Aldermen be and they are hereby requested to widen President Street and North Main Street opposite the Baptist Meeting House, under an Act entitled "An Act for laying out Highways"

Passed Nov[r] 10. 1856

Approved J Y Smith Mayor

Flag Staffs

The Committee ordered Sept 8 & 22 to erect Flag Staffs on Exchange Place & Dexter Training Ground, report that they have discharged their duty

Read whereupon it is ordered that the same be received

Passed Dec[r] 1, 1856

Approved J Y Smith Mayor

Ventilators

The committee on City Property who were ordered on the 11 th of August to place Ventilators on the Ward Room in the Fifth Ward. Report that they have attended to their duty

Read, Whereupon it is ordered, that the same be received
Passed Dec^r 1 1856

Approved Dec^r 1 1856
J Y Smith Mayor

Surveyor of Highways

The Surveyor of Highways makes his Monthly Report of Work done from November first to December first 1856 $ 6749.15

Read, Whereupon, it is ordered that the same be received
Passed December 8. 1856

Approved J Y Smith Mayor

C Engineer Report

The Chief Engineer, makes his Monthly Report of the Expenditures of the Fire Department amt $ 1867.35

Read, Whereupon ordered that the same be received
Passed Dec^r 8. 1856

Approved J Y Smith Mayor

Issues & Payments

City Treasurer makes his Quarterly Report of Issues & Payments
None of Either

Read Whereupon it is Ordered that the same be received
Passed December 8. 1856

Approved J Y Smith Mayor

Cove Wall

Resolved, That the Surveyor of Highways (acting under the advice and direction of the Standing Committee on Highways) be and he is hereby directed to fill in the river on the line of the Channel North of the Bridge near the State Prison; to a width sufficient to protect the wall already erected, and to prevent the same from being thrown down by the ice

Passed December 8. 1856

Approved J Y Smith Mayor

City Bonds

Resolved, That the Committee to advertise and receive bids for the Loan of Six hundred Thousand Dollars be and they are hereby authorized to issue to the Childrens Friend Society, One bond for One thousand Dollars at four per cent premium

Passed Dec^r 8 1856

Approved J Y Smith Mayor

Taxes Remitted

Resolved That the City Treasurer be and he is hereby directed to pay to the persons whose names are annexed the sums placed against their respective names the said sums being in remission of taxes, improperly assessed against them in the year 1856, provided it shall appear to the Treasurer, upon the certificate of the Collector of Taxes, that said Sums have been paid into the City Treasury.

If it shall appear to the City Treasurer that said Sums have not been paid into the Treasury, then he shall credit the Collector of Taxes, with the amounts so unpaid, and the Collector of Taxes shall deduct the amounts hereby remitted, from the Taxes of the persons whose names are annexed; viz

To Executors of Nicholas Brown	$ 720.96
Benjamin Cowell and wife	120.90
Joseph Bradford	19.37.5
Frances M Cragin	7.75
	$ 868.98.5

Passed December 8. 1856

Approved J Y Smith Mayor

Ward Room Pallas Street

Resolved That the Sum of Ninety five Dollars and Eighty four cents be and is hereby appropriated for the balance of an Appropriation for a House & Lot on Pallas Street

Passed December 8 1856

Approved J Y Smith Mayor

Taxes Remitted

Resolved, That the City Treasurer be, and he is hereby directed to pay to Carlo Maurani's Heirs estate, the Sum of Ten Dollars and Twelve cents, the said Sum being in remission of Taxes, improperly assessed against them in the year 1855; Provided it shall appear to the Treasurer upon the Certificate of the Collector of Taxes, that said Sum has been paid into the City Treasury.

If it shall appear to the City Treasurer, that said Sum has not been paid into the Treasury, then he shall credit the Collector of Taxes, with the amount so unpaid, and the Collector of Taxes shall deduct the amount hereby remitted, from the tax of said Carlo Maurani's heirs Estate

Passed December 8 1856

Approved J Y Smith Mayor

Ordinance Hacks Omnibusses &c

An Ordinance in addition to an Ordinance entitled "An Ordinance for the regulation of Hacks, Omnibusses, Drays, Trucks &c" see Ordinance no 2 page

Passed December 8 1856

Approved J Y Smith
Mayor

Steam Boilers

Resolved that the Standing Committee to engross ordinances be and they are hereby directed to make application to the General Assembly at its next Session for the passage of an Act, authorizing the City Council of the City of Providence to appoint an Inspector of Steam Boilers for said City and to make such regulations, defining the duties of his said Office, with such penalties for the violations of said regulations, as the said City Council may deem expedient

Passed December 8 1856

Approved J J Smith Mayor

Gas Fixtures

Resolved That the City Sergeant be and he is hereby directed to cause Suitable Gas Fixtures to be placed on each side of the Chair of the President of the Common Council, before the next meeting of said Council - or to cause the fixtures now in said place to be repaired

Passed December 8 1856

Approved J J Smith Mayor

Dorrance St Dock

Resolved That the City Treasurer be and he is hereby directed to pay to the Dorrance Street Association the sum of Seven Hundred Dollars, as directed by a Resolution passed by the City Council February 4. 1856 without the condition thereto annexed

Passed December 8" 1856

Approved J J Smith Mayor

City Agency

Resolved That the City Treasurer be and he is hereby directed to pay the City Agent the Sum of $2868.$^{14}_{100}$ for the payment of Purchases made by him for the use of the City at the City Agency, the same to be placed to an appropriation for the City Agency

Passed Dec 8 1856

Approved J J Smith Mayor

Buildings to be Erected

Resolved That the Standing Committee on the Fire Department, be and they are hereby directed to make application to the General Assembly at its next Session for the passage of an Act requiring parties intending to erect buildings upon any Street in the City of Providence or to add to buildings already erected to give notice in writing of said intention to the Board of Aldermen of said City, before proceeding to make said erection or alteration, said notice to be given to said Board at any regular meeting thereof - with Suitable penalties attached for any violation of said act

Passed January 5 1857

Approved J J Smith Mayor

Prov. Reform School

Resolved That the Report of the Trustees of the Providence Reform School be received; and that five hundred copies thereof be printed in pamphlet form, under the direction of the Superintendent of the Providence Reform School for the use of the City Council

Passed January 12 1857

Approved J J Smith

Surveyor of Highways Reports

The Surveyor of Highways makes his Monthly Report of Work done from December 1 1856 to January 1 1857 $496.22

Read. Whereupon, it is Ordered that the same be received

Passed January 12 1857

Approved J J Smith Mayor

Highways appn for Act to amend

Resolved That the Standing Committee on Highways be directed to apply to the General Assembly at its present Session for an amendment of the Acts in relation to Highways

Passed January 12 1857

Approved J J Smith Mayor

Public Documents

Resolved That the City Registrar be authorized and requested to obtain files of all reports, documents and Ordinances published by the principal cities in this Country, and also standard works upon subjects strictly connected with the administration of a City Government

Resolved, That he be also authorized to obtain, so far as possible files of all documents heretofore published by this City, and to keep on hand at least ten copies of all documents that may hereafter published by the City

Resolved, That all documents so obtained shall be substantially bound and kept in the Office of the City Registrar for the use of the members of the City Government

Resolved, That fifty Dollars be appropriated for the above purpose to be expended by the City Registrar with the advice and direction of the Mayor, and that he be also authorized to obtain a suitable book case for the safe keeping of the documents

Passed January 12 1857

Approved J J Smith Mayor

C Engineer Report

The Chief Engineer makes his Monthly Report of the Expenditures of the Fire Department amt 1673.71

Read, whereupon ordered that the same be received

Passed January 12, 1857

Approved J Y Smith Mayor

Taxes Remitted

Resolved That the City Treasurer be, and he is hereby directed to pay to the persons whose names are annexed, the sums placed against their respective names, the said sums being in remission of taxes improperly assessed against them in the year 1856; provided it shall appear to the Treasurer upon the Certificate of the Collector of Taxes, that said sums have been paid into the City Treasury.

If it shall appear to the City Treasurer that said sums have not been paid into the Treasury, then he shall credit the Collector of Taxes with the amounts so unpaid and the Collector of Taxes shall deduct the amounts hereby remitted from the taxes of the persons whose names are annexed

To Sarah & Elizabeth Carlile	F Foster Guardian	15.04
" Samuel Larneds Heirs		155.00
" Isaac Brown Guardian		129.42

Passed January 12 1857

Approved J Y Smith Mayor

Tax Remitted

Resolved That the City Treasurer be and he is hereby directed to pay to Samuel Larneds heirs, the sum of One hundred and thirty five Dollars, the said sum being in remission of Taxe improperly assessed against them in the year 1855; provided it shall appear to the Treasurer upon the Certificate of the Collector of Taxes, that said Sum has been paid into the City Treasury. If it shall appear to the City Treasurer that said Sum has not been paid into the Treasury, then he shall credit the Collector of Taxes with the amount so unpaid; and the Collector of Taxes shall deduct the amount hereby remitted, from the Taxe of said Samuel Larneds heirs

Passed January 12, 1857

Approved J Y Smith Mayor

C Marshal Report

The City Marshal makes his Annual Report

Read, Whereupon it is Ordered that the same be received and that the same be printed in the newspapers employed to do the City printing

Passed January 12, 1857

Approved J Y Smith Mayor

City Hall Lot

Resolved That the Special Committee to whom, on the 7th day of January 1856 was referred the communication of the Mayor in relation to the title of the City Hall Lot, and who, on the 14th of the same month were authorized and empowered to negotiate and settle with any party or parties having any claim to any portion of said lot; or to direct such proceedings to be commenced as they shall deem expedient in behalf of the City - be and they are hereby directed to report at the next meeting of the City Council

Passed January 12 1857

Approved J Y Smith Mayor

Flags

Resolved That the Committee on City Property be and they are hereby authorized to purchase, on or before the Twenty second day of February next, suitable National flags to be used on the Flag Staff recently erected on the Depot Training Ground and on the Flagg Staff in Exchange Place

Passed January 12 1857

Approved J Y Smith Mayor

Pubs. Sewers

Resolved That the City Treasurer, be and he is hereby directed to report at the next Meeting of the City Council the names of all Persons who have to his knowledge entered drains from their Estates to the Public Sewers, without Payment for the same

Passed January 12, 1857

Approved J Y Smith Mayor

Fire Engine

Resolved, That the Chief Engineer of the Fire Department, be and hereby is directed to contract for a Fire Engine of such size and construction, as he shall consider most advisable for the interest of the City; and to make such arrangement for the sale of Engine No 3 as the completion of said contract may admit

Passed January 12 1857

Approved J Y Smith Mayor

Anthony Potter

Resolved, That the City Treasurer be and he is hereby directed to pay to Anthony Potter, the sum of Four Hundred and fifty Dollars, in full for all damages sustained by him in falling upon the ice on the 19th of February 1856 in Broad Street, between Stewart and Seckel Streets; on his giving a full and satisfactory receipt; the same to be paid out of any monies not otherwise appropriated

Passed Jany 12, 1857

Approved J Y Smith Mayor

Chas Potter

Reform School

Resolved, That the City Treasurer, acting under the advice and direction of the Standing Committee on City Property, be and he is hereby authorized and directed to purchase, for the City, from Charles Potter Esq a lot or piece of land on the North side of Cole Street; and the Lots Nos 603, 604 and 605, on the "What Cheer Plat" (so called) bounding Southerly on the Reform School Estate and Northerly on a street laid down on said Plat; — provided the same can be purchased for not exceeding five thousand dollars; and to pay for the same, out of any monies in the Treasury, not otherwise appropriated

Passed January 12 1857

Approved J Y Smith Mayor

M A Pease

Resolved, that the City Treasurer be and he is hereby directed to pay to Margaret A Pease, two hundred and forty three dollars and seventy five cents upon her giving such a release and discharge of all claim and demands as shall be satisfactory to the Committee of Finance

Passed Jany 12 1857

Approved J Y Smith Mayor

App fu Pub Buildings

Resolved, That the Sum of One Thousand Dollars be and is hereby appropriated for Repairs of Public Buildings, in addition to the former appropriation

Passed January 12 1857

Approved J Y Smith Mayor

Wm M Read Tax

Resolved That the Collector of Taxes be and he is hereby authorized to receive from the Providence Institution for Savings payment of a Tax assessed against an Estate belonging to William M Read situated upon West Clifford Street, and sold by said Savings Institution under a Mortgage from said Read — provided that in the opinion of the City Solicitor, the said payment can be made and the sum received by said Collector, without impairing the claim of the City to the balance of the Tax assessed against said Read

Passed January 12 1857

Approved J Y Smith Mayor

H A Ricketson

Resolved, That the City Treasurer be and he is hereby directed to pay the amount of the judgment in the cases H A Ricketson against William G Merrewether, in the U.S. Circuit Court being for One Dollar & costs and the judgment of said Ricketson vs R W Potter in the Supreme Court for One Dollar and costs, upon the discharge of the Executions in said cases

Passed January 12 1857

Approved J Y Smith Mayor

H P & F R R Co petition

Ordered That the petition of the Hartford, Providence and Fishkill Railroad Co for permission to lay rails on Dorrance Street be received and referred to the Standing Committee on Highways, with instructions to said Committee to advertise in the papers employed to do the City Printing of the time and place, when and where the said Committee will meet to hear parties for and against granting the request of said petitioners

Passed Jany 12 1857

Approved J Y Smith Mayor

The Committee appointed to settle Claims for damages by opening Dorrance Street Repors

That they have settled all outstanding claims that were allowed by the Commissioners, and your Committee are not advised of any other claims

Read January 12 1857

In Convention January 12 1857

Harris R Greene a Member of the School Committee, tenders his resignation, which is accepted

Alexander Duncan is Elected Member of the School Committee

Wm H Pullen & Geo. W. Wightman are Elected City Constables

Henry Staples tenders is resignation as City Auctioneer which is accepted

Albert G Barton is appointed City Auctioneer

The two Boards separate, the Board of Aldermen retire to their Chamber

So extend So. Water St

Resolved, that the Board of Aldermen be, and they are hereby requested to straighten and extend South Water Street a short distance along the Westerly end of Thurston, Gardner & Co's Machine Shop, so as to connect with the Northerly end of a Street, laid out on the Rose Point Association Plat, under and according to the Act entitled "An act for laying out Highways".

Passed February 9. 1857.

Approved. J. Y. Smith, Mayor.

Steam Boilers

Resolved, that the Resolution which passed the City Council, on the 8th of December A.D. 1856, directing the Standing Committee to engross Ordinances, to make application to the General Assembly, for the passage of an Act authorizing the City Council of the City of Providence to appoint an Inspector of Steam Boilers for said City, be, and the same is hereby repealed.

Passed February 9. 1857.

Approved. J. Y. Smith, Mayor.

City Bonds

Resolved, that the Committee to advertise and receive bids for the loan of Six hundred thousand Dollars, be and they are hereby authorized to issue to the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund for the redemption of the Bonds issued to the Hartford, Providence and Fishkill Railroad Co, three bonds for One thousand Dollars each, at the par value thereof.

Passed February 9. 1857.

Approved. J. Y. Smith. Mayor.

Providence Reform School

Resolved, that two hundred and fifty copies of the Annual Report of the Trustees of the Providence Reform School, be printed in pamphlet form, for the use of the City Council, in addition to the number ordered on the 12th of January last.

Passed February 9. 1857.

Approved. J. Y. Smith, Mayor.

Remission of Taxes

Resolved, that the City Treasurer be, and he is hereby directed to pay to Thomas Peirce Jr. the sum of Twenty Dollars and twenty five cents, the said sum being in remission of a tax, improperly assessed against him in the year 1855; Provided it shall appear to the Treasurer, upon the certificate of the Collector of Taxes, that said sum has been paid into the City Treasury. If it shall appear to the City Treasurer that said sum has not been paid into the Treasury, then he shall credit the Collector of Taxes with the amount so unpaid, and the Collector of Taxes shall deduct the amount hereby remitted from the tax of said Thomas Peirce, Jr.

Passed February 9. 1857.

Approved. J. Y. Smith. Mayor.

Resolved

Roan Estate

That the City Treasurer, acting under the advice of the Standing Committee on Finance be, and he is hereby directed to sell, convey or lease the Roan Estate on Broad Strat, upon such terms and conditions as said Committee shall direct, and to invest the proceds thereof in the bonds of the City of Providence, payable A.D. 1885, and to deliver said bonds, so purchased, to the Trustees of the Sinking fund under the Act entitled "An act authorizing the City of Providence to issue bonds and establish a sinking fund", for the benefit of said fund, or acting under the direction of said Committee, to receive in payment a note for the amount of such Sale, conveyance or lease, secured as said Committee shall direct. The note or lease, or the proceds thereof, to be delivered to the Trustees aforenamed to be applied under the Act aforesaid".

Passed February 9. 1857

Approved. J. Y. Smith. Mayor.

City Reg'rs Report

Upon the Annual Report of the City Registrar.

Resolved, that the same be received, and that Seven hundred and fifty copies thereof, and of the Communication accompanying the same, be printed in pamphlet form, for the use of the City Council.

Passed, February 9. 1857.

Approved J. Y. Smith. Mayor.

Clerk of Municipal Court

Resolved,

That the Clerk of the Municipal Court be, and he is hereby authorized, with the approval of the Mayor, to procure such assistance as may be necessary in his Office; and to draw upon the City Treasury, quarterly or otherwise, for the payment of the same:- the orders for such payments to be approved and countersigned by the Mayor, and to be paid out of the appropriation for Contingencies.

Passed February 9. 1857.

Approved. J. Y. Smith Mayor.

City Registrars Report

A communication from Edwin M. Snow City Registrar is presented and Read whereupon it is

Ordered that the same be received, and that the same be printed in the newspapers employed to do the City Printing

Passed February 9. 1857

Approved

J. Y. Smith Mayor

Daniel P Field

A claim of Daniel P Field referred to the City Council by the City Auditor Dec 8. 1856 and by the Common Council referred to the Police Committee; who report, and recommend that said account be referred back to the City Auditor

The Report of the Standing Committee on Police read, whereupon it is Ordered that the same be received and that the claim be referred to the City Auditor

Passed February 9 1857

Approved J. Y. Smith Mayor

City Hall Lot

The Special Committee to whom was referred the communication of the Mayor in relation to the title of the City Hall Lot make report which is

Read. Whereupon it is Ordered that the same be received

Passed February 9. 1857

Approved J Y Smith Mayor

City Hall Lot

Resolved, That the Special Committee consisting of Messrs Waterman, Barstow, Beckwith Mayor Smith and Alderman Rathbone to whom on the 7th day of January 1856 was referred the communication of the Mayor in relation to the title of the City Hall Lot, be and they are hereby continued for the purposes of their appointment with all the powers granted to them subsequent to their appointment by the vote of the City Council

Passed Feby 9. 1857

Approved J Y Smith Mayor

Surveyor of Highways Report

The Surveyor of Highways makes his Monthly Report of of Work done from January 1st to February 1st 1857

Amount $3958.55

Read. Whereupon it is Ordered that the same be received

Passed February 9. 1857

Approved J. Y. Smith Mayor

C Engineers Report

The Chief Engineer makes his Monthly Report of the Expenditures of the Fire Department amt $197.40

Read. Whereupon ordered that the same be received

Passed February 9. 1857

Approved J Y Smith Mayor

Park Strat

Resolved That the Surveyor of Highways be and he is hereby authorized and directed to cause the gutters to be paved and the curb stone set on that portion of Park Street lying between Smith and Promenade Streets

Passed February 9 1857

Approved J Y Smith Mayor

Prov. Gas Co

A Communication from the Providence Gas Company in relation to their Tax, which was by the Com Council on the 12 ult referred to the Finance Committee, who now Report, and recommend that the petitioners have leave to withdraw

The Report of the Standing Committee on Finance, read. whereupon it is resolved that the same be received.

Resolved That the claimants have leave to withdraw

Passed February 9 1857

Approved J Y Smith Mayor

In Convention February 9 1857

Samuel W Peckham tenders his resignation as a member of the School Committee, which is accepted

William T. Grinnell is elected a Member of the School Committee

Robert Manchester is elected Surveyor General of Lumber for the year ending the first Monday of February next

The two Boards separate, the Board of Aldermen retire to their Chamber

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Pub Pound

An Ordinance in addition to an Ordinance entitled "An Ordinance establishing a Public Pound" (See Ordinance Book No 2 page)

Passed February 9. 1857

Approved J Y Smith Mayor

Return of Lumber Surveyed in the City of Providence for the Year ending February 2d 1857

By whom Surveyed	White Pine Boards Plank and Joist No 1 Feet	2 Feet	3 Feet	4 Feet	5 Feet	Southern & Eastern Hard Pine Boards & Plank Merch Feet	Refuse Feet	Spruce Boards Plank Joist and Sawed Timber Merch Feet	Refuse Feet	Hemlock Boards Plank Joist & Sawed Timber Mer. ft	Ref ft	Pine Mer Feet
Robert Manchester Jun	46534	231847	385633	1006789	109612	43133	11263	1665098	338234	177426	104099	..
Jacob Silloway	18364	110773	192211	717516	159550	96004	8735	1632497	554409	156541	77956	..
Nath[l] C Bushee	70199	122642	146484	816778	62970	38345	14349	1285649	375024	296650	98361	1546
Benj[n] Bogman 1st	23508	211180	499619	767192	70701	146633	57637	1732843	184587	184512	117472	...
Esek A Tillson	5488	115623	199059	844379	125446	177267	51720	1599596	279775	204091	137461	...
Charles C Lee	13860	79347	95863	180785	23188	84825	22812	239829	70962	111857	14439	...
William R Talbot	31076	122438	297844	1016571	96631	156020	9884	1438876	2186341	455538	169102	...
Smith Potter	1599	3287	20347	177414	2247	...	...	134353	18391	26676	6930	...
Joseph K Robinson	14028	52010	30164	127409	20142	111075	20352	173515	18723	31829	19018	...
Robert Manchester	...	...	...	...	....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Total	224656	1049147	1847224	5654833	670457	853302	196752	9902256	3126446	1645110	744835	1546

Timber	Oak and Chesnut Boards & Plank		Ash Boards Plank & Joist		Birch & Maple Bds Plank & Joist		Wht Wood Boards Plank & Joist		Cherry Bds Plank and Joist		Bltk Walnut Boards Plank & Joist		Mahogany & Cedar Bds Plank & Joist		Southern Hard Pine Timber & Ship Plank		Surveyor Generals Fees		Deputy Surveyors Fees	
Refuse Feet	Mer ft	Ref ft	Mer ft	Ref ft	Mer ft	Ref ft	Mer ft	Ref ft	Mer ft	Ref ft	Mer ft	Ref ft	Mer ft	Ref ft	Mer ft	Ref ft	$	¢	$	¢
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307	4055	667	5438	64	147	121	39182	22497	1757	623	7272	1050	..	..	..	..	102	97	753	92
...	..	..	..	...	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	119	84	878	92
...	..	..	..	...	4420	3983	20393	242	..	..	..	..	..	..	42246	356	114	84	841	53
...	32543	7462	9153	3185	27428	19800	136307	30076	761	207	38459	9676	28891	9923	..	..	45	20	321	48
...	2893	10834	..	..	..	..	16966	13021	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	123	41	904	52
...	1062	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	11	79	86	45
...	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	7987	213	17	79	130	57
...	15085	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	7	66		
307	55034	18869	14591	3249	31995	23904	213980	54117	2518	830	45731	10726	52233	21005	50233	569	781	07	5662	33

Grand Total feet 25.536.435

Read Whereupon it is Ordered, that the same be received and recorded

Ordered, that the same be printed in the Newspapers employed to do the City Printing

Passed February 9. 1857

Approved J Y Smith Mayor

In Convention March 9th 1857

The Surveyor General of Lumber presents the names of the following persons appointed by him Deputy Surveyors, for the approval of this Convention

Robert Manchester Jun[r]
Jacob Silloway
Nathaniel C Bushee
Benjamin Bogman 1st
Esek A Tillson
William R Talbot
Chas C Lee for Mahogany & other ornamental Lumber
Joseph K Robinson
Robert Manchester for hard wood used in Ship building

Whereupon Voted That this Council approve of said appointments

Nathan Smalley is appointed Pound Keeper

To the Hon. City Council

The undersigned Surveyor General of Lumber, Presents the above Report which contains the account of all the Lumber surveyed under his direction during the past year

Respectfully Submitted

Providence Feby 2 1857

Robert Manchester

Albert G Barton resigns the Office of City Auctioneer which resignation is accepted

Frank J Sheldon is appointed Auctioneer

Robert Manchester is appointed Measurer of Wood

Gorham P Pomroy is appointed Weigher of Anthracite Coal

The two Boards separate, the Board of Aldermen retire to their chamber

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An Ordinance in relation to the City Flags and Flag Staves

(See Ordinance Book No 2 page)

Passed March 9. 1857

Approved J Y Smith Mayor

Public Buildings

Resolved, That the sum of One thousand Dollars be and is hereby appropriated for the repairs of Public buildings, in addition to the former appropriation

Passed March 9. 1857.

Approved. J. Y. Smith, Mayor.

Mayors Salary

Resolved, That the Salary of the Mayor for the year ensuing the first Monday in June next, shall be Fifteen hundred Dollars, payable quarterly

Passed March 9. 1857.

Approved. J. Y. Smith, Mayor.

Taxes Remitted

Resolved, That the City Treasurer be, and he is hereby directed to pay to the persons whose names are annexed, the sums placed against their respective names; the said sums being in remission of Taxes improperly assessed against them in the year 1856 - Provided it shall appear to the Treasurer, upon the certificate of the Collector of Taxes, that said sums have been paid into the City Treasury. If it shall appear to the City Treasurer, that said sums have not been paid into the Treasury, then he shall credit the Collector of Taxes with the amounts so unpaid, and the Collector of Taxes shall deduct the amounts hereby remitted from the Taxes of the persons whose names are annexed.

To Philip Case	$ 31.00.
" Patrick Mc Elroy	6.76.

Passed, March 9. 1857.

Approved. J. Y. Smith, Mayor.

Taxes Remitted.

Resolved That the City Treasurer be, and he is hereby directed to pay to Thomas Pearson, the sum of Eleven dollars and forty seven cents, the said sum being in remission of Taxes improperly assessed against him in the year 1855, provided it shall appear to the Treasurer, upon the certificate of the Collector of Taxes, that said sum has been paid into the City Treasury. If it shall appear to the City Treasurer that said sum has not been paid into the Treasury, then he shall credit the Collector of Taxes with the amount so unpaid, and the Collector of Taxes shall deduct the amount hereby remitted from the Tax of said Thomas Pearson.

Passed, March 9. 1857.

Approved. J. Y. Smith, Mayor

Arch. N. Comstock

Resolved,

That the City Treasurer be, and he is hereby directed to pay to Archibald N. Comstock the sum of Three hundred Dollars in full for all damages sustained by him in falling upon the ice in Washington Street, on his giving a full and satisfactory receipt, the same to be paid out of any monies not otherwise appropriated.

Passed March 9. 1857.

Approved.

J. Y. Smith Mayor.

Salaries

An Ordinance in amendment of an ordinance entitled "An Ordinance fixing the Salaries of certain officers"

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

Section 1. Annual Salaries shall be paid to the Officers hereinafter named in this Section, in equal quarterly payments; Viz;

To the City Treasurer, Twelve hundred and fifty Dollars.

To the Surveyor of Highways, Twelve hundred Dollars.

Section 2. The time of the payment of the Salaries mentioned in the preceding Section to commence from June 1. 1856.

Section 3. All Ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.

Passed March 9. 1857.

Approved. J. Y. Smith. Mayor.

Lot on State St

Resolved, That the City Treasurer acting under the advice and direction of the Standing Committee on City Property be, and he is hereby authorized and directed to purchase of Hon. E. P. Knowles the lot of land owned by him adjoining the Easterly end of the estate on State Street now owned by the City, provided that the cost of the same shall not exceed the sum of Three hundred and fifty Dollars, and that a title to the same can be obtained satisfactory to the City Solicitor.

Passed, March 9. 1857.

Approved.

J. Y. Smith. Mayor

Remission Tax

Resolved,

That the City Treasurer be and he is hereby directed to pay to William Wakefield, the sum of Twenty three 25/100 Dollars, the said sum being in remission of a Tax improperly assessed against him in the year 1856 - Provided it shall appear to the Treasurer, upon the certificate of the Collector of Taxes that said sum has been paid into

the City Treasury.

If it shall appear to the City Treasurer that said sum has not been paid into the Treasury, then he shall credit the Collector of Taxes with the amount so unpaid, and the Collector of Taxes shall deduct the amount hereby remitted fum the Tax of said William Wakefield.

Passed March 9. 1857.

Approved. J.Y.Smith Mayor.

Highways-Masons Lengway

Ordered

That the Surveyor of Highways be, and he is hereby directed to cause Masons Lengway to be paved with Block Pavement, the same to be done in connection with the work already ordered on Long Wharf Street.

Passed, March 9. 1857.

Approved J.Y.Smith Mayor

Fire Bells

Resolved That the Chief Engineer under the advice of the standing Committee on the fire department be and they are hereby empowered and directed to purchase of the Pine Street Baptist Society at a reasonable price the bell located in the Steeple of their Meeting House in Pine Street, and to make arangements for its being Rept in its present position, or in the vicinity thereof, under the charge of the present Ringer, or some other person to be used for a Fire alarm bell.

Passed, March 9. 1857.

Approved, J.Y.Smith, Mayor.

Highway Works

Ordered

That the Surveyor of Highways be and he is hereby directed to cause the side walks on Brigham & Dodge Streets in front of the School house estate, to be paved with brick; also to cause suitable brick walks to be constructed from each Street to the doors of the School House, and also to cause Elm and other shade trees to be placed on the line of the curb on each Street in front of said Estate, and also in the School house yard. The said work to be paid for out of the appropriation for School houses and lots.

Passed, March 9. 1857.

Approved, J.Y.Smith Mayor.

Atwells Avenue

Resolved by the City Council of the City of Providence That the Board of Aldermen of said City be and they are hereby requested to lay out and alter the highway in said City called Atwells Avenue from the intersection of Fabin and Aborn Streets Westerly to the North Providence line, under the act entitled "An Act for laying out highways"

Passed March 9 1857

Approved J Y Smith Mayor

Richmond W. E.

Mayors Office Providence March 6 1857

Gentlemen of the City Council

I transmit herewith a communication from Wm E Richmond Esq relating to injuries done to his Property in the vicinity of Knight Street, by the water being turned upon his premises

Respectfully James Y. Smith Mayor

Read, Whereupon it is resolved that the Standing Committee on Highways be and they are hereby directed to cause the nuisance complained of, to be abated, if practicable; and to make report at as early a day as is practicable

Passed March 9th 1857

Approved J Y Smith Mayor

Surveyor of Highways Report

The Surveyor of Highways makes his Monthly Report of Work done from February 1st to March 1. 1857

Amt $ 3453.20

Read, Whereupon it is Ordered that the same be received

Passed March 9 1857

Approved J Y Smith Mayor

C Engineers Report

The Chief Engineer makes his Monthly Report of the Expenditures of the Fire Department Amt $ 8979.18

Read, Whereupon ordered that the same be received

Passed March 9. 1857

Approved J Y Smith Mayor

Wooden Buildings

On the Petitions of John Clarke requesting liberty to remove a one & half story Wooden Building from the corner of Power & Thayer Streets to the corner of Benevolent and Brook Streets and

William Taylor asking leave to remove a One & half Story Wooden Building from Harrison to Parade Street and

William H Greene asking permission to remove a one & half story Wooden Building from Grove Street to the Corner of Knight & Grove Street

Truman Beckwith requesting permission to remove a two Story Wooden Building from Westminster Street fifty feet north on the same lot

Read, whereupon it is Resolved, That the prayers thereof be granted provided the petitioner give a satisfactory bond to the City Treasurer

as required by the 3d Sect of an "Ordinance in relation to the removal of Wooden Buildings"

Passed March 9, 1857

Approved J Y Smith Mayor

Weybosset St

Resolved That in the opinion of the City Council it is desirable to widen Weybosset Street in this City from a point at the south west corner of Blackstone Block (so called) belonging to Alexander Duncan Esq, to a point at the South east corner of the Arcade steps, where said Steps meet the line of said Street, so that the North line of said Street from the said corner of Blackstone Block shall extend westerly or nearly so, to a point ten feet north from the present line of said Street on the Westerly line of the estate belonging to the Hersey heirs; and thence continue Westerly or nearly so to the point at the Southeast corner of the Arcade Steps where said Steps meet the line of said Street; and whereas certain Real Estate will be required for that purpose:

That the City Solicitor be and he is hereby directed to make application to the Supreme Court of this State for the appointment of Commissioners of Estimate and assessment under and according to the act entitled "An Act in relation to the laying out, enlarging, straightening or otherwise altering Streets in the City of Providence" and the City Council hereby direct, that application shall be made by said City Solicitor to said Court, in the application for said appointment as aforesaid, that said Commissioners shall apportion and assess one half of the loss and damage thereof upon the persons and estates benefitted thereby in the ratio of the benefits conferred

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

Passed March 24 1857

Approved J Y Smith Mayor

Washington St

Resolved That the Board of Aldermen be, and they are hereby requested to lay out a Highway, under the act entitled "An Act for laying out highways" from Dean Street to Knight Street, in continuation of Washington Street

Passed March 24 1857

Approved J Y Smith Mayor

School Committee

Ordered That the Standing Committee on Education be and they are hereby directed to report at the next meeting of the City Council, the names of Twenty persons as suitable candidates for election to the Office of School Committee

Passed March 24 1857

Approved J Y Smith Mayor

Rails in Streets

Ordered That the Standing Committee to engross Ordinances be and they are hereby directed to report at the next Meeting of the Council a bill entitled "An Ordinance in relation to the use of rails in the Public Streets" providing in said Ordinance the manner in which said rails shall be used, with suitable penalties for the violation of said Ordinance

Passed March 24 1857

Approved J Y Smith Mayor

Pub Sewers

Resolved That the City Treasurer be and he is hereby directed to proceed to collect all sums by process of law if necessary due from persons who have entered drains from their Estates to the Public Sewers

Passed March 24 1857

Approved J Y Smith Mayor

Wooden Buildg

The petition of S. N Richmond requesting liberty to remove a Wooden Building from corner of Benefit & Bowen Streets and place the same on the rear of a Lot on the corner of North Main & Bowen Streets

Read Whereupon it is Resolved, That the prayer thereof be granted, provided the Petitioner give a Satisfactory Bond to the City Treasurer as required by the 3d Sect of "An Ordinance in relation to the removal of Wooden Buildings

Passed March 24 1857

Approved J Y Smith Mayor

Committee on Claims & Qualifications

A Communication from the Mayor advising the appointment of a Standing Committee on Qualifications and also a Standing Committee on Claims, is

Read, Whereupon it is Ordered, that the same be referred to Messrs E A Greene, Doyle, Taylor & Waterman and Alds Waterman to Examine and report thereon

Passed March 26. 1857

Approved J Y Smith Mayor

Henry Wheaton

To the Hon. City Council of the City of Providence

The Petitioner requests permission of your Honorable Body to take from the Council Chamber, for a few weeks, the portrait of Henry Wheaton, for the purpose of having a copy made of the same, for a public gallery of Portraits of the distinguished men of Rhode Island, now in the course of being formed, and as in duty bound will ever pray

John R Bartlett

Providence March 23 1857

Read, Whereupon it is Resolved that the prayer of the foregoing petition be granted

Passed March 24. 1857

Approved J G Smith Mayor

Fifth Ward Primary School

Resolved

That the School Committee be and they are hereby authorized to establish an additional Primary School in the Fifth Ward, and for that purpose the use of the Ward room in said Ward is hereby granted, if the said Committee shall deem it expedient to use the same.

Passed April 13. 1857

Approved. J. G. Smith Mayor.

Seventh Ward Furniture for Ward Room

Resolved

That Alderman Holden be and he is hereby authorized and directed to purchase such furniture for the Ward Room in the Seventh Ward as he may deem expedient, provided that the cost thereof shall not exceed the sum of Fifty Dollars, the same to be paid for out of the appropriation for contingencies.

Passed April 13. 1857

Approved. D. G. Smith, Mayor.

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appropriation

Resolved

That the following sums be and they are hereby appropriated for the following purposes, respectively, viz:

For Bridges, One Thousand Dollars

For Contingent Expenses - Five thousand Dollars.

Passed April 13. 1857

Approved. D. G. Smith Mayor.

Tax Remitted

Resolved

That the City Treasurer be and he is hereby directed to pay to John B Hennessy, the Sum of Twenty two 95/100 Dollars with the Interest thereon as paid by him, the said Sum being in remission of Taxes in property assessed against him in the year 1855. Provided it shall appear to the Treasurer upon the certificate of the Collector of Taxes, that said Sum has been paid into the City Treasury. If it shall appear to the City Treasurer that said sum has not been paid into the Treasury, then he shall credit the Collector of Taxes with the amount so unpaid, and the Collector of Taxes shall deduct the amount hereby remitted from the Tax of said John B Hennessy.

Passed April 13. 1857

Approved. D. G. Smith, Mayor.

Elizb Burrough

Resolved

That the City Treasurer be and he is hereby directed to pay to Elizabeth Burrough, the sum of One hundred Dollars, in full for all damages sustained by her, in being Knocked down by a Sled upon which was a young man coasting down John Street on the evening of January 2. 1857, on her giving a full and satisfactory receipt; the same to be paid out of any monies not otherwise appropriated.

Passed April 13. 1857

Approved. D. G. Smith Mayor.

Smith Street Bridge to be widened

Resolved

That the Board of Aldermen be, and they are hereby authorized and directed to cause the Public Bridge in Smith Street to be extended to the width of said Street.

Passed April 13. 1857

Approved. D. G. Smith, Mayor.

Tax Laws

Resolved

That the Chairman of the Board of Assessors of Taxes be and he is hereby authorized to cause three hundred copies of the Laws of the State, regulating the assessment & Collection of Taxes to be printed for the use of the Board of assessors and of the City Council

Passed April 13. 1857

approved

D. G. Smith Mayor.

State Normal School

Upon the communication from the Mayor, respecting the action of the Gen: General Assembly authorizing the removal of the State Normal School from the City, upon certain conditions; thereupon made to the City Council.

Ordered,

That the same be referred to the Standing Committee on Education, with full power to act in the premises.

Passed, April 13. 1857.

Approved

D. Y. Smith

Mayor.

Cross-walks

Resolved,

That the Surveyor of Highways be and he is hereby directed to cause Cross walks to be laid on the following Streets, Viz:

One across Westminster Street opposite the Jasper Insurance Co's Office

" " Wickenden Strat, West side of Brook Street

" " Pike Street East side of Benefit

" " Pike Street " " South Main Street

" " Shelden Street " " Brook Street

" " Brook Street North side of Shelden Street

" " " " East " " Transit "

" " Shelden Street between Hope and Brook Sheets

" " Point Street, opposite Hemlock Street

" " Cove St at the first angle south of Washington Street

Passed, April 13. 1857.

Approved,

D. Y. Smith,

Mayor.

Surveyor of Highways

Resolved,

That the Surveyor of Highways be and he hereby is directed to grade so much of the road in front of the house occupied by the Superintendent of the North Burial Ground, as requires it, the same to be done under the advice of the standing Committee on Highways, and in connection with the work now in progress on the same road.

Passed, April 13. 1857.

Approved,

D. Y. Smith

Mayor

Potters avenue
Surveyor of Highways

Resolved,

That the Surveyor of Highways be and he is hereby directed to cause Potters avenue to be gravelled and put into a suitable condition to be used as a highway.

Passed, April 13. 1857.

Approved, D. Y. Smith, Mayor.

Public Pound

An Ordinance in addition to an Ordinance entitled "an ordinance establishing a Public Pound."

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

Section 1. In addition to the Dexter Asylum Farm and the Barn yard occupied by the Superintendent of the North Burial ground, a yard enclosed in the Hospital Park is hereby designated and established as a Public Pound.

Passed April 13. 1857.

Approved

D. Y. Smith

Mayor.

Fire Department

Resolved,

That the Chief Engineer of the Fire Department be and he hereby is directed to terminate the contract for the hire of the Bell on the Roger Williams Baptist Church as soon as practicable.

Passed, April 13. 1857.

Approved,

D. Y. Smith,

Mayor.

Comm's & Reports

Ordered,

That the several Standing Committees of the City Council be and they are hereby directed to report at the meeting of the Council in May next on all matters of business referred to them during the present municipal year.

Passed, April 13. 1857.

Approved,

D. Y. Smith

Mayor.

Appropr. Highways

A communication from the Mayor in relation to Highway work

Read. Whereupon it is ordered that the same be referred to the Standing Committee on Finance, with directions to cause the said amounts to be transferred to the several accounts to which they belong; and also to cause the whole amount of the same to be placed to the credit of the appropriation for "Highways".

Passed, April 13. 1857.

Approved,

D. Y. Smith.

Mayor.

Wooden Building

The petition of James Gleason requesting liberty to remove a wooden Building from its present location near Carpenter Street and place the same on the line of said Street

The petition of George B. Earl asking liberty to remove a Wooden building from South Main St and place the same on Transit below East Street

The petition of Albert Corlis asking liberty to remove a Wooden building from corner of Plain & Elm Streets about fifty feet farther South on the same lot

The petition of Solomon Tyler requesting liberty to remove his house on Washington Street six feet Northerly on the same lot

Read, Whereupon it is Resolved, That the prayer thereof be granted, provided the petitioner give a satisfactory bond to the City Treasury as required by the 3d sec. of "An Ordinance in relation to the removal of Wooden Buildings

Passed April 13. 1857

Approved J Y Smith
Mayor

Chief Engineers Report

The Monthly Report of Expenditures of the Fire Department
Amt $168.87

Read Whereupon ordered that the same be received

Passed April 13. 1857

Approved J Y Smith
Mayor

Surveyor of High ways Report

The Monthly Report of the Surveyor of Highways $3981.83

Read. Whereupon, it is Ordered that the same be received

Passed April 13 1857

Approved J Y Smith Mayor

Park at Junction Atwells Avenue & Bradford St

Ordered, That the Surveyor of Highways be and he is hereby directed under the direction of the Standing Committee on City Property to cause a fence to be built around the Park at the corner of Atwells Avenue and Bradford Street similar to the Iron Fence on Canal Street

Passed April 13 1857

Approved J Y Smith Mayor

The Quarterly Report of the City Treasurer of Issues & Payments
None Issued None paid

Read. Whereupon, it is Ordered that the same be received

Passed April 13. 1857

Approved J Y Smith Mayor

In Convention April 13. 1857

The resignation of G H Ball a member of the School Committee is presented and accepted

Jabez M Fisher is Elected a member of the School Committee in place of G.H. Ball

The Standing Committee on Education, who were on the 23d of March last directed to report the names of twenty persons as suitable candidates for Election to the office of School Committee, make report, which is received

The following Gentlemen nominated by the Standing Committee on Education are appointed Members of the School Committee

Charles Ackerman	J. C. Hartshorn
Esek Aldrich	George B Jastram
Henry Armington	Merrick Lyon
George I Chace	James B Simmons
Josiah Chapin	William C Snow
A Huntington Clapp	Edwin M Stone
Thomas M Clarke	James Tillinghast
John Eddy	Augustus Woodbury
Alexander Farnum	George B. Peck
Samuel S Greene	

Samuel Nicolls nominated as aforesaid received 8 votes
Clifton A Hall " in opposition " 25 "

Jesse A Healy is appointed Pound Keeper

Oliver A Greene is Elected Weigher of Anthracite Coal

The two Boards separate the Board of Aldermen retire to their Chamber

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Resolutions making appropriations for the year ensuing the last Monday in September A.D. One thousand eight hundred and fifty seven.

Resolved. That the several sums hereinafter mentioned be and and the same are hereby appropriated for the following purposes respectively, to wit:

For the Fund established for the payment of the City Debt, in and by the Ordinance, entitled "An Ordinance in relation to the City Debt" All sums of money which may be received, being proceeds of the sales of Real Estate sold by the City; All sums received into the City Treasury, for rents of the City property, Licenses and Interest; and the sum of Twelve thousand Dollars from the first monies received into the Treasury from other sources after the first day of October next, as aforesaid by said Ordinance.

For the support of the Public Schools for the year ending on the last Monday in September A.D. 1858, together with and in addition to, the sum which the City may receive for the same purpose, from the State Treasury and Registry Taxe, (the expenditures under this appropriation to be made by the order and direction of the School Committee)
Sixty five thousand Dollars.

For the support of the Poor and the removal of Paupers (including Asylum) together (with the income of the Tillinghast fund (so called)
Twelve thousand Dollars.

For the Fire Department
Forty five thousand Dollars
For the Support of Public Bridges
Two thousand Dollars

For the support of the Public Watch
Thirty three thousand Dollars

For lighting the Streets
Thirty thousand Dollars

For the salaries of the Mayor, Aldermen, Members of the Common Council, and other City Officers
Twenty three thousand Dollars

For the Repairs of Public Buildings
Two thousand Dollars

For the Repairs of the City Pumps & Wells
One thousand Dollars

For the Police Department
Ten thousand Dollars

For the Repairs of the Asylum Walls and Buildings
One thousand Dollars

For Highways
Fifty thousand Dollars

For contingent expenses, Viz, any claim which may be allowed by the Board of Aldermen or by the City Auditor not included in the preceding items; and also the compensation allowed to Wardens and Ward Clerks,
Twenty five thousand Dollars

For School houses & Lots,
Ten thousand Dollars.

For the improvement of Public Grounds,
One thousand Dollars.

For Gas-light fixtures
Three thousand Dollars

For the Providence Reform School
Twelve thousand Dollars

For the Citys Proportion of the State Taxes
Twenty seven thousand Dollars

For the interest on the Bonds issued and to be issued by the City of Providence, to the amount of Six hundred thousand Dollars, established in and by the Ordinance entitled "an Ordinance in relation to the issue and sale of the Bonds of the City of Providence, and the establishment of a sinking fund for the satisfaction and payment thereof,
Thirty six thousand Dollars, and the sum of
Ten thousand Dollars to be applied to the sinking fund, as provided by said Ordinance

Resolved, That the several sums so appropriated for the Fund Established for the payment of the City Debt, as provided by Ordinance, be paid out of any monies in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated.

Passed May 11. 1857.

Approved
D. Y. Smith, Mayor.

Index procs Com Council

Resolved That the Clerk of the Common Council be and he is hereby directed to cause a suitable Index to be prepared to the Volume of the proceedings of the Common Council, and Two hundred & fifty copies of the volume to be bound in the same manner as the Ordinances of the City, and distributed in the following manner, Viz: One copy to each member of the Common Council for the present year. One copy to be marked with the number of the desk of each member of the Council and of the Board of Aldermen, and to be retained as the property of that Desk. Such number as the Mayor may require for distribution to the several Cities & Public Libraries. The expense of the same to be paid out of the appropriation for contingencies.

Passed May 11. 1857.

Approved, D. Y. Smith, Mayor.

Hen Remitted

Resolved, That the City Treasurer be and he is hereby directed to pay to Henry W Slocum, Ten Dollars and five cents with interest from the time he paid his Tax to the Collector of Taxes, the said sum being in remission of Taxes improperly assessed against him in the year 1856; provided it shall appear to the Treasurer, upon the certificate of the Collector of Taxes that said sum has been paid into the City Treasury.

If it shall appear to the City Treasurer that said sum has not been paid into the Treasury, then he shall credit the Collector of Taxes with the amount so unpaid, and the Collector of Taxes shall deduct the amount hereby remitted from the Tax of the said Henry W Slocum.

Passed May 11. 1857.

Approved, D. Y. Smith, Mayor

Bonds of H. P. & P. R. R. Co

Mayors Office,
Providence, May 11. 1857.

Gentlemen of the City Council,

I have had frequent enquiries concerning the security for the Bonds the City hold of the Issue by the Hartford, Providence and Fishkill Railroad.

During the past year I requested the City Solicitor to investigate and make report. He has made diligent enquiry and examination and I transmit herewith his written opinion concerning the security for the Five hundred Thousand Dollars bonds issued to the City, which is clear and establishes the security on the Railroad in Rhode Island for the payment of the Bonds held by the City of Providence, over all other issues, or indebtedness of said Railroad Company.

Respectfully, James Y. Smith, Mayor.

In Common Council May 11. 1857.

Read, whereupon it is ordered, that the same, together with the accompanying opinion of the City Solicitor, be printed in the newspapers employed to do the City printing.

Passed May 11. 1857.

Approved. D. Y. Smith, Mayor.

State Normal School

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

The Standing Committee on Education to whom was referred on the 13th of April last a Message from his Honor the Mayor, in relation to the Normal School, with full power to act in the premises,

Report. That your Committee after full deliberation and consultation with the Superintendent of Public Schools, were of the opinion that the establishment of the Normal School has been productive of great good to our School System, and that its removal to any other Town in the State, would be a serious loss to the City, and also injurious to the best interests of the School; they therefore unanimously directed the Chairman to offer to the Commissioners of Public Schools the free use of the upper Story of the Summer Street School building, to be warmed furnished and altered at the expense of the City, which offer has been duly made.

In return for this, should the offer be accepted, the Normal School will furnish the necessary assistant teachers for the Primary and Intermediate Schools in the same building, making a saving to the City of Five hundred and twenty five dollars annually. They would also furnish probably, a teacher for the School in the old building on the same Street.

Respectfully submitted,
Thos. A Doyle,
Chairman.

Prov. May 11. 1857.

In Common Council May 11. 1857.

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

Passed May 14. 1857.

Approved, D. Y. Smith, Mayor.

Report of Special Comm:

The Special Committee, to whom was referred the Communication of his Honr the Mayor, under date of March 23. 1857, suggesting the formation of two new Standing Committees, one to be designated as "The Standing Committee on Qualifications" the other as the "Standing Committee on Claims" beg leave to report:

That the duty of the Committee on Qualifications shall be (as stated in the Communication) to take into consideration such appointments as are made by the City Council, that may be referred to them by either Board. Inasmuch as most of the City Officers are appointed annually, on the first Monday in June, by the two branches of the City Council in Convention, thereby leaving but a few appointments to be made during the remainder of the Municipal year, the duties of that Committee would be very light, and if reference should be required, it had better be made to a Special Committee. Your Committee therefore do not recommend the formation of such a standing Committee.

The duty of the Committee on claims shall be to take into consideration all such claims that are brought against the City, as may be referred to them by either Board.

The creation of such a Committee would relieve to a considerable extent the arduous duties of the Committee on Finance, and according to the Fifth standing rule of the City Council, defining the duties of the last named Committee, it might be questioned whether matters of such a character as claims against the City should be referred to them. To obviate this difficulty, your Committee would therefore recommend the adoption of the accompanying resolution.

In the Committee,
Edward A Greene.

Resolved, That the following be and the same is hereby added to the standing rules of the City Council, adopted June 2. 1856. Viz:

Standing Rules Thirteenth. A standing Committee on claims shall be appointed consisting of Three members of the Common Council, and one Alderman, whose duty it Com on Claims shall be to take into consideration all such claims that are brought against the City, as shall be referred to them by either Board.

Passed May 11. 1857.

Approved, D. Y. Smith Mayor

Highways, Screws

Resolved, That the Surveyor of Highways, acting under the advice and direction of the Standing Committee on Highways, be and he is hereby directed to purchase two light Screws, to be used in removing the mud from the cove and for other purposes.

Passed May 14. 1857.

Approved, D. Y. Smith Mayor

Resolved, That the following sums be, and they are hereby appropriated for the following purposes, respectively, Viz:

For Improvements of Public Grounds
Fifteen thousand Dollars

For Bridges
Three thousand Dollars

Passed May 11. 1857.

Approved, D. Y. Smith, Mayor.

To the Honorable the City Council of the City of Providence,

The standing Committee on Highways who were on the 12th of January last directed to apply to the General Assembly for an amendment of the Act in relation to Highways respectfully Report,

That they have attended to the duty assigned them and herewith submit a certified copy of the act passed by the General Assembly.

Olvin Johnson,
In the Committee.

Providence May 11. 1857,

In Common Council
May 11. 1857.

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

Passed May 14. 1857.

Approved, D. Y. Smith Mayor.

Survey of Highways monthly Report

The Surveyor of Highways makes his monthly Report from the first of april to May 1st A.D. 1857.

Amounting to $4905.60.

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

Passed May 11. 1857.

Approved. D. J. Smith Mayor.

Fire Dept

The Chief Engineer of the Fire Department makes his monthly Report from april 1st to May 1st A.D. 1857.

Amounting to $247.55

Read. whereupon ordered that the same be received.

Passed May 11. 1857.

Approved. D. J. Smith, Mayor.

Tax Ordinance

An Ordinance providing for the raising, assessment and collection of a sum of not less than four hundred and twenty five thousand dollars, and not more than four hundred and thirty thousand dollars by a tax on real and personal estate

Passed May 14. 1857

Approved J. J. Smith Mayor

Wooden Buildings

The petition of Geo. C Nightingale requesting liberty to remove a One Story Wooden Building from Olive Street to the corner of Olive & Prospect Streets

the petition of Andrew Cahill, to remove a Wooden Building from Dexter Court to the Cranston Line

the petition of Joseph Knowles, to remove a One Story wooden building from Eddy Street to the rear of No 83 on said Street

the petition of Job Seekel 2d, to remove a wooden building from the corner of Friendship & Chesnut Streets and Place the same on Summer St

of Nathan Gorton, to remove a Wooden Building from Pine to Friendship Street

of Crawford T Mathewson, to remove a Wooden Building from

North Main Street to the Cranston Line

of Joshua Bacon to remove a wooden building from Orms Street to the rear of said Street also one from the rear of Bacon Street to the

Survey of Highways monthly Report

The Surveyor of Highways makes his monthly Report from the first of April to May 1st A.D. 1857.

In Convention June 1st 1857

This being the day fixed by Law for the Annual organization of the Municipal Government of the City of Providence the following Gentlemen the present Mayor and the Aldermen and Common Council men Elect met in Convention at 2 o.clock P.M. in the Council Chamber.

Fire Dept

It appearing from the Certificate of the City Clerk that no person received a majority of the votes given for Mayor on the 30th Ult the Convention is called to order by his Hon James Y Smith

The certificate of the Election of the following Gentlemen are presented

William H Waterman	Alderman for	1st	Ward
William H Bowen	"	2	"
Billings Brastow	"	3	"
Geo. S. Rathbone	"	4	"
Cyrus B Manchester	"	5	"
Jabez C Knight	"	6	"
Zelotus W Holden	"	7	"

whereupon they are severally engaged by the Mayor

Common Council

Tax Ordina

First Ward	Second Ward	Third Ward
John H Taylor	Rhodes B Chapman	Stephen S Salisbury
Daniel Angell	William P Blodget	Henry L Bartlett
Alfred Potter	William Binney	James R Dorrance
Reuben A Guild	Amos N Beckwith	Zachariah R Tucker

Fourth Ward	Fifth Ward	Sixth Ward
Stephen Waterman	William H Hopkins	John K Lester
Albert G Sprague	Cornelius W B Bennett	John N Francis
Walter Paine Jr	Charles E Carpenter	Thomas Lincoln
Nathan F Mathewson	William Spenced	James Tucker

Wooden Bu

Seventh Ward
Joseph C Hartshorn
Almon S Baker
John Eddy
James W Winson

The Mayor then engaged the above named Common Council men elect, thereupon

The Convention proceeded to ballot for the City Clerk, upon counting the ballots it appeared that Albert Pabodie was elected to that Office, and he was then duly engaged by the Mayor

The Mayor then delivered his inaugural Address.

The two Boards then separated the Board of Aldermen retire to their Chamber.

North Main Street to the Cranston Line of Joshua Bacon to remove a wooden building from Orms Street to the rear of said Street also one from the rear of Bacon Street to the rear of said St also one from the rear of my house to Bacon Street

Read whereupon it is resolved That the Prayers thereof be granted, provided the Petitioner give a satisfactory bond to the City Treasurer as required by the 3 Section of an Ordinance in relation to the removal of Wooden Buildings

Passed May 14 1857

Approved J. Y. Smith Mayor

Mayors addrp

Resolved, That Messrs Bartlett, Dorrance & Paine & Alderman Manchester, be and they are hereby appointed a Committee to wait upon the Mayor, and request him to furnish, for publication, a Copy of the address this day delivered by him to the City Council; and to cause the same to be published in such manner as they may deem expedient.

Passed June 1. 1857.

Approved,
J. Y. Smith
Mayor.

Mayors addrp

Resolved, That the joint Committee to whom was referred the subject of printing the Mayor's address to the City Council, be and they are hereby authorized and directed to cause a list of the Standing Committees, and such portions of the organization of the City Government, as they may deem expedient, to be printed in pamphlet form, for the use of the City Council.

Passed June 1. 1857.

Approved,
J. Y. Smith
Mayor.

Standing rules

Resolved, That the same standing rules which were on the second day of June A.D. 1856, and on the Eleventh day of May, 1857, adopted as the standing rules of the City Council, for the Municipal year last past, be and the same are hereby adopted, as the Standing rules of the City Council for the present Municipal year.

Passed June 1. 1857.

Approved,
J. Y. Smith,
Mayor.

Survey of Highways monthly Report

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Fire Dept

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Read whereupon it is resolved that the Prayers thereof be granted, provided the petitioner give a satisfactory bond to the City Treasurer as required by the 3 Section of an Ordinance in relation to the removal of Wooden Buildings

Passed May 14 1857

Approved J. Y. Smith Mayor

Mayors addrs

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Passed June 1. 1857.

Approved,
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Mayor.

Mayors addrs

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Passed June 1. 1857.

Approved,
J. Y. Smith,
Mayor.

Standing rules

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Passed June 1. 1857.

Approved,
J. Y. Smith,
Mayor.

City Printing

Resolved, That Messrs Beckwith, Francis & Carpenter, and Aldermen Bowen & Manchester, be and they are hereby appointed a Committee to Contract for the City Printing for the present Municipal year.

Passed June 1. 1857.

Approved,
D. Y. Smith,
Mayor.

Bond of Treasurer

Resolved, That Messrs Chapman, Taylor, Francis & J. R. Tucker and Alderman Knight, be and they are hereby appointed a Committee to take a Bond of the City Treasurer, for the faithful discharge of the duties of his Office, for the present Municipal year; and that said Bond be for the sum of Thirty thousand Dollars.

Passed June 1. 1857

Approved,
D. Y. Smith,
Mayor.

Police Court

Resolved, That from the Justices assigned to Keep the Peace within this City, Henry L Bowen and Samuel W Peckham be, and they are hereby selected to compose the Police Court of this City, during the present Municipal year.

Passed June 1. 1857

Approved,
D. Y. Smith,
Mayor.

Fourth July

Resolved, That Messrs Beckwith, Dorrance, Carpenter and Eddy and Aldermen Bowen & Manchester, be and they are hereby appointed a Committee of arrangements for a Municipal Celebration of the approaching Anniversary of American Independence.

Resolved, That the sum of Two thousand five hundred Dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated, for defraying the expenses of said Celebration; to be paid to the order of said Committee, by the City Treasurer, out of any monies in the Treasury, not otherwise appropriated.

Passed June 1. 1857

Approved
D. Y. Smith,
Mayor.

The Gauger General makes his Annual Report which is Read Whereupon it is Ordered that the same be received

Passed June 1 1857

Approved J. Y. Smith Mayor

Whereas Messrs Chapman, Taylor, Francis & J. R. Tucker have been, this day appointed by the Common Council, as a Committee on their part for the reduction of the City Debt, for the present Municipal Year, pursuant to the requisition contained in the first section of the Ordinance, entitled "An Ordinance in relation to the City Debt" It is Resolved, That the names of said Committee be communicated to the Board of Aldermen; in order that said Board may add an Alderman to said Committee, pursuant to the requisition contained in said Section

In Common Council June 1. 1857
Read and passed

In Board of Aldermen same day
The Communication of the Common Council is Read Whereupon it is resolved that Alderman Knight be added to said Committee

Approved J. Y. Smith Mayor

The Annual Report of the School Committee is presented and read

Whereupon, it is Ordered, that the same be received

Ordered That the Standing Committee on Education cause five hundred copies thereof to be printed in pamphlet form for the use of the City Council

Passed June 1. 1857

Approved J. Y. Smith Mayor

Resolved That the following sums be and they are hereby appropriated for the following purposes respectively viz

For Gas Light Fixtures One Thousand Dollars
" Bridges Two Thousand Dollars

Passed June 1 1857

Approved J. Y. Smith Mayor

The Overseer of the Poor makes his Semi Annual Report Read. Whereupon it is ordered that the same be received

Passed June 1. 1857

Approved J. Y. Smith Mayor

The Chief Engineer makes his Monthly Report of the Expenditures of the Fire Department Amo $72.74

Read Whereupon ordered that the same be received

Passed June 1. 1857

Approved J Y Smith Mayor

Standing Committees

Of the City Council, appointed on the part of the Common Council for the present Municipal Year

On Finance
Messrs Chapman
Taylor
Francis
Z R Tucker
} Ald[n] Knight

On Highways
Messrs Paine
Angell
Sprague
} Ald[n] Braston

To Engross Ordinances
Messrs Eddy
Bartlett
Bennett
} Ald[n] Manchester

On Education
Messrs Binney
Hartshorn
Eddy
Guild
} Ald Rathbone

On the Fire Department
Messrs Carpenter
Mathewson
Winsor
} Ald Holden

On City Property
Messrs Beckwith
Lester
Dorrance
} Ald Waterman

On Police. Messrs Salisbury
Blodget
Hopkins
Potter
} Ald Bowen

On the North Burial Ground Messrs Lincoln
Potter
Baker
} Ald Waterman

On Claims
Messrs Bartlett
Jas Tucker
Spencer
} Ald Knight

In Common Council June 1. 1857
The aforenamed Members of this Board, having been this day appointed as Members of this Board of the Standing Committees of the City Council for the present Municipal year: it is resolved that the aforegoing ~~List~~ be communicated to the Board of Aldermen, in Order that an Alderman may be added to each of said Committees Read and Passed
A G Greene Clerk

In Board of Aldermen same day
The Communication of the Common Council Read, Whereupon it is Resolved, that the Aldermen aforenamed be added to the Committees to which their names are respectively attached
Albert Pabodie Clerk
Approved J Y Smith Mayor

The Superintendent of the North Burial Ground makes Repat which is read
Whereupon, it is Ordered that the same be received
Passed June 1. 1857
Approved J Y Smith Mayor

The City Treasurer makes his Quarterly Report of Issues and Payments from March 9 1857 to June 1. 1857

Issues None Payments None

Read Whereupon it is ordered that the same be received
Passed June 1. 1857
Approved J Y Smith
Mayor

The Harbor Master makes his Annual Report which is Read, whereupon it is ordered that the same be received

Passed June 1. 1857

Approved J Y Smith Mayor

Board Engineers Report Fire Department

The Board of Engineers make their Annual Report of the State of the Fire Department

Read Whereupon it is Ordered that the same be received and referred to the Standing Committee on the Fire Department; and that Seven hundred and fifty copies of the same, with the accompanying tables be printed in Pamphlet form for the use of the City Council

Passed June 1. 1857

Approved J Y Smith Mayor

In Convention June 1. 1857

The two Boards meet in Convention for the Choice of City Officers, the following Gentlemen are chosen

Judge of the Municipal Court — Francis E Hoppin

Clerk " " — Do — Do — Albert G Greene

City Treasurer — Marinus W Gardiner

City Auditor — John J Paine

City Solicitor — James M Clarke

Surveyor of Highways — William Batchelder

Street Commissioners, Josiah Simmons, Cyrus Fisher, Nehemiah S Draper

Overseer of the Poor — Stephen A Phillips

Board of Assessors, Joseph Martin Chairman, Esek Aldrich, Christopher T Kirk

Collector of Taxes — James Mumford

Clerk of the Market — William H. Hudson

City Constables — Wm K. Hudson, James Sheldon, John H Gould, Daniel Wightman, Daniel F Potter, Thomas W Hayward, James G Annington, John B Barton, Elcan Tourtellot, Christian M Johnston, James O Swan, William P Dean, Daniel G Briggs, Arthur Fenner, William J Booth, Peleg Johnson, Nathan Smalley, William Batcheler, William H Pullen, George A Billings, George W. Wightman, Samuel Clough.

City Sergeant — James C. Sheridan

" Messengers — Same

Presidents of Fire Wards, Wm Tallman, Nathaniel F Potter, Earl Carpenter

Chief Engineer of the Fire Department — Joseph W. Taylor

Assistant Engineers, David A. Cleaveland, Abner H Angell, Allen Baker, Henry W. Rodman, Joseph C. Fanning

Sealer of Weights & Measures — Charles T. Little

Viewers of Hoops — Geo. S. Harwood, Peleg S. Sherman, Samuel C Eathforth

Undertakers — Judson Blake, John G Hopkins, Gardner T. Swarts, Wm C Millard, Amos Fletcher, Merit Nichols, Hollis Chaffin, William O Briggs, William Vere, William Wallace, Horace B. Knowles, Patrick Barron, Nathan Smalley

Packers & Inspectors of Fish — Peleg S. Sherman, George S. Harwood, George W. Wheeler

Inspector of Pot & Pearl Ashes, Amasa Manton, Alexander F. Adie

Inspector of Saleratus & Bi Carbonate of Soda — Joseph Martin

Inspector of Beef and Pork, Rufus W. Kimball

Sealer of Leather, George Rice

Surveyor & Measurer of Stone — William Andrews, Leonard Blodget, Cyrus Fisher, Clifton A Hall

Auctioneer — Francis J. Sheldon

Surveyors & Corders of Wood — Thomas J Wardwell, Geo. B Holmes, Benjamin T Olney, Samuel J Bullock, Nelson Chace, Joseph Robinson, William R Thurber, Geo. T. Bowen, Clarke Steere, William W Arnold, Nathan Thornton, Cyrus Potter, Sayles Brown, Benjn J Brown, Jabez C Olney, Benjamin T Olney Jr, Rowland Evans, Daniel Linscott, Darwin R Mowry, Ephraim L Hall, Thomas E White, Robert Manchester.

Inspector & Measurer of Carpenter, Mason's & Painters Work — Leonard Blodgett, Robert Manchester, Robert Manchester Junr, Emor Angell, James Lewis Russell, Greene, Weston A Fisher, Cyrus Fisher, Jonathan S Angell, Horace Gray, Stephen C Arnold, Clifton A Hall, Thomas J Griffin, John A Townsend, Isaac N Hallett

Trustees of the Prov. Reform School — Edwin M. Snow, William T. Grinnell, Henry A. Howland, Samuel G. Arnold, Thomas J Stead, William J. King

Commissioners of the North Burying Ground — Edward P. Knowles, Zachariah Allen, William S. Patten

Superintendent of the North Burial Ground — Nathan Smalley

Fence Viewer — William Batchellor

Pound Keepers, Hollis Chaffin, Nathan Smalley, Jesse A. Healy

Measurers of Grain, Salt & Sea Coal — Ellery Wesson, Richard B. Crowell, John S. Eddy, Joseph C. Shaw

Measurer of Bran — Joseph C. Shaw

Weighers of Cotton — Nathaniel B. Chace, John A. Foster, James Burrough, George H. Hoppin, William Rupell, Wm H. Reynolds

Weighers of Anthracite Coal. — Stephen Burr, John B Metcalf, Geo B Peck, Stephen S. Salisbury, Seth L Horton, Christopher B Pearce, Ephraim Brown, James H Mumford, Thomas Whitford, Geo. H Hill, Christopher A Pearce, Geo. H Newhall, Joseph Hodges, Robert A Potter, Isaac C Wilcox, Daniel Martin, Charles Remington, Benjamin Tripp, Richmond P Everett, Thos. N Pearce, Arnold A Wilkinson, Edward W Baker, Daniel C Williams, James H Coggeshall, Samuel B Swan, Henry S. Harris

Henry C Clarke, Oliver E Green, Geo. L Tucker, Scott Smith, Charles Arnold, Gorham P Pomroy, John H Hopkins, Jacob Manchester, William H Hopkins, Isaac N Beach, Eben Simmons, George A Turner, Silas W Plimpton, James W Taft, Nathan D Pearce, William D Pearce, Edwin E Darling, John A Jastram, Ebenezer Peck, Gilbert Richmond, Ansel B Pope, Geo. A Manchester, Stillman Perkins, George T. Barton, Ezra Colvin, Shuball B Crowell, Henry F Davis.

Weigher of Hay. — Edward Hawkins

Overseers of the Hospital. — Mayor and Aldermen

Overseer of Bridges — Moses B. Salisbury

Overseer of the City Pumps — Joseph W. Taylor

Overseer of the Town House Lot & Buildings, — Wm H. Hudson

Advising Committee on Bridges — Mayor & Aldermen

Committee to Superintend the Building of Chimney & placing of Stoves & Pipes — Cyrus Fisher, Moses Richardson, Samuel Lewis

Gauger General — Edward G. Farmer

Trustees of Sinking Fund to redeem City bonds issued to the Hartford, Providence & Fishkill Rail Road Company — passed

Port Wardens — Shubael H Cady, Christopher B Pearce, Lloyd Bowers

Rev. A. Woodbury declines serving on the School Committee whereupon the convention accept the declination and proceed to fill the vacancy, the following is the result

Samuel Walcott	18
Chas G.M. Knight	10
Thos A Doyle	6

On the Election of Street Commissioner

Nehemiah S Draper	received 22 votes
Edward Field	13 "

On the Election of Assistant Engineers

	1st Ballot	2d Ballot
Samuel C Blodget	17	14
Joseph C Fanning	16	20
Scattering	2	0

The Report of the Harbor Master is Read

The Election of Harbor Master and Keeper of the public Grounds is postponed

The two Boards separate the Board of Aldermen retire to their Chamber

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City Hall Lot

Resolved. That the Special Committee, consisting of Messrs. Waterman, Barstow, Beckwith, Mayor Smith and Alderman Rathbone, to whom on the 7th. day of January 1856, was referred the Communication from the Mayor in relation to the title of the City Hall Lot and which Committee was on the 9th. of February 1857, continued for the purposes of their appointment, be and they are hereby continued for said purposes, with all the powers granted to them subsequent to their appointment by the vote of the City Council.

Passed June 15. 1857.

Approved,
D. J. Smith,
Mayor.

City Bonds

Resolved. That the City Treasurer, acting under the advice of the Mayor and of the Chairman of the Standing Committee on Finance, be and he is hereby authorized to sell so many of the Bonds of the City remaining of the Loan of Five hundred thousand Dollars, as may be necessary to pay the amount due from the City to the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations.

Passed June 15. 1857.

Approved,
D. J. Smith,
Mayor.

Fire alarm Telegraph

Upon the communication from the Mayor;

Resolved. That the Chief Engineer of the Fire Department, be and he is hereby authorized and directed to invite Mr. M. G. Farmer and Dr. Channing of Boston, to give an exhibition of the Fire Alarm Telegraph, previous to the next meeting of the City Council; provided they consent to make such exhibition, without expense to the City.

Passed June 15. 1857.

Approved,
D. J. Smith,
Mayor.

To pay Judgmt of S. Court

Resolved, That the Standing Committee on Finance, be and they are hereby directed to Report, at the next meeting of the City Council, the amounts which should be paid from the City Treasury, to the several Banks in the City, for excess of Taxes paid by them in the years 1855 and 1856; and which the City is held liable to pay, by virtue of the recent decisions of the Supreme Court in the cases of the Providence Institution for Savings against the City, and the American Bank against the City.

Passed June 15. 1857.

Approved
D. J. Smith,
Mayor.

Treas. Bond

The Joint Committee appointed on the first day of June instant, to take a Bond of the City Treasurer; make Report, that they have taken such Bond in the sum of $30,000 with satisfactory Sureties, and that said Bond has been deposited in the Office of the City Clerk. Read, whereupon it is ordered that the same be received

Passed June 15. 1857

Approved,
D. J. Smith
Mayor

Salary

Resolved, That the School Committee, be and they hereby are authorized to employ an Assistant Teacher, in the fourth room of the Female Department in the High School, at an annual Salary not exceeding Four hundred Dollars.

Passed June 15. 1857.

Approved,
D. J. Smith,
Mayor.

Friendship St

Resolved, That the Surveyor of Highways be and he is hereby directed to cause the Curb Stones to be set and the gutters paved on that part of Friendship Street between Lockwood and Pearl Streets, whenever the owners of the adjoining Estates shall furnish curb Stones for the same.

Passed June 15. 1857.

Approved,
D. J. Smith
Mayor.

Surv.s of Highways' Monthly Report

The Surveyor of Highways makes his monthly Report from May First to June First 1857.

Amounting to $6407.17.

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

Passed June 15. 1857.

Approved.
D. F. Smith
Mayor.

No. Burg.s Ground

The Commissioners of the North Burying Ground, in conformity with Law, make this their Third annual report.

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

Passed June 15. 1857.

Approved.
D. F. Smith
Mayor.

City Printing

To the Hon.ble City Council.

The Committee appointed on the 1st Inst. to contract for the City Printing for the present Municipal year respectfully

Report, That they have contracted with Messrs. Knowles, Anthony & Co to do the Job Printing upon the same Terms as last year - with Knowles & Anthony to advertise in the Daily, Semi-weekly & Weekly Journal for the sum of Three Hundred Dollars - with Messrs. Pegg Carr & Co to advertise in the Daily & Weekly Tribune for the sum of Two hundred Dollars, and with Messrs. A. C. Greene & Bro to advertise in the Daily Transcript for the sum of One hundred Dollars, as per Contracts herewith submitted.

For the Committee,
A. W. Beckwith, Chair.

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

Passed, June 16. 1857.

Approved.
D. F. Smith
Mayor.

Fire Dept.

Resolved, That the Chief Engineer of the Fire Department be and hereby is directed to cause a Well to be sunk in Wickenden Street, near Brook Street, in accordance with the recommendation of the Board of Engineers, communicated to this Council Oct 13. 1856.

Passed June 16. 1857.

Approved,
D. F. Smith
Mayor.

Wooden Buildg.

The Petition of Charles W. Randall requesting Liberty to remove a Two Story wooden building from the corner of N. Main & Waterman formerly President Street, and to place the same over N. Providence Line.

Also, a one Story building from President Street, to North Main near the Amasa Gray Tavern.

Read, Whereupon it is Resolved, that the prayer thereof be granted, provided the petitioner give a satisfactory Bond to the City Treasurer as required by the 3d Sec. of "An Ordinance in relation to the removal of Wooden buildings.

Passed June 16. 1857.

Approved, June 16. 1857.
D. F. Smith
Mayor.

Harbor Master

The Committee to whom was referred the account and report of the Harbor Master report:

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

Passed June 16. 1857.

Approved June 16. 1857.
D. F. Smith
Mayor.

In Convention June 15. 1857

The Gauger General presents the names of the following persons as Deputy Gaugers for confirmation

James Burrough
William Burrough
James Dyer

Voted That this Council approve and confirm said appointment

The Committee on Claims to whom was referred, the Harbor Masters account & report, make report, which is read.

The petition of Thomas Rowland read

On the Election of Harbor Master Nathaniel Church received 18 votes
Nathaniel Crowell " 9 "
Scattering " 5.

Nathaniel Church Elected Harbor Master

On the Election of Keeper of the Public Grounds
James G Armington received 26 votes and was elected

City Constables elected Welcome G. Comstock
William H. Shearman

Voted That no more constables be added

Trustees of Sinking Fund to redeem City Bonds issued to the Providence, Hartford & Fishkill Railroad Company — Amos D. Smith, Marinus W. Gardiner, Amasa Manton

The last named gentleman is elected in place of Henry B Anthony Esq. who declines a re-election

The resignation of Alexander Duncan is read and accepted

Edmund Thurber is Elected a member of the School Committee in place of Alexander Duncan

Weigher of Anthracite Coal, Lorril A Carpenter elected

The two Boards separate, the Board of Aldermen retire to their Chamber

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Wooden Buildings

The petition of Benjamin M. Jackson requesting liberty to remove a wooden Building from № 278 Broad Street to Conduit Street and

the petition Alexander F. Adie to remove a one story wooden building from Greene Street to Penn Street

Read, Whereupon it is resolved, that the prayer thereof be granted, provided, the petitioner give a satisfactory bond to the City Treasurer as required by the 3d Sect. of "An Ordinance in relation to the removal of Wooden Buildings."

Passed June 20 1857

Approved J Y Smith Mayor

In Convention June 29 1857

The two Boards are in Convention on a special call from the Mayor to witness the Inauguration of

William M Rodman Esq Mayor Elect

The City Clerk presents a certificate of the Election of Wm M Rodman Esq. Mayor of this City for the Municipal year ending the first Monday of June 1858

Whereupon the Mayor after a brief farewell address, engaged

Hon. William M Rodman Mayor

for the present Municipal Year or until another is engaged in his place

The Mayor then delivered his Inaugural Address.

The resignation of Charles Akerman as Member of the School Committee is presented and read, whereupon it is

Voted That said resignation be accepted

James Y Smith is Elected a Member of the School Committee to fill the vacancy aforesaid

Christian F Johnson is appointed Undertaker,

The two Boards separate the Board of Aldermen retire to their Chamber

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Wooden Buildings

The petition of Daniel O Connor asking liberty to remove a Wooden Building from Charles Field Street and to place the same on Olney Street

Read, Whereupon it is

Resolved, That the prayer thereof be granted, provided, the petitioner give a satisfactory bond to the City Treasurer as required by the 3d Sect. of "An Ordinace in relation to the removal of Wooden Buildings"

Passed June 29. 1857

Approved William M Rodman Mayor

Mayors address

Resolved, That Messrs Bartlett, Dwance and Paine, with such as the Board of Aldermen may add, be and they are hereby appointed a Committee to wait upon the Mayor, and also upon the late Mayor, and request them to furnish for publication, copies of the addresses this day delivered by them to the City Council; and to cause the same to be published in such manner as they may deem expedient.

Passed June 29. 1857

Approved

Mayor.

Mayors Portrait

Resolved, That Messrs Beckwith, Francis, Binney, with such as the Board of aldermen may add, be and they are hereby appointed a Committee to wait upon the Mayor, and to request him to sit for his Portrait for the City; and that said Committee be and they are hereby authorized to draw upon the City Treasury for such sum as may be necessary to carry this Resolution into effect

Passed June 29. 1857

Approved

Mayor.

To the Honorable

The City Council of the City of Providence

North Burying Ground

The Commissioners on the North Burying Ground Respectfully Represent.

That for some years past the City Authorities have taken gravel for the use of the Highways from the North Burying Ground near the South Westerly line on the Smithfield Turnpike, until they have made a pit too deep to be longer worked, which has been abandoned, leaving a deep, rough, & unsightly excavation in plain view of two public roads. As the Surveyor of Highways, is at work near the place & having a large quantity of earth, which can be conveniently used to fill up that excavation the Commissioners respectfully request the City Council to instruct the Surveyor of Highways or other proper authority to cause the excavation to be filled up during the present Summer.

Wm S Patten

For the Commissioners

Providence June 29 1857

Read, Whereupon it is resolved that the same be received and referred to the Standing Committee on Highways, with authority to cause the pit to be immediately filled up if they deem it expedient; and with instructions to report at the next meeting of the City Council

Passed June 29 1857

Approved Wm M Rodman

Mayor

In Convention July 13 1857

Henry Armington tenders his resignation as a member of the School Committee which is accepted

Rev. George T Day is elected a member of the School Committee to fill the vacancy above named

The two Boards separate the Board of Aldermen retire to their Chamber

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Atwells Avenue Walter S Burges

Resolved, That the City Treasurer be and he is hereby directed to purchase of Walter S Burges, at a price not exceeding Two hundred and twenty nine dollars, a certain piece of land, taken for Atwells Avenue and belonging to said Burges, and to take a deed of the same to the City, for the purpose of a highway — said sum being the Amount agreed upon as a fair compensation for said land, between the Commissioners upon the relay of Atwells Avenue and said Burges.

Passed July 13, 1857

Approved W. M. Rodman

Mayor

Appropriations

Resolved That the following sums be and they are hereby appropriated, for the following purposes, respectively; viz

For Highways, Twenty thousand Dollars
For Police, Two thousand Dollars
For Bridges, Three thousand Dollars
For Contingencies, Five thousand Dollars

Passed July 13. 1857

Approved W. M. Rodman

Mayor

Taxes Remitted

Resolved, That the Taxes specified in the annexed list, amounting to the sum of One hundred and twenty dollars, and eighteen cents, reported by the Board of Assessors for the year One thousand eight hundred and fifty five, to have been improperly assessed in said year, for the reasons specified in each case; be and the same are hereby cancelled

And whereas, it appears to the City Council, that said Taxes were paid into the City Treasury, by the Collector of Taxes, in Settlement of his account for the Taxes assessed in said year, it is

therefore, Resolved, That the City Treasurer be, and he is hereby directed to pay to the Collector of Taxes, the said sum of One Hundred and twenty Dollars and eighteen cents, with the interest thereon since the time of the Payment thereof into the Treasury

Passed July 13. 1857

Approved W M Rodman Mayor

Taxes Remitted

Resolved That the Taxes specified in the annexed List amounting to the sum of Two thousand four hundred and seventy nine dollars and twenty seven and one half cents, reported by the Board of Assessors for the year Eighteen hundred and fifty six, to have been improperly assessed in said year for the reasons specified in each case; be and the same are hereby annulled; and that the City Treasurer be and he is hereby directed, to credit the Collector of Taxes, with said Amount of two thousand, four hundred and seventy nine Dollars and twenty seven and one half, cents, with the interest thereon

Passed July 13 1857

Approved W. M. Rodman Mayor

City Hall Lot

Resolved That the Report of the Committee upon the title of the City Hall Lot be received, and that the Report submitted by said Committee on the 9th of February last together with the report submitted this day be published in the Papers employed to do the City Printing

Passed July 13. 1857

Approved W M Rodman Mayor

Surveyor of Highways

The Surveyor of Highways makes his Monthly Report of work done from June 1st to July 1. 1857

Amt $5452.30

Read, Whereupon it is Ordered that the same be received

Passed July 13. 1857

Approved W. M Rodman Mayor

C Engineers Report

The Chief Engineer makes his Monthly Report of Expenditures of the Fire Department Amt $9282.05

Read, Whereupon ordered that the same be received

Passed July 13. 1857

Approved W M Rodman Mayor

House of Industry

Resolved That so much of the Mayors Inaugural address as refers to a house of industry within this City be referred to the Committee on Education, with instructions to report at the next meeting of the Council

Passed July 13 1857

Approved W. M Rodman Mayor

Wooden Building

The Petition of J. W. Scovel requesting liberty to remove a wooden building from Jenkins Street to Foall Street

Read, Whereupon it is resolved, That the Prayer thereof be granted, Provided, the Petitioner give a Satisfactory bond to the City Treasurer as required by the 3d Sect of "An Ordinance in relation to the removal of Wooden Buildings

Passed July 13. 1857

Approved W M Rodman Mayor

Wm H Shearman

Resolved by the City Council, That William H Sherman be and he is hereby removed from the Office of Constable of the City of Providence for misconduct, and that the City Clerk notify said Sherman of his removal

Passed July 13 1857, all the members present voting in the affirmative

Approved Wm M Rodman Mayor

City Printing

To the Hon City Council

The Committee appointed on the 2d day of June last, to contract for the City Printing

Report That they have contracted with Messrs Sayles, Mellen & Symonds to advertise in the Prov. Daily Post and in the Republican Herald for the year ending on the first Monday of June next for the sum of Two Hundred & Seventy five Dollars. For the Committee

A N Beckwith

Read, Whereupon it is Resolved, that the same be received

Passed July 13. 1857

Approved W. M Rodman Mayor

Pump

Resolved That the Surveyor of Highways be and he is hereby directed to place a pump at the junction of Charles. Martin and Randall Streets

Passed July 13 1857

Approved W M Rodman
Mayor

Washington & Franklin Squares

An Ordinance Establishing Washington and Franklin Squares

It is Ordained by the City Council of the City of Providence as follows (See Ordinance Book No 2 Page)

Passed July 13. 1857

Approved W. M. Rodman
Mayor

Doct Sears John F Tobey

Resolved That the thanks of the City Council be presented to Rev. Dr Sears for his eloquent address delivered by him at the Celebration of the recent anniversary of American Independence; also to John F Tobey Esq for his graceful and spirited Poem delivered upon the same occasion; and that the Committee appointed to make arrangements for this celebration be and they hereby are directed to request copies of the same, to be published in such manner as they may deem expedient, for the use of the City Council

Passed July 13. 1857

Approved W. M. Rodman
Mayor

Weybosset St

Resolved That the Commissioners of Estimate and Assessment appointed by the Supreme Court on application of the City Council for widening Weybosset Street from the Blackstone Block to the Arcade Steps, be and they are hereby requested to discontinue further proceedings under their Commission

Passed July 13. 1857

Approved W M Rodman
Mayor

Governor St

Resolved. That the Surveyor of Highways be and he is hereby directed to set the Curb Stone and pave the gutters on that portion of Governor Street, lying between Angell Street and Power Street

Passed July 13. 1857

Approved W. M. Rodman Mayor

John St

Resolved That the Surveyor of Highways be and he is hereby directed to cause curb stones to be set and the gutters paved on that portion of John Street between Hope and Governor Streets

Passed June 13. 1857

Approved W. M. Rodman Mayor

John St

Resolved That the Surveyor of Highways be and he is hereby directed to cause Curb Stones to be set and the gutters paved on John Street near Hope Street

Passed July 13. 1857

Approved W. M. Rodman Mayor

Stewart St

Resolved That the Surveyor of Highways be and he is hereby directed to set the curb Stone and pave the gutters on that part of Stewart lying between Broad and Pine Street

Passed July 13 1857

Approved W. M. Rodman Mayor

Conduit St

Resolved That the Surveyor of Highways be and he is hereby directed to set the Curb Stone and pave the gutters on that Part of Conduit Street lying between Stewart and Seckel Street

Passed July 13. 1857

Approved W M Rodman
Mayor

Plane St

Resolved, That the Surveyor of Highways be and he is hereby directed to cause Curb Stones to be set and the gutters paved on Plane Street from Point Street to Lockwood Street

Passed July 13. 1857

Approved W. M. Rodman
Mayor

Plane and Friendship Sts

Resolved That the Surveyor of Highways be and he is hereby directed to cause the gravel to be removed from the side walks on Plane and Friendship Streets opposite the Burying Ground, and cause Curb Stone to be set and gutters paved, provided the Proprietors shall cause the wall to be reset without any Expense to the City, and that he also be directed at the same time to cause cross walks to be laid on the following Streets

One across Friendship opposite Hemlock Street
One across Friendship " Plane "

over

One across Plane Street opposite Clifford Street
One across Plane Street opposite Elm Street

Passed July 13. 1857

Approved W. M Rodman
Mayor

Waterman St

Resolved That the Surveyor of Highways be, and he is hereby directed to cause the Curb Stones on the South side of Waterman Street from Benefit Street to Prospect Street to be reset.

Passed July 13. 1857

Approved W. M. Rodman
Mayor

Brook St Drain

Resolved That the Surveyor of Highways be and he is hereby directed to contract for the building of a drain of suitable dimensions from Charles Field Street to Benevolent Street through Brook Street, the owners of the adjoining lands furnishing stones for the sides of said drain without charge to the City, said contract to be made under the advice and direction of the Standing Committee on Highways

Passed July 13 1857

Approved W. M. Rodman Mayor

Cove St

Resolved That the Surveyor of Highways be and he is hereby ordered to pave Cove Street between Washington and Mathewson Streets

Passed July 13. 1857

Approved W. M. Rodman
Mayor

High St

Resolved That the Surveyor of Highways be and he is hereby directed to cause High Street to be paved from Dexter Street to Messer Street

Passed July 13. 1857

Approved W. M. Rodman
Mayor

Sabin St

Resolve That the Surveyor of Highways be and he is hereby ordered to pave Sabin Street from Cove to Aborn Street

Passed July 13. 1857

Approved W. M. Rodman
Mayor

Cranston St

Resolved That the Surveyor of Highways be and he is hereby directed to cause Cranston Street to be paved from the present termination of the Pavement to Parade Street

Passed July 13. 1857

Approved W M Rodman
Mayor

Mathewson St

Resolved That the Surveyor of Highways be and he is hereby directed to cause Mathewson Street from Broad to Westminster Street to be paved with granite blocks instead of the paving heretofore ordered; and that the same be done under the advice and direction of the Standing Committee on Highways

Passed July 13. 1857

Approved W. M Rodman
Mayor

Order of Highway Work

Resolved That the Surveyor of Highways be and he is hereby directed to cause the paving ordered to be done on the following named Streets to be executed in the order designated below, viz

Cove Street from Washington to Mathewson Street
High Street from Dexter to Messer Street
Sabin Street from Cove to Aborn Street
Cranston Street from Bridgham to Parade Street

Passed July 13. 1857

Approved W. M. Rodman Mayor

Order of Highway Work

Resolved That the Surveyor of Highways be and he is hereby ordered to cause the Curb Stones to be set and gutters paved and other work to be done on the following named Streets in the order here after designated viz

Placing Pumps at the junction of Charles, Martin & Randall Sts
Paving gutters &c in Governor Street from Angell to Power Street
Paving gutters &c on John Street between Hope & Governor Streets
Paving gutters &c on John Street near Hope Street

over

Paving gutters &c in Stewart Street from Broad to Pine Street

Paving gutters &c on Conduit Street between Stewart & Seckel Streets

Paving gutters &c on Friendship and Plane Streets

Setting Curb Stones on Waterman St from Prospect to Benefit Street

Setting Curb Stones &c on Charles Field St from Bowen to Thayer Street

Setting Curb Stones &c on Plane from Point to Lockwood Streets

Passed July 13. 1857

Approved W. M Rodman
Mayor

In Convention July 21. 1857

The two Boards are in Convention, specially called by the Mayor

The following communication from the Clerk of the Municipal Court is presented and read

A G Greene Resignation

*Clerks Office of the Municipal Court
Providence July 21. 1857

To the Hon. City Council

Gentlemen

A call of duty which appears to me imperative, requires me to give immediate attention to business of importance to those who have strong personal claims upon my services. I cannot do justice to that business while my time is required by the Office of Clerk of the Municipal Court of this City; and am therefore compelled to resign that office; which I hereby do.

Permit me to express to the City Council my sincere thanks for the repeated tokens of their confidence, and for the kindness which I have long experienced at their hands

Very Respectfully, Albert G. Greene

*Whereupon it is Voted That the communication be received and the resignation of Albert G. Greene Clerk of the Municipal Court be accepted

The two Boards separate the Board of Aldermen retire to their Chamber

4th July

The Committee appointed to wait on the Rev S. B. Sears and John F Tobey Esq and request a copy of the oration and poem delivered at the Municipal celebration on the 4th inst for publication beg leave to

Report That they have attended to that duty and that said Orator and Poet both declined giving a copy of the same for publication

In behalf of said committee
John Eddy

Providence July 21. 1857

Read. Whereupon it is resolved that the same be received

Passed July 21. 1857

Approved W. M. Rodman Mayor

Benefit St

Resolved That the Surveyor of Highways be and he is hereby directed to relay the Curb Stones and pave the gutters on that portion of Benefit Street laying between Charles Field and Power Street in front of the residence of Robert H Ives Esq

Passed July 21. 1857

Approved W. M Rodman
Mayor

Salary ordinance

An Ordinance in amendment of an Ordinance entitled "an ordinance fixing the salaries of certain Offices"

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

(See Ordinance Book No 2 Page 1091)

Fire Department to supply water

Resolved, That the Chief Engineer of the Fire Department be and he is hereby authorized and directed, to cause two lines of four inch Iron Pipe to be laid from the Field Fountain to the Westerly line of Clifford Street, for the use of the Fire Department; provided the cost of said Work shall not exceed the sum of One hundred dollars

Passed July 24 1857

Approved W. M. Rodman
Mayor

Mud Machine Com^e to enquire

Resolved That the Committee on City Property be directed to ascertain the cost of a Mud Machine and Pile Driver, to be operated by a Steam Engine and report the same to the City Council at their next meeting. Approved W M Rodman

Passed July 24 1857

Mayor

Clerk employed by Clerk of Municipal Court

Resolved That the resolution which passed the City Council on the 9th day of February A. D. 1857 in the words following viz: "Resolved that the Clerk of the Municipal Court be and he is hereby authorized, with the approval of the Mayor, to procure such assistance as may be necessary in his office, and to draw upon the City Treasurer quarterly or otherwise for the payment of the same; the orders for such payments to be approved and countersigned by the Mayor, and to be paid out of the appropriation for contingencies" be and the same is hereby rescinded

Passed July 24 1857

Approved W. M. Rodman Mayor

Same as above

Resolved That the Clerk of the Municipal Court be and he is hereby authorized with the approval of the Mayor, to procure such assistance as may be necessary in his office, and to draw upon the City Treasurer quarterly or otherwise for the payment of the same, provided the amount paid for such assistance shall not exceed the sum of One Thousand Dollars per annum, the orders for such payments to be approved and countersigned by the Mayor, and to be paid out of the appropriation for contingencies

Passed July 24 1857

Approved W. M Rodman Mayor

4th July

The Committee appointed on the first Monday of June to make arrangements for the celebration of the Anniversary of American Independence, make Report

Read. Whereupon it is ordered that the same be received

Passed July 24 1857

In Convention July 24 1857

Voted That the Council will now proceed to the Election of Clerk of the Municipal Court

The following Gentlemen are nominated: Samuel W Peckham, Stephen K. Rathbone, Levi Salisbury and James S. Ham

with the following result

Samuel W Peckham	received	21 votes
James S Ham	"	5 "
Levi Salisbury	"	3 "
Stephen K Rathbone	"	1 "
Scattering	"	2 "
		32

Whereupon Samuel W Peckham is declared duly elected Clerk of the Municipal Court

Orland W Prince is elected City Constable

The two Boards separate the Board of Aldermen retire to their chamber.

City Hall plans

Resolved That Messrs Chapman, Francis & Eddy and Aldermen Waterman & Manchester be and they are hereby appointed a Committee to advertise for plans for a City Hall, to be built upon the City Hall Lot so called, said plans to be presented to said Committee on or before the fourteenth day of November 1857.

The conditions upon which said plans are to be made and presented to said Committee are as follows. that said City shall pay to such person or persons whose plans shall be selected by the City Council for the structure of a City Hall the sum of five hundred Dollars, and no compensation shall be allowed to any person or persons presenting such plans, unless the same shall be selected by the City Council as aforesaid.

And the City Council reserve to themselves the privilege of rejecting all the plans that may be presented to the committee as aforesaid

Passed July 13, 1857

Approved W. M Rodman Mayor

Watch House

Resolved That the Standing Committee on City Property, acting under the advice of the Mayor be authorized and directed to cause the Watch House to be repaired at an Expense not exceeding Two hundred Dollars and draw on the Treasury for the same

Passed August 10th 1857

Approved W. M Rodman Mayor

Salaries

Resolved That the School Committee be, and they hereby are authorized to pay to the teachers in the High School annual Salaries, in equal quarterly payments as follows, viz

To the teachers in the Classical and English Department each a Salary not exceeding Thirteen hundred and fifty Dollars

To the Teachers in the female department each a Salary not exceeding the following specifications viz
To the teacher of the first room Seven hundred Dollars,
To the teacher of the second room Five hundred and fifty dollars,
To the teacher of the third room Five hundred dollars,
To the teachers of the fourth room Four hundred & fifty dollars

Passed August 10 1857

Approved W. M. Rodman Mayor

The Committee on Education to whom was referred the petition of the School Committee in regard to the purchase of a lot in the first ward, Respectfully report by the following resolution

Wm Binney Chairman Com^ee

School House Knight St to be removed to 1 Ward

Resolved, That the Standing Committee on Education be and they hereby are authorized to purchase a lot in such locality in the first Ward as they shall select, and to remove thereto the School building now on Knight Street; also to alter and enlarge said building in such manner as may be necessary to fit it for a Primary and intermediate School house, Provided the entire cost of such purchase, removal and alteration shall not exceed the sum of Twenty five hundred dollars

Passed August 10 1857

Approved W. M. Rodman Mayor

Appropriations

Resolved That the following sums be and they are hereby appropriated for the following Purposes respectively viz

For Contingencies	$3.000,—
" Repair of Public Buildings	500.—
" Highways	10,000

Passed August 10 1857

Approved W. M Rodman Mayor

Chief Engineers Report

The Chief Engineer makes his Monthly Report of the Expenditures of the fire department Amount $263.47

Read, Whereupon ordered that the same be received

Passed August 10. 1857

Approved W. M. Rodman Mayor

Surveyor of Highways Report

The Surveyor of Highways makes his Monthly Report of work done from July 1st to August 1st Amt $280.20

Read, Whereupon it is Ordered that the same be received

Passed August 10 1857

Approved W. M. Rodman Mayor

Surveyor of Highways Report

The Surveyor of Highways makes his monthly report of Money Expended and Work done in removing mud from the Cove Circle Amount $1634.91

Read, Whereupon it is ordered, that the same be received, and referred to the Standing Committee on Highways to examine and report thereon

Passed August 10. 1857

Approved W M Rodman Mayor

Fire Engine No 4

Resolved That the Chief Engineer of the Fire Department be, and he is hereby directed to contract for a Fire Engine of the same class as Engine No 1 for the Station in Wickenden Street (No 4) and to make Such arrangements for the sale of the present Engine No 4 as the completion of said Contract may admit of

Passed August 10 1857

Approved W M Rodman Mayor

Promenade St

Resolved, That the Surveyor of Highways be and he is hereby directed to cause the Curb Stones to be set, and the gutters paved in Promenade Street, from Park Street to Gaspee St, the same to be done in connection with the work now being done in Park Street; and to be done under the direction of the Standing Committee on Highways

Passed August 10. 1857

Approved W M Rodman Mayor

Taxes Remitted

Resolved That the City Treasurer be and he is hereby directed to pay, under the direction of the Standing Committee on Finance all such claims and demands against the City for over taxation under and according to the decision of the Supreme Court made at the March Term 1857, which said Committee may find legal and just according to said decision

Passed August 10 1857

Approved W. M. Rodman
Mayor

In Convention August 10 1857

The following communication from the Clerk of the Municipal Court is presented and read

To the Hon. City Council
of the City of Providence

Gentlemen

At the time that I consented to accept if elected thereto, the office of Clerk of the Municipal Court, it was with the understanding that the compensation would not be changed.

A material change having been made therein, both as to mode and amount, I hereby, for that and other reasons, resign said office, and at the same time present to the City Council my thanks for this mark of their confidence

I am very respectfully
Your obedient Svt
Sam[l] W Peckham

Prov. Aug. 10. 1857

Whereupon it is Voted That the communication be received and the resignation of Samuel W Peckham be accepted

The following gentlemen are nominated to fill the vacancy Henry L Bowen by Alderman Knight, Levi Salisbury by Mr Binney

Levi Salisbury	received	25 votes
Henry L Bowen	"	4 "
Scattering	"	4 "

Whereupon Levi Salisbury is declared duly Elected Clerk of the Municipal Court

The two Boards separate the Board of Aldermen retire to their Chamber

Com[ee] of Finance Report

The Committee on Finance beg leave to submit the following Statement of the Receipts & Disbursements of the City Treasury for the year ending September 1857. Also of the Estimated receipts and disbursements for the year ending September 1858

The receipts into the Treasury have been as follows

For amount of Tax assessed 1856		$ 450.000.—
" City Bonds Sold		32.000—
From other Sources		28.524.20
Total Receipts		510.524.20

The disbursements have been as follows

For amount of original appropriations		413.000.—
" " " Subsequent Do		54.687.50
" " In Opening Dorrance Street	50.571.56	
" " " Dodge "	3300.—	
" " " South Water "	2610.—	
" " " N Main & President St	10.500.—	
" " " City Hall Lot & other Lots	10.000	76.981.56
" " to be paid about		8000.—
" Expense of collecting Tax per act &c		21.060—
		573.729.06

Excess of disbursements over receipts	63.204.86
do " do " do Sept 1856	62.014.37
Total Excess & present debt	125.219.23
Add the City Debt to be funded	66.500—
Amt of Tax to be remitted under the Judgement of the Supreme Court	25.000
	216.719.23

To meet this amount the City have bonds unsold 64.000

Assessments on Streets unpaid about 60.— 124.000—

Shewing a Debt of $ 92.719.23

Estimates for the year ending Sept 1858

Amount of Tax Assessed		427.333.72
Receipts from other Sources		30.000—
		457.333.72

Disbursements

Present Debt	92719.23	
Amt Appropriation	410000—	
Expts for Collecting Tax	15000.—	
Total Disbursements		517.719.23

The above figures shew that with Strict adherence to the appropriations for the year ending Sept 1858 the City will be in Debt $60.385.51 at the close of the year Respectfully Submitted for the Committee

R B Chapman

Read. Whereupon it is Ordered that the same be received, and that the same be printed in the Newspapers employed to do the City printing

Passed September 14 1857

Approved W M Rodman Mayor

South Water St

Whereas the City Council on the 9th day of February 1857 by Resolution requested the Board of Aldermen to straighten and extend South Water Street a short distance along the Westerly end of Thurston Gardner & Co's Machine Shop, so as to connect with the Northerly end of a Street laid out on the Fox Point Association Plat; under and according to an Act entitled "An Act for laying out Highways;

And whereas said Board of Aldermen under said resolution appointed George T Spicer Amasa Paine and William J Raines Esquires Commissioners to lay out said Street, who proceeded to the discharge of the duty assigned them, and made report of their doings to said Board of Aldermen on the 20th day of May 1857

And whereas by said report the cost to the City of straightening and extending said South Water Street will greatly exceed the expectations of the City Council at the time of passing said resolution, it is therefore

Resolved

That the Board of Aldermen be and they are hereby requested to suspend further action on said report and discontinue the straightening and extending said South Water Street

Passed August 10 1857

Approved W M Rodman Mayor

Surveys of Highways Report

The Surveyor of Highways makes his Monthly Report of work done from August 1st to September 1st 1857

Amount $6.461.70

Read Whereupon, it is ordered that the same be received

Passed Sept 14. 1857

Approved W. M. Rodman Mayor

C Engineers Report

The Chief Engineer makes his Monthly Report of Expenditures of the Fire Department

Amount $8919.06

Read, Whereupon ordered that the same be received

Passed Sept 14. 1857

Approved W M Rodman Mayor

A B Arnold

Whereas a resolution was passed by the City Council on the 10th of August last, authorizing Anthony B Arnold to enter the Westminster Street drain upon the Payment of Ten Dollars it is

Resolved, That the same be and hereby is rescended

Passed Sept 14 1857

Approved W. M. Rodman Mayor

Report of Sup of Health

Upon the Annual Report of the Superintendent of Health it is

Resolved, That 500 copies of said Report be Printed in the usual pamphlet form and 2500 Copies be printed for distribution on cheaper Paper and without Covers; under the direction of Doct Snow

Passed Sept 14 1857

Approved W M Rodman Mayor

Burial Lot for Home of Aged Women

Resolved, That the City Treasurer be and he is hereby directed to make a Deed of the following described Lot in the North Burying Ground to "The Home for Aged Women" viz Lot situated on the East side of Pine Avenue, bounded 65 feet on Willow Avenue, then running Southerly 103 feet to an Avenue leading from Ridge to Pine Avenue on which it measures 46 feet; bounded on the East by a two feet path dividing the said Lot from a row of Lots fronting on Ridge Avenue; containing 4665 feet

Passed Sept 14 1857

Approved W M. Rodman Mayor

Remission of Tax to Jared S Hazard

Resolved, That the City Treasurer be and he is hereby directed to Pay to Jared S Hazard the sum of thirty eight dollars and seventy five cents; the said sum being in remission of a tax improperly assessed against him in the year 1856, Provided it shall appear to the Treasurer upon the Certificate of the Collector of Taxes, that said sum has been paid into the City Treasury, if it shall appear to the City Treasurer that said sum has not been paid into the City Treasury, then he shall credit the Collector of Taxes with the amount so unpaid, and the Collector of Taxes shall deduct the amount hereby remitted from the tax of said Jared S Hazard

Passed Sept 14 1857

Approved W M Rodman Mayor

Remission of Tax to Mary Bullock

Resolved that the City Treasurer be and he is hereby directed to pay to Mary Bullock the amount of tax assessed against her for the year 1856 the same having been improperly assessed by the City, provided it shall appear to the City Treasurer upon the certificate of the Collector of Taxes that said amount has been paid into the City Treasury. If it shall appear to the City Treasurer that said sum has not been paid into the Treasury, then he shall credit the Collector of Taxes with the amount so unpaid, and said tax shall be hereby remitted

Passed September 14 1857

Approved W. M. Rodman Mayor

City Treasurer Issues & pays

The City Treasurer makes Quarterly Report of Issues & Payments

Issues None. Payments none,

Read Whereupon it is ordered that the same be received

Passed Sept 14. 1857

Approved W. M Rodman Mayor

Cove Circle mud to be removed

Resolved That the Surveyor of Highways be and he is hereby directed to cause the mud and sand to be removed from the Cove Circle, in such manner and at such times as the Committee on Highways may direct; the expense thereof to be paid out of the appropriation for contingencies

Passed Sept 14. 1857

Approved W. M. Rodman Mayor

Benefit St

Resolved, that the Board of Aldermen be and they are hereby requested to relay that part of Benefit Street laying between Charles Field and Power Streets, under an Act entitled an Act for laying out Highways, if in their opinion it is advisable

Passed September 14 1857

Approved W. M Rodman Mayor

Hook and Ladder Co House

Resolved That the Chief Engineer of the Fire Department be, and he hereby is directed to cause a suitable brick addition of 14 by 16 feet, and one Story high, to be made to the Hook and Ladder House in Richmond Street - provided the cost of the entire work upon said house shall not exceed the sum of Two hundred (200) Dollars

Passed Sept 14. 1857

Approved W. M. Rodman Mayor

Broad & High St Cross Walk

Resolved, that the Surveyor of Highways be and he is hereby directed to cause such alterations in the present cross walks and to place such new cross walks at the junction of Broad and High Streets as may be thought advisable by the Committee on Highways

Passed Sept 14 1857

Approved W M Rodman Mayor

Wickenden St

Resolved That the Surveyor of Highways, be and he is hereby directed to lower the paving in the gangway leading from Wickenden Street opposite the estate of Joseph Chedel and raise the cross walk so that the Water may pass under the same

Passed Sept 14. 1857

Approved W. M. Rodman Mayor

Greene St

On the petition of Amasa Manton & others asking that Greene St may be extended to Broadway

Read Whereupon it is Ordered, that the same be received and referred to Messrs Guild, Chapman, Dorrance, Paine, Carpenter, Lester and Hartshorn, and Aldermen Brastow & Rathbone to examine and report thereon

Passed September 14. 1857

Approved W M Rodman Mayor

Streets Comm" to settle claims

Resolved that Messrs Binney, James Tucker and Spencer and Ald" Holden be and they are hereby appointed a Committee to confer with the parties interested in the assessments of loss and damage and for benefits under and by virtue of the act in relation to the laying out enlarging, straightening or otherwise altering Streets in the City of Providence, and said Committee are hereby authorized to settle with the parties such cases as still remain open, upon such terms as may be deemed satisfactory to said Committee

Passed Sept" 14 1857

Approved W. M. Rodman Mayor

Appropriations

Resolved That the following sums be and they are hereby appropriated for the following purposes respectively viz

for Public Watch, One thousand Dollars,
" Police, One thousand Dollars,
" Bridges, Three thousand Dollars,
" School Houses & Lots, One thousand Dollars

Passed Sept" 14. 1857

Approved W. M. Rodman Mayor

Wooden Buildings

The petitions of Comfort Horton requesting liberty to remove a one story building from John Street and place the same on Fremont Street.

Pardon M Stone requesting liberty to remove a one story building from Tobey Street from Lot South on same Street,

Daniel E Carpenter from Walling Street a two story building and to place the same on Shove Street

Increase Sumner requesting liberty to remove a One Story building from rear of Randall Street about 20 feet North West

Read Whereupon it is Resolved, That the prayer thereof be granted, provided, the petitioners give a satisfactory bonds to the City Treasurer as required by the 3d sec of "an Ordinance in relation to the removal of wooden buildings"

Passed Sept 14 1857

Approved W. M. Rodman Mayor

Hack Drivers

An Ordinance in amendment of and in addition to an ordinance entitled "An Ordinance for the regulation of Hacks, Omnibusses, Drays, Trucks &c

(See Ordinance Book No 2 page 110)

Passed Sept 14 1857

Approved W M Rodman Mayor

Taxes

An Ordinance in relation to the collection of the Taxes added to the Tax payable on the fifth day of October A D 1857 by virtue of the act in relation to the laying out enlarging or otherwise altering Streets in the City of Providence and for the Expenses of Sidewalks certified to the Assessors by the Street Commissioners

(See Ordinance Book No 2 page 110)

Passed Sept 14 1857

Approved W. M Rodman

Mayor

M B Ives

An invitation of the Executive Board of Brown University to the Mayor, Aldermen Common Council and School Committee, to listen to a discourse in commemorative of the services of the late Moses B Ives

Read, Whereupon it is Resolved, That the invitation be accepted

Passed Sept 14 1857

Approved W. M. Rodman Mayor

Gaspee St

Resolved that the Board of Aldermen be and they are hereby requested to lay out a Street near the foot of Fabin Street, from Cove Street to the Street running around the Promenade to Gaspee Street, under the act entitled an Act for laying out Highways

Passed September 17. 1857

Approved W. M Rodman

Mayor

In Convention October 12th 1857

The resignation of James B Simmons as a member of the School Committee is read, Whereupon, it is

Voted That said Resignation be accepted

Rev. Wm C Richards and Nath. P Bartlett are nominated to fill the vacancy in the School Committee, on balloting

Wm C Richards received 23 Votes
Nath. P. Bartlett " 5 "
Scattering " 2 "

Whereupon Wm C Richards is declared duly elected member of the School Committee for the year ending the first Wednesday of April next

Joseph Wesley and
Ichabod K Crowell } are Elected Measurers of Grain, Salt & Sea Coal

Benjamin F Snow &
Dwight Palmer } are elected City Constables

The two Boards separate, the Board of Aldermen retire to their Chamber

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Common Council proceedings

Ordered That one of the Printed Copies of the Proceedings of the Common Council, from June 1856 to June 1857 be delivered by the Clerk of the Common Council, to each member of the present City Council who was not a member of the last City Council

Passed Oct 12, 1857

Approved W. M Rodman Mayor

Langley St

Resolved That the Surveyor of Highways be and he is hereby directed to cause the Curb Stone to be set and the gutters to be paved on that portion of Langley Street lying between Eddy and Hospital Streets

Passed October 12 1857

Approved Wm M Rodman

Mayor

Tax Remitted

Resolved, That the City Treasurer be, and he is hereby directed to pay to Samuel G Arnold the sum of Two hundred and fifty one Dollars and forty six cents with interest on the to the twelfth day of October 1857 from the second day of October 1856 amounting in all to the sum of Two hundred and fifty six dollars and ninety five cents; the said sum of $251.46 being in remission of taxes improperly assessed against him in the year 1856 and interest on the same from October second 1856 to October twelfth 1857 (being $15.49)

Provided it shall appear to the Treasurer upon the Certificate of the Collector of Taxes that said sum of Two hundred and fifty one Dollars and forty six cents has been paid into the Treasury, If it shall appear to the City Treasurer that said sum of $251.46 has not been paid into the Treasury, then he shall credit the Collector of Taxes with the amount so unpaid, and the Collector of Taxes shall deduct the amount of $251.46 hereby remitted from the taxes of said Arnold

Passed October 12th 1857

Approved W M Rodman Mayor

David Whipple

Resolved that the assessment made upon David Whipple for the benefit conferred on him by the opening of Dorrance Street in the City of Providence, be postponed and paid as follows viz said Whipple to execute and deliver to said City, his three several Promissory notes, dated the fifth day of October A D 1857, One for the sum of One thousand dollars payable in One year from the date thereof with interest, One for the sum of One thousand dollars payable in two years from the date thereof with interest payable annually and one for the sum of fifteen hundred dollars payable in three years from the date thereof with interest payable annually Provided the said Whipple shall execute and deliver to said City a Mortgage upon real Estate satisfactory and to be approved by the City Solicitor of said City to secure the payment of said notes agreeably to the terms thereof

Passed October 12 1857

Approved W M Rodman Mayor

Tax Remitted

Resolved, that the City Treasurer be and he is hereby directed to pay to the Rhode Island Historical Society the sum of One hundred and three dollars and seven and a half cents, said sum being in remission of taxes improperly assessed against said Society in the year 1856. Provided it shall appear to the Treasurer upon the Certificate of the Collector of taxes, that said sum has been paid into the City Treasury. If it shall appear to the City Treasurer that said sum has not been paid into the Treasury; then he shall credit the Collector of Taxes with the amount so unpaid; and the Collector of Taxes shall deduct the amount hereby remitted pom the Tax of said Society

Passed Oct 12. 1857

Approved W M Rodman

Mayor

Sinking Fund H.P.I.&R.R.Co

Providence September 24 1857

The Undersigned Trustees of the Sinking Fund of the Hartford, Providence & Fishkill Rail Road Co. in Providence, make the following Report of the Condition of said funds:

They hold nineteen Bonds of the City of Providence for One thousand dollars each payable in 1885 with Coupons payable semi annually at 6 per ct viz

No 266, 267, 268, 269, 270, 271, 272, 273, 274, 275, 427, 474, 475, 514, 516, 515, 534, 535, 536 is $19.000.

paid premium on same	170.00
paid interest on same	83.55
Cash on Hand	453.92
	$ 19707.47

To the Honorable City Council
City of Providence

Amos D Smith
Amasa Manton
Marinus W Gardiner
Commissioners of Sinking Fund Hart. Prov & Fishkill R R Co

Read Whereupon it is Ordered that the same be received

Approved W. M Rodman Mayor

Passed October 12 1857

Surveyor of Highways Report

The Surveyor of Highways makes his Monthly Report of Work done from Sept 1st to Oct 1 1857 amt $6.366.54

Read, Whereupon it is ordered that the same be received

Passed Oct 12 1857

Approved W M Rodman Mayor

Chief Engineer Report

The Chief Engineer makes his Monthly Report of the Expenditures of the Fire Department amt $1815.73

Read, Whereupon Ordered that the same be received

Passed October 12 1857

Approved W M Rodman Mayor

Appropriation for Taxes Remitted

Resolved that the sum of Thirty Thousand Dollars, be and the same is hereby appropriated for the remission of Taxes, illegally assessed

Passed October 12 1857

Approved W M. Rodman

Mayor

Dr City of Providence in account with

1856					
September	29	To Cash paid over check at American Bank		37.833	89
October	4	" " " Bank of Commerce Cash borrowed		25.000	—
Dec 1857	13	" " " B. F. Thurston Atty on City Hall Lot		2500	"
Jany	3	" " " Harriet Brown Rent		61	25
March	28	" " " A. W. Aldrich deed City Hall Lot		1.250	00
June	13	" " " Prov. Dg Blg & Calg Co Deed		3.000	00
	27	" " " Lewis Thayer Ex City Hall Lot	800 00		
	"	" " " Desire L Aldrich " " "	400 "	1200	00
July	3	" " " Harriet Brown Rent		61	25
	11	" " " B. F. Thurston Atty bal of City Hall Lot		1250	36
Aug	8	" " " State of Rhode Island (1/2 License)		686	61
	"	" " " Walter S Burges deed		229	00
Sept	28	" " " Trustees of Hartford, Prov. & Fishkill R R Co.		5000	—
		" " " Public Schools		55.837	10
		" " " Reform School		8.658	63
		" " " Fourth of July 1857		2.418	94
		" " " Gas Fixtures		3.918	86
		" " " Improvements Public Grounds		16.511	53
		" " " Asylum Wall & Buildings		872	03
		" " " Pumps and Wells		945	41
		" " " Repairs Public Buildings		2.711	35
		" " " Bridges		14.063	63
		" " " Opening Dorrance Street		50.571	56
		" " " Sinking Fund City of Prov		10.000	00
		" " " Bills Receivable		50	00
		" " " City's Proportion State Tax		26.715	66
		" " " Interest on Loan		30.840	—
		" " " Dodge Street		3.300	—
		" " " South Water Street		2.610	00
		" " " Salaries		21.311	00
		" " " Lot & Building on Pallas Street		595	84
		" " " Lighting Streets		29.926	33
		" " " North Main and President Street		10.500	—
		" " " Police		10.380	35
		" " " City Agency		2.684	43
		" " " Highways		84.533	73
		" " " Support of Poor		10.348	32
		" " " Contingencies		32.460	04
		" " " School Houses & Lots		20.297	63
		" " " Fire Department		40.229	02
		" " " North Burial Ground		383	42
		" " " City Watch		33.930	48
		Dolls		605.677	65

I hereby certify that I have examined the accounts of Marinus W Gardiner Esq City Treas for the year ending September 28th 1857. and that the accounts agree with the vouchers, and that on the said 28th day of Sept there was a balance due from the City to the American Bank of said City of One hundred seventeen thousand seven hundred ninety six Dollars and forty four cents. Providence Sept 28th 1857

John J. Paine City Auditor

Marinus W Gardiner City Treasurer Cr

1856					
Oct	3	By Cash received of Jas Mumford Collector Bal. Tax 1855		973	75
Nov	22	" " " " Joseph Bicknell Old Steps		1	00
1857 Jany	10	" " " " Albert G Greene fees of Municipal Judge from June 19, 1855 to June 2 1856 5		329	98
	30	" " " " J Mumford Coll Tax & Tax S Larned 1855		208	31
Feby	7	" " " " Thos A Jenckes Entering Drain		30	00
	13	" " " " Albert G Greene Clk Entry & Jaby fees McGorry	6 00		
	"	" " " " Dr " " " S Pereira	6 00	12	00
	"	" " " " Taylor & Richmond entering Drain		55	50
May	9	" " " " Candace Allen " "		10	00
	13	" " " " A G Greene Clk, fees of Municipal Judge from June 2d 1856 to June 1, 1857 5		566	12
	30	" " " " Dexter Thurber Entering Drain		10	00
June	13	" " " " Nath Church fees of Office from 1855 to 1857		2056	73
	"	" " " " Geo A Howard entering drain		12	00
	16	" " " " Wm H Hudson City Marshal own p Ringing bells		3	00
	18	" " " " Esek Aldrich Cash borrowed		2000	00
	19	" " " " J A Healy Pound fees		3	75
July	7	" " " " Rent of Teste Estate for Sheep		3	34
	8	" " " " Sheldon & Clark Sale of Goat		1	00
	9	" " " " Alexander F Adee entering Drain		75	00
Aug	8	" " " " Heirs of S B Mumford " "		10	00
	22	" " " " C C Godfrey " "		10	00
Sept	12	" " " " Matthewson & Allen " "		30	00
	"	" " " " E Peace & J Knowles " "		10	00
	"	" " " " Opening 98 Pavet Streets		196	00
28	"	" " " " City Clerk Licenses for Wagons Dogs &c		704	25
	"	" " " " Fees 16 Auctioneers		93	01
	"	" " " " N. P & F Rail Road Co 1 p on $500.000		5.000	00
	"	" " " " Loan to the City of Providence		36.000	—
	"	" " " " City Standard Scales		233	30
	"	" " " " Rents		4.994	34
	"	" " " " City License (1/2 to State)		1.400	99
	"	" " " " Interest		2.907	64
	"	" " " " J Mumford Coll 1/2 Tax 1856		429.940	20
	"	" " " " Over Check on American Bank		117.796	44
				Dolls 605.677	65

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City Treasurers Office
Prov. Sept 28. 1857

Marinus W. Gardiner
City Treasurer

Read whereupon it is Ordered that the same be received and recorded
Approved W M Rodman Mayor

Passed Oct 12 1857

Sinking Fund

Providence October 12 1857

The Undersigned Trustees of the Sinking Fund of the City of Providence appointed in conformity with an Act of the General Assembly at their May Session 1855, make the following report of the condition of said fund;

They have Thirty eight Bonds of the City of Providence for One Thousand dollars each payable in 1885 with six per cent interest warrants attached

No 301, 302, 303, 304, 305, 306, 307, 308, 309, 310, 311, 312, 313, 428, 501, 502, 503, 504, 505, 506, 507, 508, 509, 510, 511, 512, 513, 537 538, 539, 540, 541, 542, 543, 544, 545, 546, 547,

is $ 38,000.—

They have cash on Hand 802, 14

Dolls 38802, 14

To the Honorable City Council
City of Providence

Amos D Smith
Amasa Manton
Henry Anthony
} Commissioners of the Sinking Fund of City of Providence

Read, Whereupon it is Ordered that the same be received

Passed October 12 1857

Approved W M Rodman
Mayor

Appr. for Bridges

Resolved that the sum of Five thousand Dollars, be and the same is hereby appropriated for repairs of Public bridges

Passed October 12 1857

Approved W. M Rodman Mayor

City Clerks Office

Resolved That the sum of One hundred and fifty Dollars be appropriated and paid out of the appropriation for Contingencies, to the order of the City Clerk as additional compensation to G A Williamson, the Clerk now employed by him for the Present Municipal Year

Passed October 12 1857

Approved W. M. Rodman Mayor

Sinking Fund Report to be printed

Resolved, That the Report of the Trustees of the Sinking Fund of the Hartford, Providence and Fishkill Railroad Company's Bonds, and the Report of the Trustees of the Sinking Fund of the Bonds of the City, presented to the City Council this day, be printed with the City Auditors Annual Report

Passed October 12 1857

Approved W. M Rodman Mayor

Wooden Building

W. L Angell requests Liberty to remove a One Story Wooden Building from Hexes Street back about 120 feet from said Street and

John A Chace requests Liberty to remove a One and half Story Wooden Building from Fountain Street to Ring Street

Read whereupon it is Resolved, That the Prayer thereof be granted, provided the Petitioners give a Satisfactory bond to the City Treasurer as required by the 3d Sec. of "An Ordinance in relation to the removal of Wooden Buildings"

Passed Oct 12th 1857

Approved W. M. Rodman Mayor

Tax Remitted L A Phillips

Resolved That the City Treasurer be, and he is hereby directed to pay to L. A. Phillips the sum of Nineteen Dollars and thirty seven & one half cents, the said sum being in remission of a tax improperly assessed against him in the year 1856; Provided it shall appear to the Treasurer upon the Certificate of the Collector of taxes, that said sum has been paid into the City Treasury. If it shall appear to the City Treasurer that said sum has not been paid into the Treasury then he shall credit the Collector of taxes with the amount so unpaid, and the Collector of taxes shall deduct the amount hereby remitted from the tax of said L. A. Phillips

Passed November 9, 1857

Approved W M Rodman
Mayor

State Tax Appropriation

Resolved That the sum of Eleven Hundred and twenty one Dollars and seventy five cents be and the same is hereby appropriated for the Payment of the State Tax

Passed Nov 9, 1857

Approved W M Rodman Mayor

Public Health

Resolved That Messrs Binney, Francis & Carpenter and Alderman Rathbone be and they hereby are appointed a Committee to examine into the powers now possessed by the City of Providence for the maintenance and improvement of the Public health and to apply to the General Assembly at the next session for the grant of such further authority if any be needed as may be deemed necessary for the attainment of this end

Passed Nov 9, 1857

Approved W. M. Rodman
Mayor

Wooden Building

The petition of Edmund Sherwood requesting liberty to remove a wooden building from Plane Street to D Street is read whereupon it is

Resolved, That the prayer thereof be granted, provided, the petitioner give a satisfactory bond to the City Treasurer as required by the 3d Sec. of "An Ordinance in relation to the removal of Wooden Buildings"

Passed Nov 9th 1857

Approved W M Rodman
Mayor

Taxes Remitted

Resolved, That the taxes specified in the annexed list amounting to the sum of two hundred and forty three dollars and forty four cents, reported by the Board of Assessors for the year One thousand, eight hundred and fifty six, to have been improperly assessed, in said year, for the reasons specified in each case; be and the same are hereby annulled; and that the City Treasurer be, and he is hereby directed to credit the Collector of Taxes, with the amount of two hundred and forty three Dollars and forty four cents

Passed Nov 9. 1857

Approved W M Rodman
Mayor

The undersigned assessors of taxes for the City of Providence recommend the Hon. City Council to sink the following taxes for the reason stated against the name of each person, they having examined each case

Charles Williams	3 20	Difference in Bills
Dexter Pearce (Carpenter)	7 75	has nothing to pay with
Wm E. Dodge N Prov	23 25	Same Est taxed to A M Spencer
Davis Thayer Jr	46 50	Sold out & lives out of the State
Elam S Holloway	6 20	Error brot forw from previous year
Wm A Andrews	3 87½	Run away from the State
Jol Luther	7 75	taxed for a Mortgage belonging to another person same name
James Shay	3 87½	too poor to pay
Daniel Falvey	6 70	Error brot from previous year
Benjamin F Carpenter	14 72½	taxes to Jas R Budlong
Patrick Casey	11 62½	Error brot from previous year
Nath[l] P Burrows	27 12½	failed & gone west
Smith Burrows	27 12½	" " "
Mary Ingalls	11 62½	Error from previous year
A Louis Mason	34 87½	Dead left no property
John Kelly	2 72	Error brought forward
Daniel Murphy 1855 & 6	1 45	too poor to pay
Hiram Nickes " "	3.07	Error brot forward
	243.44	

Joseph Martin Chairman of the
Board of Assessors, for the Board

Taxes Remitted

Resolved That the City Treasurer be, and he is hereby directed to pay to the persons whose names are annexed, the sums placed against their respective names; the said sums being in remission of taxes improperly assessed against them in the year 1857; provided it shall appear to the Treasurer, upon the Certificate of the Collector of taxes, that said sums have been paid into the City Treasury, if it shall appear to the City Treasurer that said sums have not been paid into the Treasury, then he shall credit the Collector of taxes with the amounts so unpaid; and the Collector of Taxes shall deduct the amounts hereby remitted, from the taxes of the Persons whose names are annexed; viz

To John S Walker, Seven dollars & forty cents $ 7.40
" Francis M Smith, twenty two Dolls & twenty cents 22.20
" James H Olney Treas, N E Butt Co Seventy five 83/100 Dolls 75.83

Passed Nov 9th 1857

Approved
W M Rodman Mayor

Com[ee] on Education Report

The Standing Committee on Education Report That they have purchased a lot of land upon Walling Street 72 by 100 and they have caused the old building on Knight Street to be removed enlarged & placed upon said lot - and that the total cost has not exceeded the sum appropriated, Two thousand five hundred dollars

Read whereupon it is Ordered that the same be received

Passed Nov. 9. 1857

Approved W. M. Rodman mayor

U S Court Rooms

Resolved That the Committee on City Property be, and they are hereby directed to hire the Court Rooms, recently occupied by the United States Court, at a rent, not to exceed One thousand Dollars per annum, for the use of the Police Court

Passed Nov. 9. 1857

Approved W M Rodman mayor

Sup[t] of Highways Report

The Surveyor of Highways makes his Monthly Report of Work done from October first to November first 1857 amt $6053.87

Read whereupon it is Ordered that the same be received

Passed Nov 9. 1857

Approved
W. M. Rodman Mayor

C Engineers Report

The Chief Engineer makes his Monthly Report of Expenditures of the Fire Department amount $1119. 19

Read. Whereupon ordered that the same be received

Passed Nov. 9. 1857

Approved W M Rodman Mayor

Auditors Report

The City Auditor presents his Eleventh Annual Report of Receipts and Expenditures, whereupon it is

Resolved That said Report be received and that the Standing Committee on Finance be, and they are hereby directed to cause said Report or so much thereof, as is required to be published by the fourth Section of the City Charter, with a Schedule of the Property of the City, to be published in the Newspapers employed to do the City Printing; and also to cause not exceeding five hundred copies of said Report and Schedule to be printed in pamphlet form for the use of the Council

Passed Nov. 9. 1857

Approved W. M. Rodman Mayor

Mayors Communication

A Communication from the Mayor in relation to the employment of the needy who are out work,

Read whereupon it is

Ordered, That the same be referred to Messrs Taylor, Binney, Bartlett, Paine, Carpenter, J Tucker Jr & Hartshorn, the Mayor Aldermen Holden & Waterman to Examine and report thereon; and that said Committee make report at the next meeting of the City Council

Passed Nov 9 1857

Approved W M Rodman

Mayor

In Convention Nov 9 1857

The Gauger General having appointed James Shaw Deputy Gauger, he asks the Council to approbate said appointment, whereupon it is

Voted That this Council approve of said appointment

The two Boards separate, the Board of Aldermen retire to their Chamber

Charter

A Resolution appointing a Committee to apply to the General Assembly for Alteration of Charter in reference to the election of City Officers

Read whereupon it is Resolved That the same be referred to Messrs Binney, Bartlett & Eddy and Ald Manchester to Examine and report thereon

Passed Nov. 9. 1857

Approved W. M. Rodman Mayor

Washington St

A resolution in relation to the extension of Washington Street west of Dean Street.

Read Whereupon it is Ordered that the same be received and referred to Messrs Taylor, J Tucker and Spencer & Alderman Holden to Examine and report thereon

Passed Nov. 23 1857

Approved W. M. Rodman Mayor

Wooden Building

Aborn Arnold requests liberty to remove a Wooden Building from Walnut to Fountain Street

Read, Whereupon it is Resolved, That the prayer thereof be granted Provided, the petitioner give a satisfactory bond to the City Treasurer as required by the 3d Sec. of "An Ordinance in relation to the removal of Wooden Buildings"

Passed Nov. 23d 1857

Approved W M Rodman Mayor

Report of Comtee to be printed

The Report of the Committee to whom was referred the Communication from the Mayor the 9th inst

Read whereupon it is Ordered, That the same be received; and that the same be printed in the Newspapers employed to do the City Printing

Passed Nov. 23. 1857

Approved

Overseer of the Poor.

Ordered, That the Communication from the Overseer of the Poor, this day made to the City Council, requesting authority to employ an Assistant to relieve him from a part of the duties of his Office, be received and referred to Messrs Taylor, Binney, Bartlett, Paine, Carpenter, J Tucker Jr and Hartshorn and the Mayor & Ald^m Holden & Waterman to examine and report thereon

Ordered, That the Communication from the Overseer of the Poor, to the Mayor; which accompanied

the communication from the Mayor to the City Council, on the 9th day of November instant, be referred to said Committee, to examine and report thereon

Passed Nov 23. 1857

Approved W M Rodman Mayor

Night Police

Ordered That so much of the Communication from the Mayor to the City Council, (presented on the Ninth of November instant) as relates to the subject of the Night Police be referred to Messrs Taylor, Binney, Bartlett, Paine, Carpenter, J Tucker 2d and Hathorn and the Mayor, Alds Holden & Waterman to examine and report thereon

Passed November 23 1857

Approved W M Rodman Mayor

Appropriation for Side Walks

Resolved, that the sum of One thousand Dollars, be and the same is hereby appropriated for Side Walks and Curbing

Passed November 23 1857

Approved W. M. Rodman Mayor

City Treas. to open case, with work ordered by St Com'rs

Resolved that the City Treasurer be and he is hereby directed to open an account with "Work ordered by the Street Commissioners", and to charge said account with all sums paid from the Treasury for work done by order of said Street Commissioners on Side walks or for Curbing furnished by the City for private purposes; also to credit said account with all monies received from individuals or corporations for work so done

And the Treasurer is hereby further directed to transfer to said account all sums charged or credited to the appropriation for Highways for said work, since the commencement of the present financial year

Passed Nov 23 1857

Approved W M Rodman Mayor

Short wood

Resolved That Messrs Lester, Bartlett & Eddy & Ald Rathbone, be and they are hereby appointed a Committee to report upon the subject of applying to the Legislature at the next January Session thereof to obtain the passage of a law regulating the Sale of firewood by the basket in the City of Providence

Passed Nov. 23 1857

Approved W M Rodman Mayor

Chief Engineers Report

The Chief Engineer makes his Monthly Report of the Expenditures of the Fire Department Amount $9.956. 15

Read, Whereupon it is Ordered that the same be received

Passed Dec 14. 1857

Approved W. M. Rodman Mayor

Issues and payments

Abstract of Issues and Payments of City Debt from September 14 to 1857 to December 14 1857

When Issued 1857		To whom Issued	per ₵	Amount
Oct 6	N° 294	State of Rhode Island	6	$ 32102. 60

To whom paid

Oct 6	N° 1	State of Rhode Island	5 ₵	24.191. 86
"	" 44	do	"	22.593. 38
"	" 45	do	"	11.617. 36
				$ 58.402. 60

Amount paid over issues $ 26.300.—

To the Hon. City Council

Gentlemen Above please have abstract of Issues & Payments of the City Debt to date

City Treasurers Office Dec 14 1857

Marcenus W Gardiner City Treasurer

Read. Whereupon it is resolved that the same be received

Passed December 14. 1857

Approved W M Rodman Mayor

Surveyors of Highways Report

The Surveyor of Highways makes his Monthly Report of Work done from November first to December first 1857 Amt $ 5223. 39

Read. Whereupon it is ordered that the same be received

Approved Passed Dec 14 1857

W. M Rodman Mayor

Filling Lands near Cove Park

Resolved, That the Surveyor of Highways be and he is hereby directed to employ laborers, under the supervision of the standing Committee on Highways in filling up the wet and marshy lands adjoining the Cove Park, at such prices and to such an amount as to that Committee may seem advisable & to draw upon the City Treasury for the Cost

Passed Dec 14 1857

Approved W M Rodman
Mayor

Overseer of Poor

The Special Committee to whom was referred the communications from the Overseer of the Poor, and so much of the communication from the Mayor as refers to the Night Police

Respectfully Report That they recommend that no further action be had upon either of the subjects submitted to them

For the Committee
Wm Binney

Read, Whereupon it is Ordered, that the same be received and accepted

Passed December 14 1857

Approved W. M Rodman Mayor

Hartford, Prov. & Fishkill R R Co

Resolved, That the Standing Committee on City Property be and they are hereby directed to examine and report at the next meeting of the Council whether or not the Providence, Hartford and Fishkill Rail Road Co have complied with the conditions of the Contract entered into between the City and said Company for filling the land granted to said Corporation for Rail Road purposes

Passed December 14 1857

Approved W M Rodman Mayor

Governor St

Resolved That the Standing Committee on Highways be and they are hereby directed to examine and report the amount expended on Governor Street already and also the probable sum that it will cost to complete the work on said Street — Said Report to be made at the next meeting of the Council

Passed Dec 14 1857

Approved W. M. Rodman
Mayor

Low Water Detector

An Invitation from the Superintendent and Inspector of Steam Boilers, to attend an Exhibition of Ashcrofts Low Water Detector is

Read whereupon it is Resolved, That said invitation be accepted

Approved W. M Rodman Mayor

Passed Dec 14 1857

W E Richmond Washington St

A communication from William E Richmond in relation to the surface water running from High through Knight to Washington Street

Read Whereupon it is ordered that said communication be referred to the Committee appointed on the 23d of November last on the Subject of Washington Street

Approved W M Rodman Mayor

Passed December 14 1857

Overseer of Poor Semi Annual Report

The Semi Annual Report of the Overseer of the Poor.

Read, Whereupon it is Ordered that the same be received

Passed Dec 21 1857

Approved W. M Rodman Mayor

Wooden Building

The petition of E. W. Billings requesting liberty to remove a Wooden building from Stewart St. [illegible] between Broad & Pine St and place the same on Pine Street. Read whereupon it is

Resolved,

That the prayer thereof be granted, provided, the Petitioner give a satisfactory bond to the City Treasurer as required by the 3d Sec. of An Ordinance in relation to the removal of Wooden Buildings

Passed Dec 21 1857

Approved W. M Rodman Mayor

Fire pumps

The Standing Committee on the Fire Department to whom on the 14th inst was referred the communication of the same date from the Board of Engineers relative to the Establishment of a Fire Pump at the Works of William Tallman & Co, beg leave to report. That they have carefully considered the matter of said communication, and hereby recommend that no further action be had thereupon

Read whereupon it is ordered that the same be received

Approved W M Rodman Mayor

Passed Dec 21 1857

Interest on City Bonds

Resolved, That the City Treasurer be and he is hereby directed to pay under the direction of the Committee of Finance the interest upon the bonds of the City of Providence payable to the Hartford, Providence and Fishkill Railroad Company or its assigns at the end of twenty five years from and after the first day of January 1851, which said interest becomes due and payable on the 1st day of January 1858, upon receiving the interest warrant annexed to each of said bonds for the payment of such interest on said first day of January A D 1858

Passed Dec 21, 1857

Approved W. M. Rodman Mayor

H. Prov & Fishkill R R Co

Resolved That Messrs Paine, Chapman and Binney and Alderman Knight are hereby appointed a Committee to examine into the condition of the affairs of the Hartford, Providence & Fishkill Rail-road Company, to confer with the President and directors of said Company, and if found advisable, with the City Authorities of Hartford, to ascertain the rights of this City under the Mortgages of the Company, the value of the property secured thereby, and to report to this Council at an early day what measures are necessary and advisable to be adopted to protect the rights and interests of this City

Passed December 21 1857

Approved

Appropriation

Resolved, That the following sums be and the same are hereby appropriated for the following purposes respectively viz

For filling Land above the Cove (Five Thousand Dollars) $5000.
For Side Walks & Curbing (Two thousand Dollars) 2000.—

Passed Dec 21, 1857

Approved W M Rodman Mayor

Tool House

Resolved, That the Sum of One thousand Dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated for the Erection of a building on the bridge now occupied by the City, situate opposite the Hay Market on Canal Street the work to be done under direction of the Committee on City Property

Passed December 21, 1857

Approved W M Rodman Mayor

City Hall

Resolved That Aldermen Waterman & Holden and Messrs Chapman, Eddy & Francis, be a Committee to recommend a plan for a City Hall to be selected from the various plans presented under a resolution passed by the City Council July 13th last and report the same as soon as practicable

Passed January 11, 1858

Approved W. M Rodman Mayor

Chief Engineers Report

The Chief Engineer makes his Monthly Report of the Expenditures of the Fire Department Amount $591.09

Read, Whereupon ordered that the same be received

Passed January 11th 1858

Approved W. M. Rodman Mayor

Surveyor of Highways Report

The Surveyor of Highways makes his monthly Report of Work done from December 1, 1857 to January 1, 1858 Amt $4363.65

Read. Whereupon it is Ordered that the same be received

Passed January 11 1858

Approved W. M Rodman Mayor

Wooden Building

The petition of James Egerton requesting liberty to remove a Wooden Building located N 180 Carpenter Street, about ten feet West

Read Whereupon it is resolved, That the prayer thereof be granted, Provided, the Petitioner give a satisfactory bond to the City Treasurer as required by the 3d sec of An ordinance in relation to the removal of Wooden Buildings."

Passed January 11, 1858

Approved W. M. Rodman Mayor

Reform School

Upon the Annual Report of the Trustees of the Providence Reform School:

Ordered, That the same be received, and that Seven hundred and fifty copies thereof be printed in pamphlet form, under the direction of the Superintendent of said School, for the use of the City Council

Passed January 11 1858

Approved W. M. Rodman Mayor

Taxes Remitted

Resolved That the City Treasurer be and he is hereby directed to pay to the following named persons the sums set opposite their names respectively viz to

Amos W Cook three dollars and seventy cents 3.70
it being the amount of tax improperly assessed against him on personal property by the City for the year 1857

to William H Taylor and Susan M Taylor Seven Dollars & forty cents ($7.40), it being the amount of tax improperly assessed against them on real Estate by the City for the year 1857.

Provided it shall appear to the Treasurer, upon the certificate of the Collector of Taxes that said sums have been paid to the City Treasurer. If it shall appear to the City Treasurer that said sums have not been paid into the City Treasury, then he shall credit the Collector of Taxes, with the amount so unpaid, and said tax shall be hereby remitted

Passed January 11. 1858

Approved W. M. Rodman
Mayor

City Marshal Report

The City Marshal makes makes his Annual Report

Read, Whereupon it is Ordered, that the same be received; and that the same be printed in the newspapers employed to do the City printing

Passed January 11. 1858

Approved W. M. Rodman
Mayor.

North Providence Boundary Line

Resolved That Messrs Eddy, Angell & Mathewson, and Ald.n Waterman be and they hereby are appointed a Committee, to confer with a committee appointed by the Town Council of the Town of North Providence on the 6th inst. to confer with the proper authorities of the City of Providence in relation to the boundary line between the City of Providence and the Town of North Providence at the Woonasquetucket river; with power to make application to the General Assembly, if they shall deem it advisable, for appointment of Commissioners to settle the boundary line between this City and the Town of North Providence at the Woonasquetucket River

Passed Jany 11. 1858

Approved
W. M. Rodman Mayor

Washington St

Resolved That in the opinion of the City Council, it is desirable and necessary to extend Washington Street in this City, from a point opposite the present Westerly termination of said Street on Dean Street, of a width of forty feet, to a point on Knight Street, at the termination of Lots designated as lots numbers One and Seventeen on a plat of William E Richmond Knight Farm Estate, recorded in Book of Plats Number One page eleven;

And Whereas, certain real estate will be required for that purpose;

That the City Solicitor be, and he is hereby directed, to make application to the Supreme Court of this State, for the appointment of Commissioners of Estimate and Assessment, under and according to the Act entitled "An Act in relation to the laying out, enlarging, straightening or otherwise altering Streets in the City of Providence" And the City Council hereby direct that application shall be made by said City Solicitor, to said Court, in the application for said appointment as aforesaid, that said Commissioners shall apportion and assess one half the loss and damage thereof upon the persons and estates benefitted thereby, in the ratio of the benefits conferred

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

Passed January 11. 1858

Approved W. M. Rodman
Mayor

Tho.s Sekell

Upon the petition of Thomas Seekell for indemnity

Ordered: That the same be referred to Messrs Binney, Lester and Eddy and Alderman Holden, to examine the same, and to report thereon, at the next meeting of the City Council

Passed January 11. 1858

Approved W. M Rodman
Mayor

Appropriation

Resolved That the following sums be and the same are hereby appropriated for the following purposes respectively viz

For filling land above the Cove. Five thousand Dollars
For Bridges - - - - - - One thousand Dollars

Passed Jany 11. 1858

Approved W. M Rodman
Mayor

Short Wood

Resolved That Messrs Lester. Bennett & Potter and Alderman Rathbone be and they are hereby appointed a committee to apply to the Legislature at the next January session thereof, to obtain the passage of a Law regulating the sale of Short Wood in the City of Providence

Passed January 11. 1858

Approved W. M. Rodman
Mayor

School House Lot enlarged State St

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 purchase of Hon. E. P. Knowles the lot of land owned by him adjoining the Easterly end of the estate on State Street now owned by the City - provided that the cost of the same shall not exceed the sum of Five Hundred Dollars, and that a title to the same can be obtained satisfactory to the City Solicitor

Passed January 11. 1858

Approved W M Rodman
Mayor

Hart. Prov & Fishkill R R Co

The Committee appointed to examine into the affairs of the Hartford, Providence & Fishkill Railroad &c
Respectfully Report.

Read, Whereupon it is Ordered, that the same be received; and that the same together with the accompanying Paper, be printed in the Newspapers employed to do the City printing

Passed January 11. 1858

Approved W M Rodman
Mayor

Rail Road Co Continued

Resolved That the Committee appointed Dec 21. 1857 consisting of Messrs Paine, Chapman & Binney & Knight of the Board of Aldermen, be and they are hereby continued as a Committee for the purposes of their original appointment with further power to give any notice in behalf of the city which the interest of the City as a Bond holder of the Hartford, Providence and Fishkill Railroad Company may require

Passed January 11 1858

Approved W. M. Rodman
Mayor

Surveyor of Highways Report

The Surveyor of Highways makes his Monthly Report of Work done from January 1st to February 1st 1858 Amount $1302.55

Read, Whereupon, it is Ordered that the same be received

Passed February 8. 1858

Approved W M Rodman Mayor

Surveyors of Highways Report to be printed

Ordered, That the Report of the Surveyor of Highways, this day made to the City Council, be printed in the Newspapers employed to do the City Printing

Passed February 8. 1858

Approved W M Rodman
Mayor

C Engineers Report

The Chief Engineer makes his Monthly Report of the Expenditures of the Fire Department Amt 861. 18

Read. Whereupon ordered that the same be received

Passed Feby 8. 1858

Approved W M Rodman
Mayor

Light House on Block Island

Resolved That the City Council of the City of Providence recognize the necessity of a Light House on the south east angle of Block Island and the importance of a Beacon on Bullocks Point in Providence river and the desirableness of a Beacon on Ohio Ledge in said river; That in the opinion of this Council the establishment of the same will be of great advantage to the navigation of the waters of the adjoining States and especially to the Port of Providence and that the petition to the Hon. Secretary of the Treasury of the United States requesting that said Light House and Beacons be established, be and the same is hereby approved by this Council

Passed February 8. 1858

Approved W M Rodman
Mayor

Public Health

Resolved, That the Committee of the City Council appointed in November last, to apply to the Legislature for the passage of an Act for the improvement and maintenance of the Public health in this City; be directed to endeavor to procure the passage of the act now before the Legislature, with such modification of the first Section as in their judgment may be necessary

Passed Feby 8. 1858

Approved W. M. Rodman
Mayor

Return of Lumber Surveyed in the City of Providence

For the Year ending February 1st 1858

By whom Surveyed	White Pine Boards planks & Joist N°1	2	3	4	5	Southern & Eastern Hard Pine	Hard Boards	Southern Hard Pine Timber & Plank		Spruce Boards Plank Joist & Sawed Timber		Hemlock Boards Plank & Joist Sawed & Timber		Pine Timber	
	Feet	Feet	Feet	Feet	Feet	Merch Feet	Ref Feet	M Ft	R Ft	M Ft	R Ft	M Ft	R Ft	M Ft	R Ft
Robert Manchester Jr	15726	129442	262132	798500	76593	177633	24762	113513	...	727461	129207	227130	186010	...	...
Jacob Sillaway	16604	74656	113688	410210	58161	252775	49902	...	...	1036268	215952	213956	75936	...	...
Nath[l] C Bushee	14061	118336	164901	783828	26009	46990	12749	...	...	816707	222414	157933	45977	956	336
Benj[n] Bowman 1st	11887	138144	200360	597285	13502	139976	31171	102674	4879	657144	206895	267642	182577	...	...
Ezek A Gillson	5318	112069	232083	296417	36122	116440	91911	...	...	940994	249201	343.194	245348	...	...
Wm R Talbot	7279	62413	142367	325193	111074	5056	354	...	...	1370998	245265	310.337	86077	...	...
Charles C Lee	3106	9782	20998	31172	17198	...	...	...	...	24699	2527	27244	11542	...	...
Joseph K Robinson	—	—	81	34609	2673	91977	19140	6796	...	70451	8817	424	70	...	...
Robert Manchester	...	...	...	2617	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	73981	644842	1136610	3379931	340332	830847	229949	222983	4879	5544732	1280378	1547850	783517	956	336

By whom Surveyed	Oak & Chesnut Boards & Plk		Ash Boards Plank and Joist		Birch & Maple Boards Plank & Joist		White Wood Boards Plk & Joist		Cherry Boards Plank & Joist		Bltk Walnut Bds Plank & Joist		Mahogany & Cedar Bds Plk & Joist		Surveyor Generals Fees		Deputy Surveyors Fees	
	M Ft	R Ft	M Ft	R Ft	M Ft	R Ft	M Ft	R Ft	M Ft	R Ft	M Ft	R Ft	M Ft	R Ft	$	¢	$	¢
Robert Manchester Jr	7607	2059	...	...	...	...	15495	1713	...	...	2099	336	...	...	85	65	628	02
Jacob Sillaway	12388	...	...	...	...	...	9298	1034	...	...	...	...	...	...	76	59	561	16
Nath[l] C Bushee	1015	...	14651	1076	...	...	33217	5122	991	260	9386	877	...	...	75	16	548	39
Benj[n] Bowman 1st	...	...	...	...	921	5113	62213	8269	...	...	26519	1069	...	...	80	64	590	65
Ezek A Gillson	821	...	...	...	...	...	12948	417	...	...	...	...	...	...	80	49	591	43
Wm R Talbot	...	...	...	...	...	...	9764	5043	...	...	...	...	...	...	80	41	589	81
Charles C Lee	35203	7304	25466	4032	15959	7836	185160	31960	14916	2882	56279	11182	13004	6362	22	71	157	57
Joseph K Robinson	...	...	...	...	...	...	1425	182	...	...	...	...	...	...	7	10	52	06
Robert Manchester	5690	524	806	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	45		
	62724	9887	40923	5108	16880	12949	329520	50740	15907	3142	94283	13464	13004	6362	512	20	3719	09

To the Honorable City Council

The undersigned Surveyor General of Lumber presents the above Report, which contains the account of all the Lumber surveyed under his direction during the past year

Respectfully Submitted

Robert Manchester

Providence February 1. 1858

Gentlemen of the City Council

I herewith enclose two communications which I have received since your last meeting.

One is from Benjamin Hoppin and Samuel Ames Esq[rs] resigning their Offices as "Trustees" under the Mortgages executed by "the Hartford, Providence and Fishkill Rail-road Co to us "and Alexander Duncan Esq of the Rail Road of said Company "in Rhode Island in security for bonds of said Company held "by or issued to the City of Providence" &c

The other is from John R Bartlett Esq. Secy of State, informing the City of the appropriation of Five hundred & fifty Dollars ($550.) by the Legislature of the State, for the purpose of constructing Culverts under North and South Court Streets in the City of Providence

The importance of the communication from the Trustees of the Rail Road, will commend itself to your special attention at this time; and to facilitate your action, the clause in the articles of agreement, touching the resignation of Trustees is herewith transmitted

Wm M Rodman

Mayor

Providence Feby 8. 1858.

Read. Whereupon, it is Ordered that the same be received and recorded

Ordered That the same be printed in the Newspapers employed to do the City Printing

Passed February 8. 1858

Approved W M Rodman

Mayor

In Convention February 8. 1858

A communication from Benjamin Hoppin and Samuel Ames tendering their resignation as Trustees under the Mortgages executed by the Hartford, Providence and Fishkill Railroad Co of the Rail road of said Company in Rhode Island, is read. Whereupon

Voted That the resignation of Benjamin Hoppin and Samuel Ames as Trustees be and they are hereby accepted

Voted That the matter of appointing Trustees of the Hartford, Providence & Fishkill Railroad Sinking Fund; be referred to the Committee on said road appointed on the 21st of Dec[r] last, to nominate two suitable persons to fill the vacancies created by the resignations aforesaid as soon as practicable

Robert Manchester is appointed Surveyor General of Lumber

The two Boards separate the Board of Aldermen retire to their

Appropriation

Resolved That the sum of Ten thousand Dollars be, and the same is hereby appropriated for filling land above the Cove.

Passed February 8. 1858

Approved W. M Rodman
Mayor

Low Water Detector

Resolved That the thanks of the City Council be and they are hereby tendered to Mr N. B Bartlett and to Messrs Gorham & Co for their satisfactory exhibition of Asheroft's Low Water Detector, January 1. 1858 - and it is hereby recommended to all persons employing Steam Power within the City limits, to place said Detector upon their boilers, as the best means, known to this Council, for ascertaining the condition of the water in Steam boilers

Passed February 8. 1858

Approved W. M Rodman
Mayor

Bridgham St School House

The Special Committee charged with the duty of causing a Grammar School Building to be erected on Bridgham St, in accordance with resolutions of the City Council passed December 10. 1855 & April 14. 1856

Respectfully Report

That they have discharged the duty assigned them and that the entire cost of the building and furniture, the outbuildings and the lot with the filling, grading and fencing the same is Thirty two thousand thirty nine dollars and sixty seven cents

For the Committee
Merrick Lyon Chairman

Providence Feby 8 1858

Read, Whereupon, it is ordered, that the same be received, and that the Committee be discharged

Passed February 8 1858

Approved W M Rodman
Mayor

City Hall plan

The Committee appointed by the City Council to recommend a plan for a City Hall, to be selected from the various plans presented under a resolution passed by the City Council on the 13th of July last, Report, recommending the plan submitted by Mr C. P. Hartshorn as being the best in its adaptation to the wants of the Corporation, an ornament to the City, and a credit to the taste, intelligence and enterprize of the second City of New England

Read Whereupon, it is Ordered, that the same be received, and that the same be printed in the newspaper employed to do the City printing

Passed February 8 1858

Approved W. M. Rodman Mayor

Wooden Building

The petition of John Grant requesting liberty to remove a One Story wooden building from Eddy Street to Allen Street, and the petition of Lackey Keegan requesting liberty to remove a Two Story Building from Clifford Street to Cranston R.I.

Read. Whereupon it is Resolved, That the prayers thereof be granted; provided, the petitioners give satisfactory bonds to the City Treasurer as required by the 3d Sec. of "An Ordinance in relation to the removal of Wooden Buildings"

Passed February 8. 1858

Approved W. M Rodman Mayor

City Hall Plan

Whereas the City Council of the City of Providence by Resolution passed on the Eleventh day of January A D 1858 appointed a Committee to select a plan for a City Hall from the various plans presented under a resolution passed July 13 th 1857

And Whereas, said Committee have made report recommending the plan submitted by Mr Charles P Hartshorn, therefore

Resolved That the City Treasurer of the City of Providence be and he is hereby directed to pay to said Hartshorn the sum of Five Hundred Dollars from any monies not otherwise appropriated.

Provided said Hartshorn shall release and convey to said City of Providence all his right, title & interest in said plans subject to any additions, substractions or alterations that may be made by said City

Passed Feby 8. 1858

Approved W. M Rodman
Mayor

Wooden Buildings

The petition of Wm Grosvenor requesting liberty to remove wooden building from Washington St to Eddy Street

Read Whereupon it is resolved, That the prayer thereof be granted, provided the Petitioner give a Satisfactory bond to the City Treasurer as required by the 3d Sect of "An ordinance in relation to the removal of Wooden Buildings

Passed February 15 1858

Approved W M Rodman
Mayor

Trustees to receive, hold mortgages of H.P. & F.R.R.Co

Resolved, That the resignations by Samuel Ames, Benjamin Hoppin and Alexander Duncan Esquires of the Offices and Estates held by them respectively as Trustees under certain Mortgages or other instruments executed by the Hartford, Providence and Fishkill Rail Road Company, to secure the bonds issued by said Company and now held by the City of Providence, be and the same are hereby accepted by the City Council of said City

And that, whereas in the aforesaid instruments it is provided, "Whenever any vacancy shall occur in said Board of Trustees by death, resignation or otherwise, that the City of Providence by vote of the City Council shall have the sole Power of appointing any person or persons to fill such vacancy" — the City of Providence by this the vote of the City Council does hereby appoint Shubael Hutchins, Augustus C Mauran and Stephen T Olney Esquires to fill the vacancies occasioned by the resignations of the said Samuel Ames, Benjamin Hoppin and Alexander Duncan.

And that the said City Council hereby requests the said Samuel Ames, Benjamin Hoppin and Alexander Duncan to make execute and deliver all such instruments, as in the opinion of the City Solicitor of the City of Providence shall be proper to convey and transfer their respective rights, titles and estates in the said trusts unto their successors so hereby appointed

Passed February 15 1858

Approved W. M Rodman
Mayor

City Charter

Whereas certain alterations and amendments of the City Charter of the City of Providence have been proposed and are still pending in the General Assembly now in Session, and whereas it is highly important and proper that the City Council should fully understand and know what alterations and amendments of said Charter, if any, are necessary and practicable to be recommended

Therefore Resolved That Messrs Bartlett, Taylor & Matteson with such as the Board of Aldermen may add be and they are hereby appointed a Committee to enquire into, examine and ascertain what, if any, changes, alterations or amendments of said City Charter, together with the acts of the General Assembly relating to the same, are necessary and expedient to be made and report thereon as soon as practicable

Resolved, That we respectfully request the General Assembly now in session to suspend all legislation in relation to the aforesaid matters till after said Report be made by the aforesaid Committee

(Alderman Waterman & Manchester added)

Approved W M Rodman Passed Feby 15 1858
Mayor

F J Sheldon

Resolved That the Collector of Taxes be requested to employ Francis J Sheldon City Auctioneer to sell at Auction all Property advertised to be sold for the non payment of Taxes

Passed February 15 1858

Approved W M Rodman Mayor

Mayor Com^n

A Communication from the Mayor is Read

Whereupon it is Ordered, That the same be printed in the Newspapers employed to do the City Printing

Passed February 15 1858

Approved W. M Rodman
Mayor

Cove Lands

Resolved, That the Standing Committee on Highways be and they are hereby authorized to procure sufficient quantities of earth and sand, for continuing the work of filling the lands above the Cove; if the same can be procured on such terms as the interest of the City may in their opinion require

Passed February 15 1858

W. M Rodman Mayor

Weybosset Bridge

Resolved, That the communication of the Mayor in relation to Weybosset Bridge be and it is hereby referred to his Honor the Mayor and the standing Committee on Highways to examine and report

Passed March 8. 1858

Approved
W. M Rodman
Mayor

Mayors Salary

Resolved, That the salary of the Mayor, for the year ensuing the first Monday in June next, shall be Fifteen Hundred Dollars, payable quarterly.

Passed March 8. 1858.

Approved
W. M Rodman
Mayor.

Appropriation Public Grounds Support of Poor.

Resolved That the following sums be and the same are hereby appropriated for the following purposes respectively, Viz:

For improvement of Public Grounds	$1,000
Support of the Poor	" 5,000

Passed March 8. 1858.

approved.
W. M. Rodman
Mayor.

Report of City Registrar.

Upon the Annual Report of the City Registrar.

Resolved, that the same be received, and that Seven hundred and fifty copies thereof, and of the communication accompanying the same, be printed in pamphlet form, for the use of the City Council.

Passed March 8. 1858.

Approved
W. M. Rodman,
Mayor.

City Expenses

Resolved. That the joint Standing Committees of this Council be directed to examine into the expenses of the different departments which they represent, and report at the next meeting, what reduction, if any, can be made therein for the next financial year.

Passed March 9. 1858.

Approved
W. M. Rodman,
Mayor.

City Expenses

Resolved. That Messrs Paine, Eddy & Binney with such as the Board of Aldermen may add, be and they are appointed a Committee to recommend such plan for the reduction of the expenses of the City as to them may seem advisable.

Passed March 9. 1858.

Approved. - In Board of Aldermen. Read & Concurred. - and Knight added.
W. M. Rodman.
Mayor.

F. J. Sheldon

Resolved. That the Resolution passed by the City Council on the fifteenth day of February last, requesting the Collector of Taxes to employ Francis J Sheldon City Auctioneer, to sell at Auction all property advertised to be sold for the non-payment of Taxes, be, and the same is hereby rescinded.

Passed March 9. 1858.

approved.
W. M. Rodman,
Mayor.

Rem. of Tax

Resolved. That the sum of Sixty five Dolls and eighty cents assessed against John H. Richmond for building and altering the side-walk in front of his Estate on India Street, be and the same is hereby remitted, provided the said Richmond shall give to the City Treasurer a receipt in full for all claims and demands he may have against the City for any damages to his said Estate.

Passed March 8. 1858.

Approved
W. M. Rodman,
Mayor

City Registrar's Report

The City Registrar presents his Third Annual Report upon the Births, marriages and deaths in the City of Providence

Whereupon it is ordered that the same be received, and that the same be printed in the Newspapers employed to do the City printing.

Passed March 8. 1858.

Approved,
W. M. Rodman,
Mayor

Report of City Treas. Issues & Payments

Abstract of Issues and Payments of City Debt from Dec. 14. 1857 to Mch 8. 1858.

When Issued	No. Note	To Whom Issued	p.c	Amount
1858				
January 12	295.	Peoples Savings Bank	6	20,000.
" 21	296.	Treas. Brown University	"	1.000.
February 2	297.	Robert H. Ives	"	2.000.
" 15.	298.	Bank of Commerce	"	30.000
				$53.000

Paid

none

To the Hon. City Council.

Gentlemen,

Please have the above abstract of Issues and Payments of the City Debt to date

Respectfully, Submitted.
Marcus W. Gardiner,
City Treas

City Treasurers Office
March 8. 1858

Whereupon it is voted that the same be received
Passed March 9. 1858.

Approved,
W. M. Rodman,
Mayor.

Butler Hospital

The Overseer of the Poor makes his Annual report of Persons sent to the Butler Hospital, at the expense of the City of Providence, together with the amount expended for that purpose

Total amount	$7744.46.
Of this sum the State pay	4378.36.
Leaving the Expense to the City	$3366.10

Read. Whereupon it is ordered that the same be received.

Passed March 9. 1858.

Approved.
W.M. Rodman,
Mayor.

Repot of Com^ee Boundary Line

The Committee appointed by the City Council of the City of Providence to confer with a similar Committee appointed by the Town Council of the Town of North Providence, relative to the boundary line between said Towns on the Woonasquetucket River, with Power to make application to the General Assembly for the appointment of Commissioners to settle the same beg Leave to

Report. That they have attended to the duties required of them and deeming it advisable to apply to the General Assembly for the appointment of Commissioners as aforesaid, did so, and the General Assembly have appointed as said Commissioners

Messrs Stephen Randall,
Wm H Cook Jr.
S.B. Cushing.

Respectfully Submitted
for the Committee,
John Eddy, Chairman.

Read. Whereupon it is ordered that the same be received.

Passed March 9. 1858.

Approved,
W.M. Rodman,
Mayor.

Report of Surveyor of Highways

The Surveyor of Highways makes his Monthly Report of work done from February 1st 1858 to March 1st 1858. Amount $879.76

Read. Whereupon it is ordered that the same be received

Passed March 9. 1858.

Approved,
W.M. Rodman,
Mayor.

Fire Depart.

The Chief Engineer makes his monthly Report of the Expenditures of the Fire Department

Amount $901.33. $850.06 of which is for 3 mos pay of the Firemen.

Read. Whereupon ordered that the same be received

Passed March 8. 1858.

approved
W.M. Rodman,
Mayor.

Wooden Building

The petition of S. Read to remove a certain Two Story wooden Building, measuring 30 by 20 feet on the ground, from its present location on Westminster Street and place the same back, forty feet, on the same lot.

Read, whereupon it is

Resolved, that the prayer thereof be granted, provided, the petitioner give a satisfactory bond to the City Treasurer as required by the 3d Sec of "An ordinance in relation to the removal of Wooden Buildings"

Passed March 9. 1858.

Approved,
W.M Rodman
Mayor.

Sam^l Marlor

Resolved That Samuel Marlor have leave to pay a tax on five hundred dollars personal property for the year 1857 at the same rate on each One hundred Dollars as that on the total valuation of Property in the City of Providence for said year, and the City Treasurer is hereby authorized to receive the amount of said tax for the use of said City

Passed March 8. 1858

Approved W. M. Rodman
Mayor

A B Dike

The Memorial of A B Dike in relation to the Sales of Real Estate by him for the payment of Taxes

Read. Whereupon, it is Ordered, that the same be received

Passed March 9. 1858

Approved W. M Rodman Mayor

A Richmond Tax Remitted

Resolved That the City Treasurer be and he is hereby directed to pay to Appollos Richmond the sum of One hundred and seventy dollars and twenty cents the said sum being in remission of a Tax improperly assessed against him in the year 1857 on Personal Property. provided it shall appear to the Treasurer upon the Certificate of the Collector of Taxes, that said sum has been paid into the City Treasury. If it shall appear to the City Treasurer that said sum has not been paid into the Treasury; then he shall credit the Collector of Taxes with the amount so unpaid and the Collector of Taxes shall deduct the amount hereby remitted from the Tax of said Appollos Richmond

Passed March 22d 1858

Approved W. M Rodman

Mayor

D Wightman

Upon the Report of the Standing Committee on Claims, upon the petition of Daniel Wightman this day made to the City Council

Ordered That the same be received; and that the same together with said petition be referred to Messrs Chapman, Hopkins and Francis and Alderman Rathbone to examine and report thereon

Passed March 22 1858

Approved W M Rodman Mayor

Tool House on Canal Street

Resolved That the City Treasurer be and he is hereby authorized to lease so much of the second Story of the building lately erected by the City on Canal Street, as is not needed for City Purposes, the same to be done under the advice of the Standing Committee on City Property

Passed March 22 1858

Approved W. M. Rodman Mayor

Report Comte on Claims

The Committee on Claims make a Report which is read whereupon it is

Ordered That the same be received

Passed March 22 1858

Approved W. M. Rodman Mayor

Committees to Report

Resolved that the several Committees to whom was referred the business of the last meeting of this Council under the Resolution then passed be and are hereby instructed to make written reports of the several matters them referred to them at the next regular meeting of this Council

Approved W M Rodman Passed March 24 1858

Mayor

In Convention March 22 1858

The Surveyor General of Lumber presents the following named pusons for Deputy Surveyors in

Robert Manchester Junr — Benjamin Bowman 1st
Jacob Silloway — Ezek A Jillson
Nathaniel C Bushee — William R Talbot
Joseph K Robinson
Charles C Lee for Mahogany and other ornamental Lumber
Robert Manchester for hard wood used in Ship building

Whereupon resolved that this Convention approve of said nominations

The two Boards separate, the Board of Aldermen retire to their Chamber.

Tool House Canal Street

Resolved That the City Treasurer be and he is hereby authorized to lease to Mr Moses B Salisbury the front part of the lower story of the new building lately built by the City of Providence, situate on Canal Street opposite the Hay Market, for the term of five years, at an annual rent of One hundred and twenty five dollars, payable quarterly, reserving the right of placing a door way and stairs to enter the second story from Canal Street

Passed March 22 1858

Approved W. M Rodman Mayor

The Surveyor of Highways makes his Monthly Report of Work done from March 1st 1858 to April 1st 1858

Amt $1182. 53

Read. Whereupon it is ordered that the same be received

Passed April 12th 1858

Approved W. M Rodman Mayor

So. of Dom Industry

Resolved. That his Honor the Mayor be requested to communicate to the Rhode Island Society for the Encouragement of Domestic Industry, the deep sympathy felt by the City Council in the great work in which said Society is engaged, and at the same time to tender to said Society the use of the land lately filled by the City at the head of the Cove for their industrial exhibition to be holden in September next

Passed April 12th 1858

Approved W M Rodman Mayor

N+S Court Sts

Resolved, That the City Council hereby accept the sum of Five hundred and fifty Dollars appropriated by the Legislature at its January Session A. D. 1858 for the purpose of constructing culverts under North and South Court Streets in this City according to the provisions of the resolution appropriating the same; and it is further

Resolved

That the Surveyor of Highways be and he is hereby directed to construct culverts under said North and South Court Streets and to grade and put said Streets in good order; the work to be done under the advice of the Committee on Highways

Passed April 12th 1858

Approved W M Rodman Mayor

Teste Estate

Resolved that Messrs Chapman, Spencer, & Hartshorn and Alderman Rathbone be appointed a Committee to confer with the Committee appointed by the General Assembly at the January Session 1858 in relation to the Teste Estate

Passed April 12 1858

Approved W. M Rodman Mayor

Jos. W Saunders
Nahum Willard

Ordered That the City Treasurer be, and he is hereby directed to pay to Joseph W Saunders and Nahum Willard City Watchmen, the sum of Sixty seven Dollars, being the amount of a Judgment rendered against them, at the last December Term of the Court of Common Pleas, in the County of Providence

Passed April 12th 1858

Approved W. M Rodman
Mayor

Mayors Portrait

To the Hon. City Council

The Committee appointed on the 29th of June last, to wait upon his Honor the Mayor and request him to sit for his Portrait for the use of the City

Report, that they have attended to the same

for the Committee
A. N. Beckwith

Read, Whereupon, it is ordered that the same be received

Passed April 12th 1858

Approved W. M Rodman
Mayor

Greene Street Extension

Resolved by the City Council of the City of Providence, That the Board of Aldermen be, and they are requested to order and decree, whenever the owners of all the land from Broadway to Fountain Street, at the termination of Greene Street, contained in lots numbered 108, 109, 110, 111 and 114, on Assessors plat number 25, shall at their own cost and expense, make, execute and deliver deed or deeds of said land, to said City, for the special purpose of being used and improved as a Public highway forever, and said deed or deeds shall have been duly acknowledged and recorded and said deed or deeds shall be satisfactory to said Board, that the same shall be received, and that said land be opened as a highway, and that the same shall thereafter be repaired as a highway at the Expense of said City

Passed April 12th 1858

Approved W M Rodman Mayor

Engineers Report

The Chief Engineer makes his Monthly Report of the Expenditures of the Fire Department, and $1110.74

Read Whereupon Ordered that the same be received

Passed April 12th 1858

Approved
W M Rodman Mayor

In Convention April 12th 1858

The following persons are chosen members of the School Committee for one year from the first Wednesday of April instant or until others are chosen in their place

Esek Aldrich	Clifton A Hall
Geo. I Chace	Joseph C Hartshorn
Josiah Chapin	George B Jastram
A Huntington Clapp	Merrick Lyon
Thos W. Clarke	James Y Smith
John Eddy	William C Snow
Alex Farnum	Edwin M Stone
Chas W Fabyan	Reuben A Guild
George B Peck	Samuel Wolcott
Saml S Greene	Samuel G Arnold

The two Boards separate, the Board of Aldermen retire to their Chamber

Tax Ordinance

An Ordinance providing for the raising, assessing and collecting of a Sum not less than 450.000 Dollars and not more than 455.000 Dollars by a Tax on Real and Personal Estate (see Ordinance Book No 2 page 110)

Passed April 13 1858

Approved W. M Rodman Mayor

Repors of Com^e on Education

The Report of the Committee on Education

Read, Whereupon, it is ordered, that the same be received

Passed April 13. 1858

Approved W. M. Rodman Mayor

Repors of Com^ee on Highways

The Report of the Committee on Highways

Read

Whereupon, it is ordered that the same be received

Passed April 13. 1858

Approved W. M. Rodman

Mayor

Repors of Com^ee on Fire Department

The Report of the Committee on Fire Department

Read, Whereupon it is ordered that the same be received

Passed April 13. 1858

Approved W. M Rodman

Mayor

Repors of Com^ee on Police

The Report of the Committee on Police

Read, Whereupon it is ordered that the same be received

Passed April 13. 1858

Approved W. M. Rodman Mayor

Reports to be printed

Ordered, That the several Reports made to the City Council by the Standing Committee on Highways, Education, the Fire Department and Police, in relation to a reduction of the Expenses of the City; be printed in the newspapers employed to do the City Printing

Passed April 13 1858

Approved W. M Rodman Mayor

Report of Com^ee to reduce the City Expenses

The committee appointed by the City Council March 8. 1858 to reccommend a plan for the reduction of the City Debt Report

Read, Whereupon it is ordered, that the same be received, and that the same be printed in the newspapers employed to do the City Printing

Passed April 13. 1858

Approved W M Rodman Mayor

Cove Wall

Resolved, That the Surveyor of Highways be and he is hereby directed to contract for the building of not more than 150 feet of Wall in continuation of the wall at the head of the Cove the same to be done under the advice of the Standing Committee on Highways

Approved W M Rodman Mayor

Passed April 13. 1858

Wooden Buildings

Henry T Grant requests liberty to remove a Wooden Building from High Street to Pond Street

William Dunn requests liberty to remove a wooden Building from rear of H. T. Grants High Street to the corner of Tefft & Spruce Street

C. B. Manchester requests liberty to remove two wooden buildings on Manchester Street about four hundred feet

Sam^l K Kelly requests liberty to remove a building from the corner of Stewart and Conduit Streets ten feet back

John N Francis requests liberty to remove two Wooden buildings from the corner Cranston & Codding Sts to Sycamore Streets

Read, whereupon it is Resolved, That the prayer thereof be granted, provided, the petitioners give a satisfactory bonds to the City Treasurer as required by the 3^d Sect of "An Ordinance in relation to the removal of Wooden Buildings."

Passed April 26 1858

Approved Jabez C Knight President pro tem of the Board of Aldermen

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Commissioners of N Burying Ground Report

The Commissioners of the North Burying Ground make their Fourth Annual Report

Read, Whereupon, it is resolved, that the same be received

Passed April 26 1858

Approved Jabez C Knight President pro tem of the Board of Aldermen

City Teams

Resolved That the Standing Committee on City Property be, and they are hereby directed to enquire into and report at the next meeting of the City Council the number of Oxen, Horses, Carts and Wagons, now owned by the City, the cost of the same when purchased, and also the estimated present worth of each

Passed April 26 1858

Approved J. B. Knight President pro tem of the Board of Aldermen

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In Convention April 26 1858

Josiah Chapin and Joseph C Hartshorn each decline the Offic of School Committee to which they have been elected

Voted That said declinations be accepted

Frederick N Seabury and George T Day be and they are each appointed a member of the School Committee

The two Boards separate, the Board of Aldermen retire to their Chamber

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Surveyor of Highways Report

The Surveyor of Highways makes his Monthly Report of Work done from April 1st to May 1st 1858 ams $2,093.28

Read, Whereupon it is Ordered that the same be received

Passed May 10 1858

Approved Wm M Rodman Mayor

N Providence Line

Resolved That Messrs Eddy, Angell & Matheweson and Ald^{n} Waterman be and they are hereby appointed a Committee to represent the City of Providence before a Committee of the General Assembly of this State in relation to defining and straightening the boundary line between the City of Providence and the Town of North Providence, on the Woonasquetucket River and in declaring the width of said River

Passed May 10 1858

Approved W M Rodman

Mayor

C Engineer Report

The Chief Engineer makes his Monthly Report of Expenditures of the Fire Department Amt $264.86

Read Whereupon Ordered that the same be received

Passed May 10 1858

Approved W M Rodman

Mayor

Appropriations

Resolved. That the following sums be and they are hereby appropriated for the following purposes respectively, viz

For Support of Poor	Three thousand Dollars	($3000)
" Police	One thousand Dollars	($1000.)
" Improvement Public Grounds	Five Hundred Dollars	($500.)

Passed May 10. 1858

Approved W M Rodman Mayor

City Teams

To the Hon. City Council

The Committee directed to enquire into and report the number of Oxen, Horses, Carts & Wagons belonging to the City and the value of the same; present the annexed Inventory and estimated value of the same

for the Committee

A. N. Beckwith

5 prs of Oxen at $200.–	per pair	$1000.–
12 Ox yokes	" 4.50 Dolls	each 54.–
9 Ox Carts	" 60	" " 540.–
1 four Wheel Stone Cart		" 80.–
1 " " Tool	"	" 75.–
2 " "	"	" 125.–
25 Ox Chains	at 4.25 Dolls	each 106.25
1 single tree & double whiffle tree		8.00
1 Ox Stone Roller		150.–
1 Hay Cutter & forks &c		35.00 $2173.25

Read, Whereupon it is Ordered that the same be received

Passed May 10 1858

Approved W M Rodman Mayor

Alarm Bell

To the Hon City Council

The Committee to whom was referred the suggestion of Geo. H Holbrook for the purchase of the Alarm Bell stationed at the Roger Williams Church. Do not recommend the purchasing of said bell, but think it will be better to continue hiring the same

for the Committee

A N Beckwith

Redd, Whereupon, it is ordered that the same be received

Passed May 10. 1858

Approved W M Rodman Mayor

Hospital Lot

Resolved. That the City Treasurer be and he is hereby directed to give notice to Messrs. Burrows & Burges and to Messrs Wardwell & Foster, that the City of Providence will terminate the lease of the lot of Land, (being part of the new Hospital Land, lying Westerly of Hospital Street, said Lot being leased to said parties, and belonging to the City,) on the first day of May 1859, and to notify said parties to remove their buildings, and deliver up said premises to the City on the said first day of May 1859

Passed May 10. 1858

Approved W M Rodman Mayor

Holley's Rotary Pump

The Standing Committee on the Fire Department, to whom was referred a communication from the Pow. S. B. & C. Co in relation to one of Holley's Rotary Pumps now at their Bleachery in Olneyville, reccommend that no appropriation be made

Read, whereupon it is Ordered that the same be received

Passed May 10. 1858

Approved W. M Rodman Mayor

Woden Building

The petition of P. M. Mathewson requesting liberty to remove a certain Woden building from the corner of Brown & Benevolent Streets and place the same on the corner of Angell & Hayes Streets

Read Whereupon it is Resolved, That the prayer thereof be granted, provided, the petitioner give a satisfactory bond to the City Treasurer as required by the 3d sec of "An Ordinance in relation to the removal of Woden Buildings"

Passed May 10. 1858

Approved W. M Rodman Mayor

In Convention May 10. 1858

Samuel G Arnold having been appointed a member of the School committee declines accepting said appointment. Declination accepted

William C Richards is elected a Member of the School Committee to fill said vacancy

Walter C Simmons and Daniel Bush are appointed weighers of Cotton

The two Boards separate the Board of Aldermen retire to their Chamber

Dexter St

Resolved, That the Surveyor of Highways be and he is hereby directed to bring Dexter Street (from Cranston St to Long Pond) to the grade recently established by the Street Commissioners and that said work be done in connection with the work now being done on Cranston Street

Passed May 11. 1858

Approved W M Rodman Mayor

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proceedings of Com. Council to be printed

Resolved, That the Clerk of the Common Council be, and he is hereby directed, to cause a suitable Index to be prepared to the Volume of the proceedings of the Common Council, for the present municipal year; and two hundred and fifty Copies of the volume to be bound, in the same manner as the Ordinances of the City; and distributed in the following manner: viz: One Copy to each member of the City Council for the present year; one Copy to be marked with the number of the desk of each member of the Common Council and of the Board of Aldermen, and to be retained as the property of that Desk; such number as the Mayor may require, to him for distribution to the several Cities and public libraries; the expense of the same to be paid out of the Appropriation for Contingencies

Passed May 21. 1858

Approved W. M. Rodman Mayor

In Convention June 7th 1858 at 3 o'clk pm

This being the day fixed by law, for the Annual Organization of the Municipal Government of the City of Providence, the following Gentlemen being the Mayor, Aldermen and Common Council men elect met in Convention at the Council Chamber for the purpose aforesaid

William M. Rodman Mayor

William H Waterman	Alderman of the	First Ward
William H Bowen	" "	Second "
Billings Brastow	" "	Third "
Walter Paine Jun	" "	Fourth "
Charles Anthony	" "	Fifth "
Joseph F Gilmore	" "	Sixth "
Zelotus W Holden	" "	Seventh "

Common Council

First Ward	Second Ward	Third Ward
John H Taylor	William Binney	Stephen S Salisbury
Daniel Angell	Ezekiel Owen	Henry S Bartlett
Alfred Potter	Henry Anthony	Zechariah R Tucker
Reuben A Guild	John J Stimson	James R Dorrance

Fourth Ward
Stephen Waterman
Albert C Sprague
Nathan F Mathewson
Jacob H Martin

Fifth Ward
William H Hopkins
Charles C Carpenter
Cornelius W. B. Bennett
William Spencer

Sixth Ward
John K Lester
John N Francis
Thomas Lincoln
James Tucker Jr

Seventh Ward
Joseph C Hartshorn
John Eddy
Almon S Baker
John P Merriam

The Certificate of the Election of His Honor the Mayor William M. Rodman, was read whereupon he was ~~then~~ Engaged by Frances E Hoppin Esq Judge of the Municipal Court

The Mayor then Engaged the aforenamed Aldermen and Common Council men Elect.

And then delivered his inaugural address to the City Council

The two Boards then seperated the Board of Aldermen retire to their Chamber.

Standing Rules

Resolved, That the same Standing Rules which were, on the first day of June A.D. 1857 adopted as the Standing Rules of the City Council for the Municipal year last past, be and the same are hereby, adopted as the Standing Rules of the City Council for the present Municipal year

Passed June 7. 1858

Approved W. M Rodman
Mayor

Mayors Address

Resolved, That Messrs Guild, Francis & Mathewson and Alderman Waterman be, and they are hereby appointed a Committee to wait upon the Mayor, and request him to furnish for publication, a Copy of the Address this day delivered by him to the City Council; and to cause the same to be published, in such manner as they may deem expedient

Passed June 7. 1858

Approved
William M Rodman
Mayor

City Printing

Resolved, That Messrs Guild, Francis & Mathewson and Alderm Paine be, and they are hereby appointed a Committee to contract for the City Printing for the present Municipal year

Passed June 7 1858

Approved W M Rodman Mayor

Police Court

Resolved, That from the Justices assigned to keep the Peace within this City Henry L Bowen and Samuel W Peckham be and they are hereby selected to compose the Police Court of this City, during the present Municipal year

Passed June 7. 1858

Approved Wm M Rodman Mayor

Standing Committees

Standing Committees
Of the City Council appointed June 7. 1858, on the part of the Common Council, for the present Municipal year

On Finance Messrs Francis, Taylor, J R Tucker and Stimson & Ald Waterman

On Highways Mess Anthony, Angell & Sprague & Ald Brastow

To Engross Ordinances Messrs Eddy, Bartlett & Bennett and Aldm Paine

On Education Messrs Binney, Hartshorn, Eddy & Guild & Ald Waterman

On Fire Department Messrs Carpenter, Mathewson and Owen & Alds Holden

On City Property Messrs Martin, Lester & Dorrance & Aldm Anthony

On Police, Messrs Salisbury, Merriam Hopkins & Potter ____ & Ald Bowen

On the North Burial Ground, Messrs Lincoln, Potter & Baker & Ald Gilmore

On Claims, Messrs Bartlett, J Tucker & Spencer & Ald Paine

In Common Council June 7th 1858 The aforenamed members of this Board, having been this day appointed as members of this Board of the Standing Committees of the City Council, for the present Municipal year; It is Resolved that the aforegoing list be communicated to the Board of Aldermen; in order that an Alderman be added to each of said Committees

Read and passed A G Greene Clerk

In Board of Aldermen same day, the communication of the Common Council Read whereupon it is

Resolved That Alderman Waterman be added to the Finance Committee
" Brastow " " " " Com^e on Highways
" Paine " " " " to Engross Ordinances
" Waterman " " " " on Education
" Holden " " " " Fire Department
" Anthony " " " " City Property
" Bowen " " " " Police
" Gilmore " " " " N Burying Ground
" Paine " " " " Claims

Read and passed

Albert Tabrdi Clerk

Approved
W M Rodman Mayor

City Debt

Whereas, Messrs Francis, Taylor & Stimson have been this day, appointed by the Common Council, as the Committee, on their part, for the reduction of the City Debt, for the present Municipal year, pursuant to the requisition contained in the first Section of the Ordinance entitled "An Ordinance in relation to the City Debt"; It is resolved, that the names of said Committee be communicated to the Board of Aldermen; in order that said Board may add an Alderman to said Committee, Pursuant to the requisition contained in said Section

In Common Council Read & passed
June 7. 1858 A G Greene Clerk

In Board of Aldermen same day
Read and Alderman Waterman added
Albert Tabrdi Clerk

Approved W. M. Rodman Mayor

City Treas Bond

Resolved, That Messrs Francis, Taylor & Z R Tucker and Alderman Waterman, be and they are hereby appointed a Committee to take a Bond of the City Treasurer, for the faithful discharge of the duties of his Office, for the present Municipal year; said bond to be in the sum of Thirty Thousand Dollars

Passed June 7. 1858

Approved W. M. Rodman
Mayor

Chief Engineer Fire Department

The Chief Engineer of the Fire Department makes his Monthly Report of the Expenditures of said Department Amt $ 8593.46

Read, Whereupon Ordered that the same be received

Approved W M Rodman
Mayor

Passed June 7. 1858

Gauger Generals Report

The Gauger General makes his Annual Report which is Read, Whereupon, it is Ordered That the same be received

Passed June 7. 1858

Approved W. M. Rodman Mayor

Overseer of Poor Report

The Overseer of the Poor makes his Semi Annual Report Read. Whereupon it is ordered, that the same be received

Passed June 7. 1858

Approved W. M Rodman Mayor

Sup^t of North Burying Ground Report

The Superintendent of the North Burying Ground makes his Annual Report

Read Whereupon, it is Ordered that the same be received

Passed June 7 1858

Approved W M Rodman Mayor

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4 July

Resolved that Messrs Carpenter, Martin & Spencer and Ald^n Anthony, be a Committee to Procure the firing Salutes and the ringing of the bells on the Anniversary of our National Independence to be celebrated on the fifth Proximo.

and that they be hereby authorized to draw from the Treasury from any monies not otherwise appropriated such sums as may be necessary to carry this resolution into effect

Passed June 7. 1858

Organization to be printed

Resolved That the joint Committee to whom was referred the subject of printing the Mayors Address to the City Council, be, and they are hereby authorized and directed to cause a List of the Standing Committees, and such portions of the organization of the City Government, as they may deem expedient, to be printed in pamphlet form, for the use of the City Council

Passed June 7. 1858

Approved Wm M Rodman Mayor

Ordinance Fire Department

An Ordinance in amendment of an Ordinance, entitled 'An Ordinance establishing a Fire Department
(See Ordinance Book No 2 page)

Passed June 7. 1858

Approved W. M. Rodman
Mayor

Salary Ordinance

An Ordinance in Amendment of the several Ordinances fixing the Salaries of certain Offices. see Ordinance Book

Passed June 7. 1858

Approved Wm M Rodman Mayor

School Comtee Reports

The School Committee make their Annual Report.

Read. Whereupon it is Ordered that the same be received

Ordered. That the Standing Committee on Education cause five hundred copies thereof to be printed in pamplet form for the use of the City Council

Passed June 7. 1858

Approved Wm M. Rodman Mayor

Keeper of Public Grounds

An Ordinance in Amendment of an Ordinance entitled an ordinance in amendment of an Ordinance entitled an Ordinance fixing the Salaries of certain Offices

(See Ordinance book repealing Salary of Keeper of Public Grounds)

Passed June 7. 1858

Approved W. M. Rodman Mayor

Annual Report Fire Department

The Chief Engineer presents the Annual Report of the Fire Department

Read Whereupon, it is Ordered, that the same be received; and that Seven hundred & fifty copies thereof, with the usual accompanying papers, be printed in pamphlet form, for the use of the City Council and fire department

Passed June 7. 1858

Approved Wm M Rodman Mayor

Issues & Payments

The City Treasurer makes his Quarterly Report of Issues & Payments from March 8. 1858 to June 7. 1858

Issued

1858					
March 8	No 299	To Roger Williams Bank	6 p/c		$15.000.—
23	" 300	" Robert H Ives	"		2.000.—
April 19	" 301	" Peoples Savings Bank	"		10.000.—
27	" 302	" Same	"		13.000.—
May 11	" 303	" Robert H Ives	5 p/c		2.000.—
"	" 304	" Same	"		2.000

Paid None

Read Whereupon Ordered that the same be received

Passed June 7 1858

Approved W. M Rodman Mayor

Wooden Buildings

Silas A Sweet Petitions for liberty to remove a one & half Story wooden building & a smale one Story building from Potter Street and place one across the Street and the other on Page Street

H L Aldrich petitions for liberty to remove a two Story wooden building from the corner of Prospect & Meeting Streets and place the same on Cushing east of Prospect Street

Michael Killin asks for liberty to remove a One & half Story Wooden building from Angell Street and place the same on Howell Street

Read Whereupon it is Resolved, That the prayer thereof be granted, provided the Petitioners give a Satisfactory bond to the City Treasurer as required by the 3d Sect of "An ordinance in relation to the removal of Wooden Buildings"

Passed June 7. 1858

Approved Wm M Rodman Mayor

Salary Municipal Court Clerks

An Ordinance in Amendment of an Ordinance entitled an Ordinance fixing the Salaries of certain Officers and the several ordinances in amendment thereof - (fixing the Salary of the Clerk of the Municipal Court see Ordinance Book No 2 page 114)

Passed June 7. 1858

Approved Wm M Rodman Mayor

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*In Convention June 7. 1858.

The two Boards have met in Convention for the purpose of Electing City Officers

The Mayor read communications from Wm S Patten and William Batcheller, each declining a re-election

Judge of the Municipal Court		Francis E Hoppin.
Clerk " "	same	Levi Salisbury
City Auditor		John J Paine
Surveyor of Highways		Samuel B Dunfee (18 votes)

Street Commissioners, Josiah Simmons, Nehemiah T Draper, Edward Field

City Constables

William H Hudson, James Sheldon, John H Gould, Daniel P Potter, Thomas W Haywood, James J Arnington, John B Barton, Ethan Sweetser, Christian M Johnson, Benjamin F Snow, Daniel G Briggs, Arthur Benner, William J Booth, Riley Johnson, Nathan Smalley, William H Pullen, George A Billings, George W Wightman, Samuel Clough, James O Swan, Dwight Palmer, William P Dean, C. W. Prince, Silas Hemenway, Daniel Wightman

Voted, that no more Constables be added.

Clerk of the Market — Passed

City Sergeant — James C Sheridan
City Messenger — same

Residents of Prisewards - William Tallman, Nathaniel F Potter, Earl Carpenter.

Chief Engineer of the Fire Department ——— Joseph W Taylor

Assistant Engineers. David A Cleaveland, Abner H Angell, Samuel C Blodget, William H Fenner.

After the election of 2 Assistant Engineers it was motioned to postpone further elections which was not carried.

Sealer of Weights and Measures — Passed

Viewers of Hoops - George S Harwood, Peleg S Sherman, Samuel C Earthfourth.

Undertakers. Judson Blake, John G Hopkins, Gardner A Swarts, William C Millard, Mric Nichols, Hollis Chaffin, Wm O Briggs, William Vero, Horace B Knowles, Patrick Barron, Nathan Smalley, Christian F Johnson, George W Hopkins, William Wallace.

Inspector of Pot & Pearl ashes. Amasa Manton, Alexander Addie

Packers and Inspectors of Fish. Peleg S Sherman, George S Harwood, Geneo W Wheeler.

Inspector of Saleratus & Bicarbonate of Soda ——— Joseph Martin

Inspector of Beef and Pork ——— Rufus W Kimball

Sealer of Leather ——— George Rice

Surveyors Corders of Wood. Thomas J Wardwell, George B Holmes, Benjamin S Olney, Samuel B Bullock, Nelson Chace, Joseph Robinson, William H Thurber, George T Bowen, Clarke Steere, William W Arnold, Eagles Brown, Benjamin J Brown, Darius C Olney, Benjamin S Aneyss, Rowland Evans, Daniel Linscott, Darwin R Mowry, Ephraim L Hall, Thomas C White, Robert Manchester

Surveyors & Measurers of Stone } Leonard Blodget, Cyrus Fisher, William Andrews, Clifton A Hall

Inspectors and Measurers of Carpenters, Mason's and Painters Work — Leonard Blodget, Robert Manchester, Robert Manchester Jr, James Lewis, Russell Greene, Weston A Fisher, Cyrus Fisher, Jonathan Sangell, Horace Gray, Stephen C Arnold, Clifton A Hall, Thomas J Griffin, John A Townsend, Isaac N Gallett.

Trustees of the Prov Reform School ——— Edwin M Snow, William A Grinnell, Henry A Howland, Samuel G Arnold, Thomas J Stead, William J King.

Commissioners of the North Burial Ground ——— Edward D Knowles, Zachariah Allen, Henry L Bowen.

Superintendent of the North Burial Ground ——— Nathan Smalley

Auctioneer ——— Francis J Sheldon.

Fence Viewer ——— Samuel B Dexter.

Pound Keepers. Hollis Chaffin, Nathan Smalley, Defee A Healey.

Keeper of the Public Grounds — postponed

Measurers of Grain, Salt and Sea Coal — Ellery Wilson, Shubael B Crowell, John S Eddy.

Measurer of Bran ——— Shubael B Crowell

Weighers of Cotton. Nathaniel B Chace, John A Foster, James Burrough, George H Hoppin, William Russell, Wm H Reynolds, Walter C Simmons, Daniel C Bush.

Weighers of Anthracite Coal. Stephen Burr, John B Metcalf, George B Peck, Stephen S Salisbury, Seth L Norton, Christopher B Price, Ephraim Brown, James H Mumford, Thomas Whitford, George H Hill, Christ A Pearce, George H Newhall, Joseph Hodges, Robert A Potter, Isaac C Wilcox, Daniel Martin, Chas Remington, Benjamin Cupp, Richmond P Everett, Thos N Pearce, Arnold A Wilkinson, Edward W Baker, Daniel C Williams, Samuel B Swan, Henry S Harris, Henry C Clarke, Alvin C Greene, George L Tucker, Scott Smith, Charles Arnold, Graham P. Conroy, John H Hopkins, Jacob Manchester, William H Hopkins, Isaac N Beach, Ebben Simmons, George A Turner, Silas W Pumpton, James W Sopp, Nathan A Pearce, Edward E Manning, John A Jastram, Ebenezer Peck, Gilbert Richmond, Ariel B Pope, George A Winchester, Stillman Perkins, George T Barton, Ezra Colvin, Henry F Davis, Neil A Carpenter, Alva R Abbott, Benjamin L Conroy, Henry A Webb, Wm D Pearce

Weigher of Hay ——— Edward Hawkins

Overseer of the Hospital ——— Mayor and Aldermen.

Overseer of Bridges — Richard O Moulton.

Overseer of the City Pumps — Joseph W Tayer

Overseer of the Town House Lot and Buildings — Passed

Advising Committee on Bridges — Mayor, Aldermen.

Committee to superintend the building of Chimneys & placing Stoves and Pipes — Cyrus Fisher, Moses Richardson, Samuel Lewis.

Guager General — Edward G Parmer.

Port Wardens. — Shubael O'Cady, Christopher B Pearce, Lloyd Bowers.

The two Boards separate, the Board of Aldermen retire to their Chamber.

Std yrs city property

Resolved, That the Standing Committee on City property be and they are hereby directed to obtain an Inventory of all the property belonging to the City now in the possession of the Surveyor of Highways, and report thereon as early as convenient.

Passed June 12. 1858.

Approved,
Wm M Rodman
Mayor.

Rd wrges &c

Resolved, That the Standing Committee on City property be and they are hereby directed to obtain from the late Overseer of Public Bridges an Inventory of all the property in his hands, belonging to the City, including tools and fixtures, and to report thereon at the next meeting of the City Council.

Passed June 12. 1858.

Approved
Wm M Rodman,
Mayor.

Fire Dept

Resolved, That the Standing Committee on the Fire Department be, and they are hereby instructed to ascertain if the provisions of Fire wards, this day elected, take due Commissions, and to report thereon to the City Council.

Passed June 12. 1858

Approved
Wm M Rodman,
Mayor.

Highways.

The Surveyor of Highways makes his Monthly report of work done from May 1st. to June 1st. 1858.

Amounting to $3748.85.

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

Passed June 14. 1858.

Approved,
Wm M Rodman
Mayor.

Standing Com report Bridges

The Standing Committee on City property in accordance with a resolution passed by the Council June 7th. directing them to ascertain the amount of property belonging to the City, in the hands of the late Overseer of Bridges have attended to the duty, and herewith present a Schedule of the property which has been transferred to his Successor

Amount of Schedule — $127.57.

Read,

whereupon it is ordered that the same be received.

Passed June 14. 1858.

Approved,
Wm M Rodman,
Mayor.

City printing

To the Hon City Council

The Committee appointed on the 7th inst to contract for the City printing for the present Municipal year, respectfully

Report. That they have contracted with Messrs Knowles, Anthony & Co to do the books & job printing, upon the same terms as last year.

With Messrs Knowles and Anthony to advertise in the Daily, Semi-Weekly and Weekly Journal, for the sum of Three hundred Dollars.

With Messrs Bradford, Miller & Simons to advertise in the Daily & Weekly Post, for the sum of Two hundred and one & ninety five Dollars, and with Messrs J Flagg Carr & Co to advertise in the Daily and Weekly Tribune for the sum of Two hundred Dollars.

As per Contracts herewith submitted

For the Committee, Reuben A Guiteau
Chairman

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

Passed June 14. 1858.

Approved,
Wm M Rodman,
Mayor

Fourth July

Resolved. That the Committee appointed in the 7th Inst., consisting of Messrs Carpenter, Martin, Spencer and Alderman Anthony, to procure the ringing of the bells & the firing of salutes on the Anniversary of our National Independance be and they hereby are authorized to contract with the American Brass Band for their services during the day and evening on said anniversary, said Band to be employed subject to the direction and control of said Committee; and that the Committee be authorized to draw from the Treasury — any monies not otherwise appropriated, such sums as may be necessary to carry this Resolution into effect.

Passed June 14. 1858.

Approved,
Wm. M Rodman,
Mayor.

Highways & Police.

Resolved. That the following sums be and the same are hereby appropriated for the following purposes, respectively, viz:

For Highways — $5000
For Police — " 2000

Passed June 14. 1858.

Approved,
Wm. M. Rodman,
Mayor.

Highways Stan. Com.

Resolved. That the standing Committee on Highways be and they are requested to report to the City Council at their next meeting, an account of work on the Highways ordered and not completed, with an estimate of the expense of the same, and also a statement of all sums due by the City for work already executed.

Passed June 14. 1858.

Approved
Wm. M Rodman
Mayor.

City Bonds

Resolved. That the City Treasurer be, and he is hereby directed to pay, under the direction of the Standing Committee on Finance, the interest upon the Bonds of the City of Providence, payable to the Hartford, Providence & Fishkill Railroad Company or its assigns, at the end of Twenty five years, from and after the first day of January 1851; which said interest becomes due and payable on the first day of July 1858; upon receiving the interest Warrant annexed to each of said Bonds for the payment of such interest on said first day of July A.D. 1858.

Passed June 14. 1858.

Approved,
Wm. M. Rodman,
Mayor.

Assessors Taxes

An Ordinance relating to the Board of Assessors of the City of Providence See Ordinance Book No. 2 page 115.

Passed June 14. 1858.

Approved.
Wm. M Rodman,
Mayor

S A Phillips

Stephen A. Phillips Overseer of the Poor makes communication to the Council to his Salary &c.

Read, Whereupon it is Ordered that the same be received

Passed June 14 1858

Approved W M Rodman Mayr

In Convention June 14 1858

The resignation of James D Stone member of the School Committee is read and accepted

Marinus W Gardiner is elected a member of the School Committee to fill the vacancy aforesaid

Cyrus Fisher declines serving under the following appointments made the 7th instant

Measurer of Stone, Inspector & Measurer of Masons, Carpenters, and Masons Work, And Committee to superintend the building of Chimneys & placing Stoves & Stove Pipes

Richard Palmer Measurer & Surveyor of Stone
Inspector & Measurer of Masons, Carpenters & Masons Work & Committee to superintend the building of Chimneys & placing Stoves and Stoves Pipes

The Gauger General presents the Names of the following Persons as Deputy Gaugers for confirmation

James Burrough, William Burrough
George Greene, James Shaw Whereupon
Voted That this Council approve and confirm said appointments

Bernard O Neil & Seth Scott are appointed Weighers of Anthracite Coal

Wm C Backer & Oliver Wickes are nominated for City Constables whereupon it is Voted That no more be added

Joseph Wesley is appointed Measurer of Grain, Salt, Sea Coal and Bran

The declination of Abner W Angell and David A Cleaveland to serve as Assistant Enginers are read and said declinations are accepted

*The declination of Francis C Hoppin Esq to serve as Judge of the Municipal Court, is read and accepted

*The following persons are nominated to fill the Office of Judge of the Municipal Court. Wingate Hayes, Wm R Staples, James Tillinghast, Albert G Greene & Henry L Bowen

*Albert G Greene receives 19 Votes and is Elected Judge of of the Municipal Court

The two Boards separate the Board of Aldermen retire to their Chamber.

An Ordinance relating to the Board of Assessors of the City of Providence (See Ordinance Book No 2 p 115)

Passed June 14 1858

Approved W M. Rodman Mayor

Report of Com^{te} on Highways

The Committee on Highways in accordance with a Resolution of the City Council, requesting them to report at the next meeting of the Council; an account of Work on the Highways, ordered and not completed; with an Estimate of the Expense of same, and also a Statement of all Sums due by the City for work already executed

Report Read Whereupon it is Ordered that the same be received; and that the same be printed in the newspapers employed to do the City Printing

Passed June 16. 1858

Approved W. M Rodman Mayor

Dexter Donation Town Meeting

A Communication from the Mayor in relation to the Annual Town Meeting in relation to the Dexter Donation

Read, Whereupon it is ordered that the same be referred to the Standing Committee to engross Ordinances, to examine the same and to report thereon by bill this day

Passed June 18 1858

Approved W. M. Rodman Mayor

Ordinance Dexter Donation Town Meetings

An Ordinance in amendment of an ordinance entitled "An Ordinance appointing Town Meetings in relation to the Dexter Donation" (See Ordinance Book No 2 page 115)

Passed June 18 1858

Approved W. M. Rodman Mayor

Collection of Taxes

An Ordinace in relation to the Collection of Taxes (See Ordinance Book No 2 page 115)

Passed June 18 1858

Approved W M Rodman Mayor

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wood in Building

Stephen Chace petitions for liberty to remove a One Story Building from Southerly corner of Atwells Avenue and Dean Street - and place the same on the Northerly corner of same Street

Read Whereupon it is Resolved That the prayer thereof be granted, provided the Petitioner give a Satisfactory bond to the City Treasurer as required by the 3^{d} Sect of "An ordinance in relation to the removal of Wooden Buildings

Passed June 18 1858

Approved Wm M Rodman Mayor

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4 July

The Committee appointed to carry into effect the Resolutions having reference to the Celebration of American Independence report

Amt Expended $628.95

Read. Whereupon it is ordered that the same be received

Passed July 12 1858

Approved

Wm M Rodman Mayor

Salaries

An Ordinance in amendment of an Ordinance entitled "An Ordinance in amendment of the several Ordinances fixing the Salaries of certain Officers"

(See Ordinance Book No 2 page 116)

Passed July 12th 1858

Approved

William M Rodman

Mayor

Geo. Dunfee Tax Remitted

Resolved That the City Treasurer be and he is hereby directed to pay to George Dunfee, the sum of Six Dollars and Sixty six cents, the said sum being in remission of tax improperly assessed against him in the year 1857; Provided it shall appear to the Treasurer, upon the Certificate of the Collector of Taxes, that his tax bill has been paid into the City Treasury. If it shall appear to the City Treasurer that his Tax Bill has not been paid into the Treasury; then he shall credit the Collector of Taxes with the sum of Six Dollars & Sixty six cents; and the Collector of Taxes shall deduct the amount hereby remitted, from the tax of said George Dunfee

Passed July 12 1858

Approved Wm M Rodman
Mayor

Appropriation

Resolved. That the following sums be, and they are hereby appropriated for the following purposes respectively viz

For Highways five thousand Dollars	$ 5000.—
" Lighting Streets	1000—
" Bridges	100.—
" Improvement of Public Grounds	300.00

Passed July 12 1858

Approved Wm M Rodman
Mayor

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4 July

Resolved That the sum of Fifty Dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated for the Celebration of the 82d Anniversary of American Independence, in addition to the sum already appropriated; to be applied to the Band Employed by the Continentals

Passed July 12 1858

Approved Wm M Rodman Mayor

Highway work

The Standing Committee on Highways
Report
In relation to the Work done and to be done on the Highways

Read Whereupon Ordered that the same be received and printed in the Papers employed to do the City Printing

Passed July 12 1858

Approved Wm M Rodman
Mayor

Washington Street

The Commissioners upon Washington Street, represent that they have completed their Estimate & Assessment and filed a Copy of their Report in the City Clerks Office, the communication of Commissioners

Read Whereupon Ordered that the same be received

Passed July 12 1858

Approved Wm M Rodman Mayor

Providence July 12th 1858

Highway property

The Committee on City Property in accordance with a resolution passed by the Council June 7. directing them to ascertain the kind and value of the property then in the hands of the late Surveyor of Highways, respectfully report, that the whole amount according to the inventory herewith annexed, specifying the different kinds tools and materials for highway purposes is Seven thousand and one hundred & ninety five 63/100 Dollars

I H Martin for Committee

Read. Whereupon it is Ordered that the same be received and the Schedule is ordered to be printed in the Papers employed to do the City Printing

Approved
Wm M Rodman Mayor

Passed July 12 1858

Fire Engine No 12

Resolved. That the Chief Engineer of the Fire Department be, and he is hereby authorized and directed, to exchange with Messrs Button & Blake of Waterford N.Y. or some other person or persons, Engine No 12. for an Engine of the class of Engine 1 and 3. provided the cost of said Exchange shall not exceed Two hundred & fifty Dollars

Passed July 12 1858

Approved
Wm M Rodman Mayor

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e Engineer Report

The Monthly Report of the Chief Engineer of Expenditures of the Fire Department

Read Whereupon Ordered that the same be received & referred to the Standing Committee on the Fire Department

Passed July 12 1858

Approved
Wm M Rodman Mayor

S of Highways Report

The late Surveyor of Highways makes report of Work done from June 1st to June 9. 1858 Amt $1053.45

Read, whereupon it is Ordered that the same be received and referred to the Standing Committee on Highways

Passed July 12 1858

Approved W M Rodman Mayor

Same as above

The present Surveyor of Highways makes report of work done from June 8 to July 1. 1858 Amt $2026.61

Read, Whereupon it is Ordered, that the same be received and referred to the Standing Committee on Highways

Passed July 12th 1858

Approved
W. M. Rodman Mayor

In Convention July 12th 1858

The Council met in Convention for the purpose of choosing a Registrar of Transfers

Joseph Martin and Sewell T. Capron are nominated

Joseph Martin received 18 Votes and is Elected Registrar of Transfers

Matthew T Ingraham is nominated for Assistant Engineer Whereupon it is

Voted That said Election be postponed

The two Boards separate the Board of Aldermen retire to their Chamber

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An Ordinance in relation to the Assessors of Taxes

(See Ordinance Book No 2 page 117)

Passed July 12 1858

Approved Wm M Rodman Mayor

Teste Estate

A Communication from the Mayor, Enclosing one from the General Treasurer in relation to the Elepis Teste Estate, Read whereupon it is

Ordered, That the same, with the communication from the General Treasurer accompanying the same, be referred to the Standing Committee on City Property, to examine and report thereon

Passed August 11. 1858

Approved W M Rodman
Mayor

C Engineer Report

The Monthly Report of the Chief Engineer of Expenditure of the Fire Department

Read, Whereupon ordered, that the same be received

Passed August 11. 1858

Approved
Wm M Rodman Mayor

Surveyor of Highways Report

The Surveyor of Highways makes his Monthly Report of Work done from July 1 to August 1. 1858 amt $2841.50

Read, Whereupon, it is Ordered that the same be received

Passed August 11. 1858

Approved
William M Rodman Mayor

Wooden Building

The Petition of Harvey Parks requesting liberty to remove a two story Wooden building from Fountain St above Dean and place the same on the said Fountain near Fayette Street and the Petition of Joshua Bacon requesting liberty to remove a two story building from Kane St & a one story building from Back Street and place them both on Manton Street

Read Whereupon it is Resolved, That the Prayer thereof be granted, Provided the Petitioners give a Satisfactory Bond to the City Treasurer as required by the 3d Section of "An Ordinance in relation to the removal of Wooden buildings

Passed August 11. 1858

Approved Wm M Rodman
Mayor

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Passed July 12 1858

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Ordered, That the same, with the communication from the General Treasurer accompanying the same, be referred to the Standing Committee on City Property, to examine and report thereon

Passed August 11. 1858

Approved W M Rodman
Mayor

C Engineer Report

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Read, Whereupon ordered, that the same be received

Passed August 11. 1858

Approved
Wm M Rodman Mayor

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Passed August 11. 1858

Approved Wm M Rodman
Mayor

Ann Donahoe Tax Remitted

Resolved that the Collector of Taxes be and he is hereby authorized and directed to deduct Twenty two Dollars from the bill of Curbing which is included and added into the Tax bill for 1857, on the Estate of Ann Donahue. There being a mistake made by the Street Commissioners, in rendering the Bill twenty Dollars too much, which with the ten per et added will make the sum Twenty two Dollars

Passed August 11. 1858

Approved Wm M Rodman
Mayor

Isaac H Holden Tax Remitted

Resolved, That the City Treasurer be and he is hereby directed to pay Isaac H Holden, the sum of Ninety two Dollars & fifty cents the said Sum being in remission of a personal property tax improperly assessed against him in the year 1857: provided it shall appear to the Treasurer, upon the Certificate of the Collector of Taxes, that said sum has been paid into the City Treasury by said Holden. If it shall appear to the City Treasurer that saide sum has not been paid into the Treasury by said Holden; then he shall credit the Collector of Taxes with the amount so unpaid; and the Collector of Taxes shall deduct the amount hereby remitted, from the tax of said Isaac H. Holden

Passed August 11. 1858

Approved Wm M Rodman
Mayor

Taxes Remitted

Resolved, That the taxes specified in the annexed list amounting to nine hundred and forty five dollars and eighteen Cents reported by the Board of Assessors of Taxes for the year Eighteen hundred and fifty seven, to have been improperly assessed in said year, for the reasons specified in each case, be and the same are hereby annulled; and that the City Treasurer, be and he is hereby directed to credit the Collector of Taxes with said Sum of Nine hundred and forty five dollars and eighteen cents, together with the interest on said several taxes

Passed August 11. 1858.

Approved
William M Rodman
Mayor.

Washington St Comtee to examine Land

Resolved That Messrs Carpenter, Lester, Stimson and Meriam and Alderman Holden be and they are hereby appointed a Committee to report to the City Council, whether the land situated between Knight and Dean Streets is liable to overflow, by reason of any action of the City Government; and the best measures for relieving that land from such overflow, if any has been so caused

Passed August 11. 1858

Approved Wm M Rodman Mayor

Wickenden St Watering place

Resolved, That the Surveyor of Highways be, and he is hereby directed to cause a Pipe to be laid, to conduct a sufficient supply of water from the Public Well or reservoir in Wickenden Street, East of Brook Street, to the Watering Place in Wickenden Street on the West side of Brook Street; and also, to locate at said Watering Place, the Stone trough already provided for that purpose

Passed August 11. 1858

Approved Wm M Rodman Mayor

Salary ordinance Clk of Common Council

An Ordinance in amendment of an Ordinance, entitled "An Ordinance fixing the Salaries of certain Officers and the several Ordinances in amendment thereof"

(See Ordinance Book No 2 page 119)

Passed August 11 1858

Approved Wm M Rodman Mayor

Weights & Measures

Resolved, that the Standing Committee on City Property be and they are hereby authorized to cause the weights and measures belonging to the City, in the hands of the Sealer of Weights and Measures, to be put in good and complete order, and to draw on the Treasurer for the cost, provided it shall not exceed fifty dollars; the Sum to be charged to the appropriation for Contingencies

Passed August 11. 1858

Approved Wm M Rodman Mayor

The Standing Committee on Highways, make a report in relation to Highway work

Read whereupon it is Ordered that the same be received

Passed Aug 11. 1858

Approved Wm M Rodman Mayor

Aldermen and Common Council men

An Ordinance in amendment of an ordinance fixing the Salaries of certain Offices (Aldermen & Common Councilmen) 118.

(See Ordinance Book No 2 page)

Passed Aug 11. 1858

Approved Wm M Rodman Mayor

Harbor Master

Resolved That Messrs Francis, Eddy & Spencer and Alderman Waterman, be and they are hereby appointed a Special Committee with full power to settle all matters of difference between the City and the late Harbor Master Nathaniel Church Esq, in such manner as they think the equity of the case, or the best interests of the City demand, with full power to commence an action at law to recover any money supposed to be remaining in his hands, said Committee to confer with and act under the advice of the City Solicitor

Passed August 11. 1858

Approved Wm M Rodman Mayor

Rosemen

Resolved, That the Standing Committee to Engross Ordinances are hereby directed to report at the next Meeting of the City Council an Ordinance establishing the Rosemen of each Fire Company (not exceeding six) as a separate grade; and allowing to each of said rosemen an Annual Salary of Seventy five Dollars

Passed August 9. 1858

Approved Wm M Rodman

Mayor

Harbor

An Ordinance in Amendment of an Ordinance entitled "An Ordinance in relation to the Harbor of the City of Providence, and the Powers and duties of the Harbor Master thereof."

(See Ordinance Book No 2 page 117)

Passed August 9. 1858

Approved Wm M Rodman Mayor

Appropriations

Resolved That the following sums be and the same are hereby appropriated for the following purposes, respectively viz

For Highways, four thousand Dollars, $4000.
" Public Watch, two thousand Dollars 2000.
" Lighting Streets, five hundred Dollars 500.

Passed August 23 1858

Approved

Wm M. Rodman Mayor

Washington St

Whereas the Commissioners of Estimate and Assessment in the matter of laying out and extending Washington Street in the City of Providence, appointed by the Supreme Court, at the March Term thereof A D 1858, in the County of Providence, under the act entitled "An Act in relation to the laying out, enlarging, Straightening and otherwise altering Streets in the City of Providence", have made their first Report to said Court, Now therefore, within thirty days after the making of said Report;

Resolved, That the City Council do hereby elect to make the improvement in said Street, set forth in said Report

Passed August 23 1858

Approved

Wm M Rodman Mayor

Highway Work

The Committee on Highways make Report in relation to Highway work

Read, Whereupon, it is ordered, that the same be received

Passed August 23 1858

Approved

Surface Water

The Special Committee appointed the 10 th instant, to examine the land between Dean & Knight Street and recommend the best method for relieving that land from the Surface Water Report, which is

Read Whereupon it is Ordered that the same be received

Passed August 23 1858

Approved

Harbor Master

The Harbor Master makes report of Arrivals from June 25 to August 31. 1858 Amt of Fees $507.-

Read, Whereupon it is ordered that the same be received

Passed September 13. 1858

Approved

Wm M Rodman Mayor

Jon G Draper

Resolved, That the City Treasurer be and he is hereby directed to pay to Jonathan G Draper, the sum of One hundred Dollars the said sum being in remission of Tax assessed against him for the opening of Dorrance Street; Provided it shall appear to the Treasurer, upon the certificate of the Collector of Taxes, that said sum has been paid into the City Treasury by said Draper. If it shall appear to the City Treasurer, that said sum has not been paid into the Treasury, then he shall credit the Collector of Taxes with the Amount so unpaid; and the Collector of Taxes shall deduct the amount hereby remitted, from the Tax of said Jonathan G Draper

Passed Sept 13. 1858

Approved Wm M Rodman
Mayor

City Treasurers Report Issues & Payments

The City Treasurer makes report of Issues and Payments of City Debt from June 7 to September 13 1858

		Issued Note dated			
1858 July 12	N°305	To Peoples Savings Bank		6 p.	$20,000
		Paid Note dated			
1858 Jany 12	N°295	Peoples Savings Bank		6 p.	20.000

Read, Whereupon it is ordered that the same be received

Passed September 23. 1858

Approved Wm M Rodman
Mayor

C Engineers Report

The Chief Engineer makes his Monthly Report of the Expenditures of the Fire Department Amt $ 8158. 13

Read, Whereupon ordered that the same be received

Passed September 13 1858

Approved Wm M Rodman
Mayor

Surveyor of Highways Report

The Surveyor of Highways makes his Monthly Report of Work done from August 1. 1858 to September 1. 1858 Amt $ 2658, 37

Read Whereupon it is ordered that the same be received

Passed September 13. 1858

Approved
William M Rodman
Mayor

Committee on Highways Report

The Committee on Highways make report of work done & appropriation on hand for Highways

Read, Whereupon it is Ordered, that the same be received

Passed Sept 13. 1858

Approved W M Rodman Mayor

Weights and Measures

The Standing Committee on City Property respectfuly report, That they have examined the Scales, Weights & Measures &c &c

Read, Whereupon it is Ordered that the same be received

Passed September 13. 1858

Approved W M Rodman Mayor

Highway Work &c

The Standing Committee on Highways to whom was referred the Communication of the Mayor, calling the special attention of the Council to obstructions in the Sewer at the foot of Tabin Street; the filling up of the Drain in Friendship Street, to the difficulty at the termination of Kelsey Street and the present condition and progress of the Wall on the Monasquetucket River. Report

Read Whereupon it is Ordered that the same be received, and printed in the Newspapers employed to do the City Printing

Passed September 13. 1858

Approved Wm M Rodman
Mayor

Evening Schools Appropriation

Resolved That the sum of three thousand Dollars be and the same is hereby Appropriated for the support of Public Evening Schools, in addition to 50.000 Dollars already appropriated for Public Schools; Said sum to be expended under the direction of the School Committee

Passed Sept 13. 1858

Approved Wm M Rodman Mayor

Sand Catchers

Resolved that the Surveyor of Highways be and he is hereby directed to build one or two Sand Catchers in connection with the drain in Friendship Street

Passed Sept 13 1858

Approved Wm M Rodman
Mayor

Resolutions making Appropriations for the year ensuing the last Monday in September A D One thousand eight hundred and fifty eight

Resolved That the several sums hereinafter mentioned, be and the same are, hereby appropriated for the following purposes respectively; to wit:

For the Fund established for the payment of the City Debt; in and by the Ordinance entitled "An Ordinance in relation to the City Debt" All sums of Money which may be received, being Proceeds of the Sales of Real Estate sold by the City; all sums received into the Treasury for Rents of the City Property, Licenses and Interest; and the sum of Twelve thousand dollars from the first monies received into the Treasury, from other sources, after the first day of October next; as provided by said Ordinance

For the Support of the Public Schools, for the year ending the last Monday in September A D 1859 together with, and in addition to, the sum which the City may receive for the same purpose, from the State Treasury and Registry Tax; (the Expenditures under this Appropriation to be made by the order and direction of the School Committee; the sum of Fifty Thousand dollars ($50,000.)

For the Support of the Poor, and the removal of Paupers (including Asylum;) together with the income of the "Tillinghast Fund" (so called) Twelve thousand Dollars ($12.000.)

For the Fire Department, Thirty Eight thousand Dollars ($38.000.)

For the Support of Public Bridges, Two thousand Dollars ($2,000)

For the Support of the Public Watch, Thirty two thousand Dollars ($32.000)

For lighting the Streets, Twenty eight thousand dollars ($28.000)

For the Salaries of the Mayor, Aldermen, Members of the Common Council, and other City Officers: Eighteen Thousand dollars ($18.000)

For repairs of Public Buildings, Two thousand dollars ($2.000)

For the repair of the City Pumps and Wells, One Thousand Dolls ($1000.)

For Police Department; Twelve thousand Dollars ($12.000.)

For the Repairs of the Asylum Walls and Buildings,
One thousand Dollars ($1000.)

For Highways: Twenty five thousand Dollars ($25.000)

For Contingent Expenses viz; Any Claims which may be allowed by the Board of Aldermen, or by the City Auditor, not included in the preceding items; and also the Compensation allowed to Wardens and Ward Clerks; Twenty thousand Dollars ($20.000)

For the Improvement of Public Grounds;
One thousand Dollars ($1000.)

For Gas Light Fixtures: One thousand Dollars ($1000.)

For the Providence Reform School; Twelve thousand Dollars ($12.000)

For the Citys Proportion of the State Taxes; Twenty eight Thousand one hundred & twenty one 75/100 Dollars ($28.121.$\frac{75}{100}$)

For the interest on the Bonds issued and to be issued by the City of Providence, to the amount of Six hundred thousand Dollars, as established in and by the Ordinance entitled "An Ordinance in relation to the issue and sale of the Bonds of the City of Providence, and the establishment of a Sinking Fund for the satisfaction and payment thereof"
Thirty six thousand Dollars ($36.000)
And the sum of Ten thousand Dollars, to be applied to the Sinking Fund, as provided by said Ordinance

For Sidewalks and Curbing; Two thousand Dollars ($2000.)

Resolved, That the several sums hereby appropriated, (excepting the sums to be appropriated for the Fund established for the payment of the City Debt, as provided by Ordinance) be paid out of any monies in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated

Passed September 13 1858

Approved
Wm M Rodman Mayor

Thomas R Briggs requests liberty to remove a one Story Wooden Building from 252 High Street, and place the same 122 feet back from said Street

Increase Sumner requests liberty to remove a two Story Wooden Building from near Randall St, and place the same on the line of said Street

Jonathan W Pratt asks leave to remove two, two Story & two one Story Buildings from Hospital Lot; and place them on Borden Street

Ashworth Maudsley, asks leave to remove a one & half Story building from the west side of Depot St, 130 feet South on said Street

Read, whereupon it is

Resolved, That the prayer of said Petitions be granted, Pro-

vided, the petitioners give a satisfactory bond to the City Treasurer as required by the 3d Section of "An ordinance in relation to the removal of Wooden Buildings"

Passed September 13 1858

Approved Wm M Rodman Mayor

Teste Estate

Resolved, That the City Treasurer be and he is hereby directed to deliver to the General Treasurer of this State, the possession of the Real Estate, which escheated to the State by the death of Alexis Teste, and known as the "Teste Estate", situated in the City of Providence

Passed October 4. 1858

Approved Wm M Rodman Mayor

Appropriations

Resolved, That the following sums be, and the same are hereby appropriated for the following purposes, respectively viz

For Support of Poor	Two thousand Dollars	$2000.—
" Contingencies	One thousand Dollars	1000.—
" Police	Five hundred Dollars	500.—

Passed October 4 1858

Approved Wm M Rodman Mayor

Washington St

Resolved That the Surveyor of Highways be and he is hereby authorized and directed to cause to be graded that part of Washington Street lying between Dean and Knight Streets and the curbstones to be set and the gutters paved therein

Passed October 11. 1858

Approved Wm M Rodman Mayor

C Engineers Report

The Chief Engineer makes his Monthly Report of Expenditures of the Fire Department amt $547.81

Read, Whereupon Ordered that the same be received

Passed October 11. 1858

Approved Wm M Rodman Mayor

Harbor Masters Report

The Harbor Masters makes report of number of Vessels arrived in the Month of September Fees $183—

Read Whereupon it is Ordered that the same be received

Passed October 11. 1858

Approved Wm M Rodman Mayor

Excavations at Tof Point

Resolved That Messrs Eddy, Lester & Anthony and Alderman Brastow be and the same are hereby appointed a committee to enquire into and ascertain what excavations have been and are being made at the Southern extremity of Brook Street and in and about Shamrock and Thomas Streets, by whose authority the same have been made and whether with or without the consent of the owners of the land effected by such excavations and report at the next meeting of this Council what action, if any should be taken in the premises

Passed October 11. 1858

Approved Wm M Rodman Mayor

Amos Perry

Resolved That the City Treasurer be and he is hereby directed to pay to Amos Perry, the sum of fourteen $\frac{30}{100}$ Dollars; said Sum being in remission of a tax assessed upon him in the year 1858, for relaying of Sidewalk; Provided it shall appear to the City Treasurer upon the Certificate of the Collector of Taxes, that said Sum has been paid into the City Treasury — If it shall appear that said Sum has not been paid into the Treasury; then he shall credit the Collector of Taxes with said amount, and the Collector of Taxes shall deduct said Amount from the tax of said Amos Perry

Passed October 11th 1858

Approved Wm M Rodman Mayor

Surveyor of Highways Report

The Surveyor of Highways makes his Monthly Report of Work done from Sept 1 to Oct 1 1858 amt $2569.43

Read, Whereupon, it is Ordered that the same be received

Passed October 11. 1858

Approved Wm M Rodman Mayor

Wooden Building

James Connell requests liberty to remove a One Story building from corner of Hospital Street & Park and place the same about ninety feet West

Joseph Knowles requests liberty to remove a One & half story building from Corner of Bradford and Mountain Street and place the same about One hundred & eighty feet easterly of its present location

Read whereupon it is

Resolved, That the Prayer thereof be granted, provided the petitioners give satisfactory bonds to the City Treasurer as required by the 3d Sect of "An Ordinance in relation to the removal of Wooden Buildings"

Passed November 1. 1858

Approved Wm M Rodman
Mayor

Hoseman Ordinance to pay

An Ordinance in amendment of an Ordinance entitled "An Ordinance establishing a Fire Department", and of the several Amendments thereof.

(See Ordinance Book No 2 page 119.)

Passed Nov 1. 1858

Approved Wm M Rodman Mayor

Taxes Remitted

Resolved, That the City Treasurer be, and he is hereby directed to pay to the Persons whose names are annexed the sums placed against their respective names; the said sums being in remission of taxes improperly assessed against them in the year 1857 & 1858 Provided it shall appear to the Treasurer upon the Certificate of the Collector of Taxes, that said sums have been paid into the City Treasury, if it shall appear to the City Treasurer that said sums have not been paid into the Treasury, that he shall credit the Collector of Taxes with the amounts so unpaid, and the Collector of Taxes shall deduct the amounts hereby remitted from the Taxes of the persons whose names are annexed viz

To Henry Smith	$26.73	Assessed for the year	1858
" William H Chandler	12.15	"	"
" Americus V Potter	222.74	"	1857
" Charles W Prescott	51.24 (10 p$ being added)	"	"
" Enos H Weeden	22.80 (10 p$ being added)	"	"

Passed November 8. 1858

Approved
Wm M Rodman Mayor

Surveyor of Highways Report

The Surveyor of Highways makes his Monthly Report of Work done from Oct 1. to Nov 1. 1858 amount $2711.43

Read whereupon it is ordered that the same be received

Passed Nov. 8. 1858

Approved
Wm M Rodman Mayor

Harbor Masters Report

The Harbor Master makes report of Arrivals at this port from Oct 1 to October 31 /58 Amount received $176.-

Read whereupon it is Ordered, that the same be received

Passed Nov. 8. 1858

Approved Wm M Rodman Mayor

Trustees of Sinking Fund of City of Providence

The Trustees of the Sinking Fund of the City of Providence, make their Annual Report Amt of Fund $52,000

Read whereupon it is Ordered That the same be received

Passed Nov. 8th 1858

Approved Wm M Rodman Mayor

Trustees Sinking Fund of H. P. & F. R.R. Co Report

The Trustees of the Sinking Fund of the Hartford, Providence & Fishkill Railroad Co in Providence make their Annual Report of the Condition of said Fund Amt of Fund $20877.47

Read, Whereupon it is Ordered, That the same be received

Passed Nov 8th 1858

Approved Wm M Rodman Mayor

Sup of Health Report

The Superintendent of Health makes a Report in relation to the quality of the Water in different parts of the City accompanied by a communication from Professor N P Hill

Read, whereupon it is ordered, that the same be received; and the same, together with the accompanying communication, be printed in the Newspapers employed to do the City Printing

Passed Nov. 8. 1858

Approved Wm M Rodman Mayor

Wooden Buildings

The Petition of C N Harrington asking liberty to remove a 1½ Story wooden Building from the rear of No 16 Atwells Avenue and place the same on a Gangway near Bradford Street, and

John Mc Cartin for liberty to remove a two Story building from Clarendon Street to the rear of Winslow Place

Read whereupon it is resolved, That the Prayers thereof be granted, provided, the petitioners give a satisfactory bonds to the City Treasurer as required by 3d Sec of an Ordinance in relation to the removal of Wooden Buildings

Approved Wm M Rodman Mayor

Passed Nov. 8. 1858

Dr City of Providence in account with

1857			
Sept 28	For cash paid Over check at American Bank	117.796	44
Oct 10	" " " Eseh Aldrich Note	2000	—
1858 Jany 23	" " " E P Knowles Deed	500	—
Febry 13	" " " H Brown Rent	65	—
May 29	" " " State of Rhode Island 1/2 License	755	19
July 3	" " " H Brown Rent	65	00
Sept 27	" " " Providence Reform School	5613	07
"	" " " Fourth July 1858	678	95
"	" " " Gas Fixtures	1045	78
"	" " " Asylum Walls & Buildings	718	21
"	" " " Pumps & Wells	562	17
"	" " " Taxes Remitted	25,223	08
"	" " " Sinking Fund	10,000	00
"	" " " Bills	3.557	—
"	" " " Citys proportion State Tax	28.121	75
"	" " " Interest on Loan	34.560	—
"	" " " Building on Canal Street	1.000	00
"	" " " Interest	3.094	31
"	" " " School Houses & Lots	2.602	98
"	" " " City Watch	34.443	29
"	" " " Bridges	8.055	22
"	" " " Police	13.202	08
"	" " " Lighting Streets	31.688	44
"	" " " Side Walks & Curbing	2.676	78
"	" " " Highways	63.927	59
"	" " " Filling Land above Cove	19.998	44
"	" " " Int on N. P. J R R Bonds	30.000	—
"	" " " Contingencies	25.624	29
"	" " " Support of Poor	21.173	16
"	" " " Imp. Public Grounds	2.822	99
"	" " " Repair of Public Buildings	909	70
"	" " " Fire Department	42.245	41
"	" " " Salaries	19.852	97
"	" " " Public Schools	62.995	98
		617.575	27

I hereby certify that I have examined the accounts of Marinus W Gardiner Esq City Treasurer for the year ending September 27th 1858, and that the accounts agree with the vouchers, and that on said twenty seventh day of September, there was a balance due from the City, to the American Bank of said City of Forty eight thousand three hundred Eighty dollars and fifty five cents

Providence September 27. 1858

John J Paine
City Auditor

Marinus W Gardiner City Treasurer in Cr

1858			
Sept 27	By Cash recvd of J Mumford Collector Bal Tax 1856	2048	39
	" " " Bills Receivable	50	00
	" " " Loan to City of Providence	33.000	—
	" " " City Standard Scales	450	50
	" " " City Licenses (1/2 to State)	1284	75
	" " " N. B. Ground	165	18
	" " " Bills Payable	63.700	—
	" " " Rents	4.267	55
	" " " Opening 53 Streets	106	00
	" " " Entering Drains	270	00
	" " " Pound Fees J A Healey	5	25
	" " " City Clerk Licenses for Wagons, Dogs &c	563	75
	" " " Auction Fees	80	49
	" " " Rent of Test Estate for Shows	2	00
	" " " Tax Collected of S Marlor & J C Mathew	8	60
	" " " Salisbury Esq Costs Fees	818	77
	" " " A. G. Greene Esq	899	14
	" " " N Church Esq Harbor Masters fees	49	16
	" " " D Joslin Esq " " "	319	50
	" " " Wm H Sweet Esq City Agent	233	42
	" " " J Mumford Coll. a/c Tax 1857	460.872	27
	" " " Over check at American Bank	48.380	55
		617.575	27

E & O
Providence Sept 27 1858

Marinus W Gardiner City Treasurer

Read Whereupon it is ordered That the same be received and recorded

Passed November 8. 1858

Approved Wm M Rodman Mayor

C Engineer Report

The Chief Engineer makes his Monthly Report of the Expenditures of the Fire Department Amt $192.58

Read, Whereupon it is ordered that the same be received

Passed November 8 1858

Approved Wm M Rodman Mayor

City Auditors Report

Upon the Annual Report of the City Auditor this day presented to the City Council, it is

Resolved that the same be received

Resolved, That the Standing Committee on Finance be and they are hereby directed to cause said Report or so much thereof as is required to be published by the fourth section of the City Charter, with a Schedule of the Property of the City, to be published in the newspapers employed to do the City Printing; and also, to cause not exceeding five hundred copies of said Report and Schedule, to be printed in pamphlet form, for the use of the City Council

Passed Nov 8. 1858

Approved Wm M Rodman Mayor

Westminster Street

On a Communication from the Mayor in relation to the North line of Westminster Street

Read, Whereupon it is Ordered, that the same be referred to the Standing Committee on Highways, to examine and report thereon

Passed Dec 13 1858

Approved Wm M Rodman Mayor

Steam Fire Engine

A Communication from the Mayor in relation to the purchase of a Steam Fire Engine is

Read, Whereupon it is Ordered, that the same be referred to the Standing Committee on the Fire Department, to examine and report thereon

Passed December 13 d 1858

Approved Wm M Rodman Mayor

Surveyor of Highways Report

The Surveyor of Highways makes his Monthly Report of Work done from November 1st to December 1st 1858 Amount $2287.08

Read. Whereupon it is Ordered That the same be received

Passed Dec 13 1858

Approved Wm M Rodman Mayor

C Engineer Rep't

The Chief Engineer makes his Monthly Report of the Expenditures of the Fire Department

Read Whereupon it is Ordered That the same be received

Passed Dec 13. 1858

Approved Wm M Rodman Mayor

Harbor Masters Report

The Harbor Master makes his Monthly Report of Arrivals for the Month of November amt received $202.-

Read Whereupon, it is Ordered that the same be received

Passed Dec 13. 1858

Approved Wm M Rodman Mayor

Issues and Payments

The City Treasurer makes report of Issues & Payments from Sept 13 to Dec 13. 1858

Issued None

Paid

1858					
May 11	N°303	S. R K Ives	5 p/c	on demand	$3000.-
"	304	same	5.	"	3000.-
Feby 2	297	same	6.	9 mos	2000.
" 15	298	Bank of Commerce	6.	8 "	30.000
April 19	301.	Peoples Savings Bank	6.	6 "	10.000.
27	302	same	6.	6 "	10.000.
Mch 8	299	Roger Williams Bk	6.	7 "	15.000.
				Dolls	71.000.

Read. Whereupon, it is Ordered that the same be received

Passed Dec 13 1858

Approved Wm M Rodman Mayor

Fox Point Hill

The committee appointed to investigate in relation to certain Excavations of Fox Point make Report

Read. Whereupon it is Ordered that the same be received

Passed Dec 13 1858

Approved Wm M Rodman Mayor

Overseer of the Poor Report

The Overseer of the Poor makes his Semi Annual Report which is

Read, Whereupon, it is Ordered, That the same be received, and that the same be printed in the Newspapers employed to do the City Printing; and that the subject thereof be referred to Messrs Guild, Stimson, Salisbury, Mathewson, Spencer, Lester and Hartshorn and Aldermen Bowen, Holden & Anthony added

Passed Dec 13. 1858

Approved Wm M Rodman Mayor

Highway work

The Standing Committee on Highways report the Expenditures in the Highway Department for the Financial Year commencing the last Monday of September 1857 and terminating with the corresponding date 1858

Read, Whereupon it is Ordered, that the same be received; and that the same be printed in the Newspapers employed to do the City Printing

Passed Dec 13, 1858

Approved Wm M Rodman Mayor

Sand, Gravel

Resolved, That the Surveyor of Highways, be and he is hereby directed not to dig or remove any earth or gravel from any portion of the City, without the permission & contract in writing first had and obtained for that purpose from the owners of the earth or gravel proposed to be dug or removed

Passed Dec 13, 1858

Approved Wm M Rodman Mayor

Surveyor of Highways to fill Lot

Resolved, That the Surveyor of Highways be and he is hereby directed to fill, under the direction of the Committee on Highways, a Lot belonging to the City, lying between the New England Screw Factory and the Rhode Island Bleachery on Eddy Street, taking the sand for filling from the Hospital Lot

Passed Dec 13, 1858

Approved Wm M Rodman Mayor

Builders Iron Foundry Steam Pump

The Standing Committee on the Fire Department report that the Builders Iron Foundry Co. do not want an Ordinary Force Pump in their Establishment; but a Steam Pump independent of their usual Power. Such a Pump, with the necessary Piping would cost at least 800 Dollars, and the Committee therefore recommend that the City Council await further action by the Board of Engineers

Respectfully submitted
Chas E Carpenter for the Committee

The Report of the Committee on the Fire Department. Read Whereupon it is Ordered that the same be received

Passed Dec 13. 1858

Approved Wm M Rodman Mayor

Mary English

Resolved That the Committee on Claims be and they hereby are appointed a Committee with full power to compromise and settle with Mrs Mary English in relation to her claim against the City for damages, and are requested to make report of their doings in the premises at the next meeting of the Council

Passed Dec 13. 1858

Approved Wm M Rodman Mayor

In Convention Dec 13. 1858

The resignation of Samuel C Blodget Assistant Engineer is read. Whereupon it is

Voted That said resignation be accepted

Matthew W Ingraham and Allen Baker are nominated for the Office aforesaid, on balloting

Ingraham received 17 votes
Baker " 18 " and is Elected

George R Phillips and Charles T Little are nominated to fill the office of Sealer of Weights and Measures, on balloting

Chas T. Little received 6 votes
Geo. R Phillips " 28 " and is Elected

The two Boards separate the Board of Aldermen retire to their Chamber

Public Halls

Whereas the recent destruction by fire of Howard Block in this City has called the attention of the citizens to the importance and necessity of the proper and safe construction of Public Halls, for the protection and preservation of human life in case of fire on occasions of public lectures and gatherings in said Halls.

And whereas the Public Halls in said City are badly arranged and improperly constructed for such purposes thereby exposing the citizens to great danger & loss of life in case of alarm and conflagration on such occasions, therefore

Resolved That Messrs Eddy, Binney, Domance, Carpenter and James Tucker and Alderman Gilmore be & they are hereby appointed a committee to examine, inquire into & ascertain the best and most practicable manner of constructing said Halls with reference to the safety of the citizens, and report at the next meeting of this Council whether it is expedient to pass an ordinance in relation to the construction of Public Halls that hereafter may be built in said City with reference to said matter.

Passed Janry 3. 1859

Approved Wm M Rodman Mayor 3

Taxes Remitted

Resolved. That the City Treasurer be and he is hereby directed to pay to the persons whose names are annexed, the sums placed against their respective names; the said sums being in remission of taxes improperly assessed against them in the years 1856, & 1857. provided it shall appear to the Treasurer upon the certificate of the Collector of Taxes, that said sums have been paid into the City Treasury. If it shall appear to the City Treasurer that said sums have not been paid into the Treasury, then he shall credit the Collector of Taxes with the amounts so unpaid & the Collector of Taxes shall deduct the amounts hereby remitted from the taxes of the persons whose names are annexed viz:

To Josiah Keene	(1856) including interest	$68.31
" Amos Perry	(1857)	12.15
	Amt	$80.46

Passed Janry 3. 1859

Approved Wm M Rodman. Mayor

Wooden Building

Amasa W. Aldrich requests liberty to remove a certain one & a half story wooden building from North side of Washington Street near Exchange Hotel and to place the same on South side of said Street nearly opposite of its present location.

Read, whereupon it is resolved. That the prayer thereof be granted, provided the petitioner give a satisfactory bond to the City Treasurer as required by the 3d sec. of "An Ordinance in relation to the removal of Wooden Buildings".

Passed Janry 3. 1859

Approved Wm M Rodman Mayor.

Joseph B Wilson

Resolved. That the City Treasurer be and he hereby is directed to pay to Joseph B. Wilson the sum of Two hundred Dollars, out of any monies in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated in full satisfaction of all damages claimed to have been sustained by him in consequence of the removal of earth and gravel from his Lot at the corner of Brook & Shamrock Streets in said City & all injuries to his dwelling in consequence thereof. Provided the said Wilson shall give such a receipt therefor as the City Solicitor shall direct

Passed Janry 3. 1859

Approved Wm M Rodman. Mayor

Harbor Masters Report

The Harbor Masters makes his Monthly report of arrivals from December 1st to December 31 1858

Amount received $164. 00

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

Passed January 10. 1859

Approved Wm M Rodman

Mayor

Taxes Remitted

Resolved That the City Treasurer be and he is hereby directed to pay to A E Burgess the sum of One hundred and seven dollars and twenty one cents, the said sum being in remission of tax improperly assessed against her in the year 1858, provided it shall appear to the Treasurer upon the certificate of the Collector of taxes that said sum has been paid into the City Treasury.

If it shall appear to the City Treasurer that said sum has not been paid into the Treasury; then he shall credit the Collector of Taxes with the amount so unpaid and the Collector of Taxes shall deduct the amount hereby remitted from the tax of the said A E Burgess

Passed January 10. 1859

Approved Wm M Rodman

Mayor

Buildings Laws to be amended &c.

Resolved That Messrs Eddy, Bartlett & Carpenter and Alderman Gilmore, be a Committee in behalf of the City of Providence to procure further legislation by the General Assembly of this State concerning the erection of buildings in said Providence

Passed January 10. 1859

Approved Wm M Rodman

Mayor

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Passed Jany 3. 1859

Approved Wm M Rodman Mayor 3

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Passed Jany 3. 1859

Approved Wm M Rodman Mayor.

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Passed Jany 3. 1859

Approved Wm M Rodman, Mayor

Harbor Masters Report

The Harbor Master makes his Monthly report of arrivals from December 1st to December 31 1858.

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Read, Whereupon it is ordered, that the same be received

Passed January 10. 1859

Approved Wm M Rodman

Mayor

Taxes Remitted

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If it shall appear to the City Treasurer that said sum has not been paid into the Treasury; then he shall credit the Collector of Taxes with the amount so unpaid and the Collector of Taxes shall deduct the amount hereby remitted from the tax of the said A E Burgess

Passed January 10. 1859

Approved Wm M Rodman

Mayor

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Passed January 10. 1859

Approved Wm M Rodman

Mayor

Reform School

The Trustees of the Providence Reform School make their Eighth Annual Report

Read Whereupon, it is Ordered that the same be received; and that Seven hundred and fifty copies thereof be printed in pamphlet form under the direction of the Superintendent of the Reform School; for the use of the City Council

Passed January 10. 1859

Approved Wm M Rodman Mayor

City Marshal's Report

The City Marshal makes his Annual Report

Read, Whereupon it is Ordered, that the same be received; and that One thousand copies thereof be printed in pamphlet form, for the use of the City Council

Passed January 10. 1859

Approved Wm M Rodman Mayor

Assistant Musical Teacher

Resolved that the School Committee of the City of Providence be and they hereby are authorized to employ an Assistant Teacher of Music in the Public Schools of said City at an Annual Salary not exceeding the sum of Three Hundred Dollars

Passed January 10 1859

Approved Wm M Rodman Mayor

Salaries

An Ordinance in Amendment of an Ordinance entitled "An Ordinance in amendment of the several ordinances fixing the Salaries of certain officers"

(See Ordinance Book No 2 page 120)

Passed January 10. 1859

Approved W. M. Rodman Mayor

C Engineers Report

The Chief Engineer makes his Monthly Report of the Expenditures of the Fire Department

Read, Whereupon ordered that the same be received

Passed Jany 10. 1859

Approved Wm M Rodman Mayor

Steam Fire Engines

The Standing Committee on the Fire Department to whom was referred a communication from the Mayor suggesting the Employment of portable Steam fire Engines, make Report

Read, Whereupon, it is Ordered, that the same be received, and that the same be printed in the Newspapers employed to do the City Printing

Passed Jany 10. 1859

Approved Wm M Rodman Mayor

Surveyor of Highways Report

The Surveyor of Highways makes his Monthly Report of Work done from December 1. 1858 to January 1. 1859

Amt $713.99

Read, Whereupon it is Ordered, that the same be received

Passed January 10. 1859

Approved Wm M Rodman Mayor

Steam Fire Engines

Resolved, That the Standing Committee on the Fire Department be instructed to ascertain and report to the City Council, what arrangements have been made in other Cities in regard to Steam Fire Apparatus and the cost of such Steam Engines and how they are to be operated in said Cities

Passed January 10. 1859

Approved Wm M Rodman Mayor

Rice & Hayward

The Standing Committee of Highways, to whom was referred the petition of Rice & Hayward and others asking for the setting of Curb Stone &c Report

Read Whereupon, it is Ordered that the same be received

Passed Jany 10. 1859

Approved W M. Rodman Mayor

Tax remitted

Resolved That the City Treasurer be and he is hereby directed to pay to Edward Carrington's heirs, the sum of One hundred twenty five Dollars Eighty cents, the said sum being in remission of tax improperly assessed against them in the year 1857, provided it shall appear to the Treasurer upon the Certificate of the Collector that said sum has been paid into the Treasury. If it shall appear to the City Treasurer that the said sum has not

been paid into the Treasury, then he shall credit the Collector of Taxes with the amount so unpaid, and the Collector of Taxes shall deduct the Amount hereby remitted from the Tax of the said Edward Barrington's heirs

Passed January 10. 1859

Approved Wm M Rodman Mayor

Taxes Remitted

Resolved, That the taxes specified in the annexed list amounting to the sum of Eighty seven Dollars thirty two cents, reported by the Collector of taxes for the year 1857 to have been improperly assessed in said year for the reasons therein specified in each case, be and the same are hereby annulled, and that the City Treasurer be and he is hereby directed to pay to the Collector of taxes the sum of Eighty seven Dollars thirty two cents, with the interest due thereon, provided it shall appear to the City Treasurer, that said sum has been paid into the Treasury. If it shall appear to the City Treasurer that said sum has not been paid into the Treasury, then he shall credit the Collector of taxes with the amount so unpaid, and the Collector of taxes shall deduct the amounts hereby remitted from the taxes of those persons whose names are annexed

Thoˢ Davis 2ᵈ	6.66	Thaddeus Carys Widow	3.70
Walter Wilson	3.70	Charles Hutchins	1.48
Cornelius Murphy heirs	2.96	George Henley	2.22
Wm H Greene Meadow St	3.70	James M Shaw Steam Mill	5.18
Horatio Hunt	7.40	Wm H Clewley	7.40
Hiram Wickes	1.48	Palmon A Whipple	1.48
Horace A Manchester	3.70	Obadiah B Fenner	22.20
Wm Lynch	3.70	Gilbert A Kenney	2.22
Nathˡ A Eddy	2.96	Asa C Brownell	5.18
			$ 87.32

Passed Janʸ 10. 1859

Approved Wm M Rodman Mayor

Report of Com on Report of Overseer of Poor

The Special Committee to whom was referred the Semi Annual Report of the Overseer of the Poor make report.

Read. Whereupon it is Ordered that the same be received and that One thousand copies with the accompanying documents be printed in pamphlet form for the use of the Council

Passed January 10 1859

Approved Wm M Rodman Mayor

City Registrars Report

Upon the Annual Report of the City Registrar, it is

Resolved, That the same be received, and that seven hundred and fifty copies thereof and of the communication accompanying the same, be printed in pamphlet form for the use of the City Council

Passed February 14. 1859

Approved Wm M Rodman Mayor

Trustees of the Sinking Fund

Resolved by the City Council of the City of Providence

That said City hereby accepts the provisions of the Act entitled "An Act in relation to Trustees under Mortgages of Rail Road Corporations" passed by the General Assembly of Rhode Island at the January Session thereof A D 1859 and said City hereby assents to the conditions of said Act and agree that so far as said City is interested all of the Railroad Property within said State of Rhode Island upon which the bonds of the Hartford, Providence and Fishkill Railroad Company belonging to said City, are secured, shall be liable for the acts and proceedings of the Trustees of said Property (except for their wilful mismanagement) and according to the provisions of said Act

Passed February 14. 1859

Approved Wm M Rodman Mayor

Harbor Masters Report

The Harbor Master makes report of Arrivals from Janʸ 1 to Janʸ 31 1859

Arrivals 33	
Collected from Packets	$ 33.00
	12.
	45.

Read. Whereupon it is ordered that the same be received

Passed Febʸ 14 1859

Approved Wm M Rodman Mayor

Engine House Nº 1

Resolved. That the Standing Committee on the Fire Department be a committee, who, together with the Chief Engineer of the Fire Department shall have power to contract, either for the removal of Engine House Nº 1, or for the Erection of a new Engine House, if the same shall, by said Committee and chief, be deemed necessary: provided that the cost of said removal or erection shall not exceed the sum of $1200. and provided also, that in either case the building shall be placed upon the Washington Street side of the City Hall Lot so called

Passed Febʸ 14. 1859

Approved Wm M Rodman Mayor

Return of Lumber Surveyed in the City of Providence

for the Year ending February 7th 1859

By whom Surveyed	White Pine Boards Plank and Joist					Southern & Eastern Hard Pine Bds & Plk		Southern Hard Pine Timber & Ship Plank	Spruce Boards Plk, Joist & Sawed Timber	
	No 1 feet	No 2 feet	No 3 feet	No 4 feet	No 5 feet	Mer. Ft	Ref ft	Merch.	Mer Ft	Ref ft
Robert Manchester Jr	20481	164524	422112	387707	91288	. . .	. . .		1388875	303076
Jacob Silloway	34135	92691	141072	410658	49032	158472	45080	51012	1179866	271186
Nathaniel C Bushee	32619	158147	212940	498171	92656	230494	135050	155175	862000	170097
Benjamin Bowman 1st	10631	59352	223523	879215	62539	50225	17697	82038	975960	77118
Esek A Tillson	4330	50328	153493	648715	42507	151589	59938	24091	1260199	211652
William R Talbot	32235	219024	328870	575335	82612	171577	24495	. . .	909518	192905
Joseph K Robinson	14847	62559	60183	348075	73249	12857	2016	. . .	763366	139019
Charles C Lee	28130	40150	32937	141113	3165	. . .	. . .	. . .	43140	15880
Robert Manchester	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	10731	342
	177408	846775	1575130	3888989	497038	773214	284276	312316	7393655	1381275

Hemlock Plank Boards Joist and Sawed Timber		Pine Timber		Oak and Chestnut Bds & Plank		Ash Boards Plank & Joist		Birch and Maple Bds Plk & Joist		Wht Wood Bds Plank & Joist		Cherry Bds Plk & Joist		Blk Walnut Bds Plk & Joist		Mahogany & Cedar Bds Plk & Joist		Surveyor Generals Fees		Deputy Surveyors Fees	
Merch Ft	Ref. Ft	Mer ft	Ref ft	Mer ft	Ref ft	Mer. ft	Ref ft	Mer ft	Ref ft	Mer ft	Ref ft	Mer. ft	Ref ft	Mer ft	Ref ft			$	¢	$	¢
285325	93473	. .	. .	3817	. . .	. . .	. . .	4615	1125	6547	527	. . . .		. . .	. .	. . .	. . .	95	27	697	35
357547	122696	. .	. .	. . .	. . .	1069	. . .	10957	. . .	24499	6998							89	30	653	85
323926	80001	. .	. .	4138	571	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	134	53							88	80	650	77
281572	118344	. .	. .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	3039	325							85	26	625	04
241129	113052	. .	. .	. . .	. . .	85	. . .	. . .	. . .	9637	94	. .	. .	10024	577			89	86	659	34
197556	46065	. .	. .	1915	. . .	2532	431	851	421	74812	6506			. . .	. . .			86	39	632	97
252922	105216	10148	1317	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .			. . .	. . .			57	10	411	38
12483	3629	. .	. .	39288	11219	95924	17698	41170	16821	235494	27095	130	45	83502	22067	17464	5462	38	56	259	44
. . .	. . .	. .	. .	8337	6268	. .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .							8	61		
1952960	681476	10148	1317	57495	18058	99610	18129	57593	18367	354162	41598	130	45	93526	22664	17464	5462	639	15	4590	14

Total Feet 20.081.668

To the Honorable City Council

The undersigned Surveyor Genral of Lumber, presents the above Report, which contains the account of all the Lumber surveyed under his direction during the past year

Respectfully Submitted

Robert Manchester

Providence February 7, 1859

Read Whereupon it is Ordered that the same be received and recorded

Ordered that the same be printed in the Newspapers employed to do the City Printing

Passed Feby 14 1859

Approved Wm M Rodman Mayor

Public Halls

Resolved That the Committee to Engross Ordinances be and they are hereby directed to report at the next meeting of the Council an Ordinance in relation to the Construction of Public Halls in conformity to the Law recently passed by the General Assembly

Passed Feby 14 1859

Approved Wm M Rodman Mayor

Surveyor of Highways Report

The Surveyor of Highways makes his Monthly report of Work dont from January 1st to February 1. 1859

Amt $736.20

Read, Whereupon, it is Ordered that the same be received

Passed February 14th 1859

Approved Wm M Rodman Mayor

House of Correction

Resolved That Messrs Guild, Stimson, & Lester and Alderman Bowen are hereby appointed a Committee to inquire into the expediency of erecting a House of Correction either in connection with the Reform School or separate and by itself, to ascertain the probable cost of such a building and the necessary annual expenses connected therewith, and in general to obtain such information as the subject may seem to require; said Committee being authorized to visit at the City's Expense such houses of Correction in other Cities as may seem most convenient and desirable for the attainment of the objects herein proposed.

Resolved That said Committee are hereby authorized to apply to the Legislature for such Alteration or modification of the existing Laws as may be necessary or desirable for the Establishment and operation of such a House of Correction

Passed February 14. 1859

Approved Wm M Rodman Mayor

Westminster St

The Standing committee to whom was referred the Communication of His Honor the Mayor in relation to Westminster Street and side walks on the Easterly side of North Main Street

Report

Read, Whereupon it is Ordered, that the same be received; and that the same be printed in the Newspapers employed to do the City Printing

Passed Feby 14 1859

Approved W. M. Rodman

Mayor

G A Williamson

Resolved That the sum of One hundred & fifty Dollars be paid out of the appropriation for Contingencies, to the order of the City Clerk, as additional compensation to G A Williamson the Clerk now employed by him for the present Municipal year

Passed February 14th 1859

Approved Wm M Rodman Mayor

Steam Fire Engine

The Standing Committee on the Fire Department appointed to enquire in relation to Steam Fire Engines, make Report

Read Whereupon, it is Ordered that the same be received; and that the same be printed in the newspapers employed to do the City Printing

Passed February 14. 1859

Approved

C. Engineer Report

The Chief Engineer makes his Monthly Report of the Expenditures of the Fire Department Amt $996.29

Read, Whereupon it is ordered That the same be received

Passed Febuary 14 1859

Approved Wm M Rodman

Mayor

Tax Collector

Resolved That Messrs Francis, J. Tucker & Stimson and Ald Waterman be and they are hereby appointed a Special Committee to make application to the Legislature for such change in the act concerning the collection of Taxes as will enable the City of Providence to fix the Compensation of the Collector by City Ordinance

Passed Feby 14 1859

Approved Wm M Rodman

Mayor

Wooden Buildings

Joseph W Pratt requests liberty to remove a certain two & half story building from No 29 Broadway to Federal Street

Samuel G Anthony asks leave to remove a One Story building from No 41 Point Street to Hospital Street

John S Tripp requests liberty to remove a One Story building from High Street to Winter Street

Charles W Atwood asks leave to remove a One & half Story building from Codding to Pond Street

Read, whereupon it is Resolved, That the Prayers thereof be granted, Provided, the Petitioners give satisfactory bonds to the City Treasurer as required by the 3d Section of "An Ordinance in relation to the removal of Wooden Buildings"

Passed Feby 14 1859

Approved Wm M Rodman Mayor

In Convention February 14. 1859

Robert Manchester is reelected Surveyor General of Lumber

Darius S Skinner is elected Weigher of Cotton

The two Boards separate the Board of Aldermen retire to their Chamber.

Overseer of the Poor instructed

Paupers

Resolved. That the Overseer of the Poor is hereby instructed by this Council to give temporary out door relief to the strong and able bodied only in return for labor of some kind even though it be not remunerative; and he is furtherinore instructed in cases of accident, sickness or unforseen misfortune, to give relief at his discretion, &c. as far as possible in such cases, making personal inquiries and investigations

Resolved. That the Overseer of the Poor is hereby instructed by this Council to give permanent relief to no one out of the Asylum unless specially instructed to the contrary by the Board of Aldermen; to include among the proper candidates for the Dexter Asylum, only the neglected children of penury & crime, the helpless or sick, and the aged and infirm; and to reject as a general rule, all applicants for admission to said Asylum not coming within the above named classifications

Resolved. That Messrs Guild, Stimson, Salisbury, Matthewson, Spencer, Foster & Hawthorn and Aldermen Bowen & Anthony be and they are hereby appointed a Committee to confer with the Overseer of the Poor in devising methods whereby the numerous applicants for aid at his office may be assisted from the City Treasury in return for some kind of

labor in accordance with the preceding Instructions of this Council

Passed March 7. 1859.

Approved
Wm M. Rodman Mayor.

City Clerk & Clerk of the Municipal Court

An Ordinance fixing the compensation of the City Clerk and of the Clerk of the Municipal Court and for other purposes

(See Ordinance Book No 2 page 130)

Passed March 7. 1859

Approved W M Rodman Mayor

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paving Stones

Resolved. That the Surveyor of Highways be and he is hereby directed to purchase Five hundred Tons of Paving Stones, at such times as the same can be done to the best advantage

Passed March 14. 1859

Approved Wm M Rodman mayor

Prov Evening Press

Resolved That the Chairman of the Committee on Finance be instructed by this Council to contract with Messrs Danielson and Cook, of the Providence Evening Press to do, the City Printing for the remainder of the current year, for the sum of Fifty Dollars ($50)

Passed March 14 1859

Approved
Wm M Rodman Mayor

Insane Poor

The Overseer of the Poor makes his Annual Report in relation to the Insane Poor

Read Whereupon it is Ordered That the same be received

Ordered That the same be Printed in the Newspapers employed to do the City Printing

Passed March 14 1859

Approved Wm M Rodman
Mayor

Issues & payts

The City Treasurer makes his Quarterly Report of Issues & Payments
Issues none — Payments 20.000 Dolls to the Peoples Savings Bank

Read Whereupon it is ordered, that the same be received

Passed March 14. 1859

Approved Wm M Rodman Mayor

Harbor Masters Report

The Harbor Master makes his Monthly Report for Month of February Arrivals forty Seven 47.

Read, Whereupon, it is Ordered that the same be received

Passed March 14. 1859

Approved Wm M Rodman Mayor

Com on Fire Dept Reports

The Standing Committee on the Fire Department make Report upon the Arrangements for the Employment of Steam Engines in other Cities

Read, Whereupon, it is Ordered, that the same be received, and that the same be printed in the Newspapers employed to do the City Printing

Passed March 14. 1859

Approved Wm M Rodman Mayor

Steam Fire Engines

Resolved, That the Board of Engineers of the Fire Department, acting under the advice and direction of the Standing Committee on the Fire Department, be and they are hereby appointed a Committee to contract for two Steam Fire Engines for the City of such size and workmanship as they may determine; and also to contract for five thousand feet of Hose, of such size and material as said two Engines may require; provided the cost of said Steam Fire Engines and Hose, shall not exceed the sum of seventeen thousand dollars

Resolved That immediately upon the introduction of said Steam Apparatus into the Fire Department, Engines No 5 7. 9 and 10, be withdrawn therefrom; and that the Seven remaining Engines be so distributed throughout the City, as to afford the best protection to the property thereof

Passed March 14. 1859

Approved William M. Rodman
Mayor

C Engineer Report

The Chief Engineer makes his Monthly Report of the Expenditures of the Fire Department Amt $1793.0.72

$177 1 72/100 of the above amount is for 3 mos pay of the Foremen

Read. Whereupon ordered that the same be received

Passed March 14. 1859

Approved Wm M Rodman Mayor

Surveyor of Highways Report

The Surveyor of Highways makes his Monthly Report of Work done from February 1, 1859 to March 1. 1859 Amt $677.52

Read. Whereupon it is Ordered that the same be received

Passed March 14. 1859

Approved Wm M Rodman Mayor

Safes Exchange

The Committee on City Property make report in relation to the Exchange of Safes for City Clerks Office

Read. Whereupon it is Ordered that the same be received

Passed March 14. 1859

Approved Wm M Rodman Mayor

Safe

Resolved That the City Treasurer be and he is hereby authorized to purchase the safe now in the Assessors office for their use, provided the same can be obtained at a price not exceeding One hundred Dollars

Passed March 14 1859

Approved Wm M. Rodman Mayor

Engine House No 1

Resolved, That the resolution passed by the City Council the 14th ult in relation to the removal of Engine House No 1 be and the same is hereby rescinded

Passed March 14. 1859

Approved Wm M Rodman Mayor

Hydraulion House

Resolved That the Standing Committee on the Fire Department, who together with the Chief Engineer of the Fire Department, shall have power to contract, either for the removal of Engine House No 6, or for the Erection of a new Engine House if the same shall by said Committee and Chief be deemed necessary; provided the Cost of said removal or erection shall not exceed the sum of $1200.

Passed March 14. 1859

Approved Wm M Rodman

Mayor

Wooden Buildings

The Petition of Charles W Moore requesting liberty to remove a Wooden Building from No 25 High Street to the Cranston line and the Petition of John Mc Hale requesting liberty to remove a Wooden Building from Exchange Place and to place the same on Canal Street opposite the Boston Freight House

Read Whereupon it is Resolved, That the prayers thereof be granted, Provided, the petitioners give a Satisfactory bond to the City Treasurer, as required by the 3d Sec of "An Ordinance in relation to the removal of Wooden Buildings"

Passed March 14. 1859

Approved Wm M Rodman Mayor

Washington Bridge

Ordered, That the Copy of the Act of the General Assembly, entitled "An Act in relation to the Providence Washington Bridge, and the draws in the Bridges over Seekonk River" together with the proposed Resolution that the City of Providence assent to the provisions of said Act, so far as the same relates to said Providence Washington Bridge be to Messrs Taylor, Stimson, Bartlett, Martin, Carpenter, Francis and Meriam and Aldermen Brastow and Paine

Passed March 14. 1859

Approved Wm M Rodman Mayor

In Convention March 14 1859

The Surveyor General of Lumber Presents the following named persons as Deputy Surveyors of Lumber for the Approval of the Council

Robert Manchester Jr
Jacob Silloway
Nathaniel C Bushee
Benjamin Bogman 1st
Edk A Jillson
William R Talbot
Joseph K Robinson
Charles C Lee for Mahogany and other ornamental Lumber
Robert Manchester Jr for Oak & other hard Wood used in Ship Building Whereupon it is

Voted That this Council approve of said nominations

Jarvis P Swan is appointed Weigher of Cotton

The two Boards separate the Board of Aldermen retire to their Chamber

Mayors Salary

Resolved, That the Salary of the Mayor for the year ensuing the first Monday in June next shall be Fifteen Hundred Dollars, Payable Quarterly

Passed March 21. 1859

Approved Wm M Rodman Mayor

Harbor Masters Repor

The Harbor Master makes his Monthly Repot. Arrivals 81.

Read Whereupon it is Ordered That the same be received

Passed April 11. 1859

Approved

C Engineer Repot

The Chief Engineer makes his Monthly Report of the Expenditures of the Fire Department

Read Whereupon Ordered that the same be received

Passed April 11 1859

Approved Wm M Rodman Mayor

Grace Church

Upon the petition of the Corporation of the Grace Church it is

Westminster St Drain

Resolved That said Corporation be and they are hereby authorized to enter the Westminster Street Drain, with a Drain from their premises, without charge

Passed April 11. 1859

Approved Wm M Rodman Mayor

Surveyor of Highways Report

The Surveyor of Highways makes makes his Monthly Report of Work done from March 1st to April 1st 1859

Amount $1626.92

Read Whereupon it is Ordered That the same be received

Passed April 11. 1859

Approved Wm M Rodman Mayor

Dorrance St

Resolved That the Surveyor of Highways be and he is hereby directed to cause Dorrance Street below Dyer Street, a distance of about two hundred feet, to be paved, whenever the Stone is procured for the same, and the owners of the several Estates shall furnish 7 in. Curb Stone, the same as those on the other portion of the said Street

Passed April 11 1859

Approved Wm M Rodman Mayor

Taxes Remitted

Resolved That the City Treasurer be and he is hereby directed to pay to Patrick Flynn the sum of Four Dollars and five cents, the said Sum being in remission of a tax improperly assessed against him the year 1858 provided it shall appear to the Treasurer upon the certificate of the Collector of Taxes that said sum has been paid into the City Treasury. If it shall appear to the City Treasurer that said Sum has not been paid into the Treasury, then he shall credit the Collector of Taxes with the amount so unpaid, and the Collector of Taxes shall deduct the amount hereby remitted from the Tax of the said Patrick Flynn

Passed April 11. 1859

Approved Wm M Rodman Mayor

Brooklyn Water Celebration

Whereas the City Government of Brooklyn New York, have extended an Invitation through the Mayor, to the Common Council and other Offices of the City Government, to attend the Celebration of the introduction of Water into their City

Whereupon

Resolved That the Invitation aforesaid be and it is hereby accepted and that the Mayor and the President of the Common Council be appointed as a delegation to represent the City Government at said Celebration

Passed April 11. 1859

Approved Wm M Rodman Mayor

Wooden Buildings

The following petitions for the Removal of Wooden Buildings viz J D Cranston from Cove Street to D Street
Peter Deagon, Carpenter to Cargill Street
Oliver Spelman, 46 Waterman St to the opposite side

Read, Whereupon it is Resolved, That the prayer thereof be granted; Provided, the Petitioner give a Satisfactory bond to the City Treasurer as required by the 3d Sect of An Ordinance in relation to the removal of Wooden Buildings

Passed April 12 1859

Approved Wm M Rodman Mayor

Washington Bridge

The Committee appointed on the 14th of March to whom was refered the Act of the General Assembly in relation to the Providence Washington Bridge and the Resolutions now under consideration by the City Council in relation thereto, Report

Read Whereupon it is Ordered that the same be received.

Ordered -

Mayors Salary

Resolved, That the Salary of the Mayor for the year ensuing the first Monday in June next shall be Fifteen Hundred Dollars, Payable Quarterly

Passed March 21. 1859

Approved Wm M Rodman Mayor

Harbor Masters Repor

The Harbor Master makes his Monthly Report. Arrivals 81.

Read Whereupon it is Ordered That the same be received

Passed April 11. 1859

Approved

C Engineers Report

The Chief Engineer makes his Monthly Report of the Expenditures of the Fire Department

Read Whereupon Ordered that the same be received

Passed April 11 1859

Approved Wm M Rodman Mayor

Grace Church

Upon the petition of the Corporation of the Grace Church it is

Westminster St Drain

Resolved That said Corporation be and they are hereby authorized to enter the Westminster Street Drain, with a Drain from their premises, without charge

Passed April 11. 1859

Approved Wm M Rodman Mayor

Surveyor of Highways Report

The Surveyor of Highways makes makes his Monthly Report of Work done from March 1st to April 1st 1859

Amount $1626.92

Read Whereupon it is Ordered That the same be received

Passed April 11. 1859

Approved Wm M Rodman Mayor

Dorrance St

Resolved That the Surveyor of Highways be and he is hereby directed to cause Dorrance Street below Dyer Street, a distance of about two hundred feet, to be paved, whenever the Stone is procured for the same, and the owners of the several Estates shall furnish 7 in. Curb Stone, the same as those on the other portion of the said Street

Passed April 11 1859

Approved Wm M Rodman Mayor

Taxes Remitted

Resolved That the City Treasurer be and he is hereby directed to pay to Patrick Flynn the sum of Four Dollars and five cents, the said Sum being in remission of a tax improperly assessed against him the year 1858 provided it shall appear to the Treasurer upon the Certificate of the Collector of Taxes that said sum has been paid into the City Treasury. If it shall appear to the City Treasurer that said Sum has not been paid into the Treasury, then he shall credit the Collector of Taxes with the amount so unpaid, and the Collector of Taxes shall deduct the amount hereby remitted from the Tax of the said Patrick Flynn

Passed April 11. 1859

Approved Wm M Rodman Mayor

Brooklyn Water Celebration

Whereas the City Government of Brooklyn New York, have extended an Invitation through the Mayor, to the Common Council and other Offices of the City Government, to attend the Celebration of the introduction of Water into their City

Whereupon

Resolved That the Invitation aforesaid be and it is hereby accepted and that the Mayor and the President of the Common Council be appointed as a delegation to represent the City Government at said Celebration

Passed April 11. 1859

Approved Wm M Rodman Mayor

Wooden Buildings

The following petitions for the Removal of Wooden Buildings viz J D Cranston from Cove Street to D Street

Peter Deacon, Carpenter to Cargill Street

Oliver Spelman, 46 Waterman St to the opposite side

Read, Whereupon it is Resolved, That the prayer thereof be granted, provided the petitioner give a Satisfactory bond to the City Treasurer as required by the 3 Sect of An Ordinance in relation to the removal of Wooden Buildings

Passed April 12 1859

Approved Wm M Rodman Mayor

Washington Bridge

The Committee appointed on the 14th of March to whom was refered the Act of the General Assembly in relation to the Providence Washington Bridge and the Resolutions now under consideration by the City Council in relation thereto, Report

Read Whereupon it is Ordered that the same be received.

Ordered -

That the same be printed in the Newspapers employed to do the City printing

Passed April 12 1859

Washington Bridge

Resolved that the City of Providence does hereby assent to the provisions of the act entitled an act in relation to the Providence Washington Bridge and the draws in the bridges over Seekonk River, passed at the January Session A D 1859 of the General Assembly, so far as the same relates to said Providence Washington Bridge

Passed April 12 1859

Approved Wm M Rodman Mayor

Work House Lot

On the petition of Earl P Mason, it is

Ordered, That the City Treasurer be and he is hereby directed to renew the Lease of the Work House Lot to Earl P Mason for another term of five years at a rent of Two hundred and twenty Dollars per annum

Passed May 9. 1859

Approved Wm M Rodman Mayor

Surveyor Highways

The Surveyor of Highways makes his Monthly Report of Work done from April 1. 1859 to May 1. 1859 $212.86

Read Whereupon, it is Ordered, that the same be received

Passed May 9th 1859

Approved Wm M Rodman Mayor

Com. on Highways Report

The Standing Committee on Highways make their final Report

Read, Whereupon, it is Ordered that the same be received

Ordered, That the same be printed in the Newspapers employed to do the City Printing

Passed May 9. 1859

Approved William M Rodman Mayor

Pond St

Resolved That the Surveyor of Highways be and he is hereby directed to set the Curb Stone and pave the Gutters on Pond Street lying between Spring and Pearl Streets

Passed May 9. 1859

Approved Wm M Rodman Mayor

Angell St

Resolved That the Surveyor of Highways be, and he is hereby directed to cause the Setting of the Curb Stones and the Paving of the Gutters on the North side of Angell Street, from Cooke to Governor Street to be finished; (which work was ordered on the tenth day of May, 1852;) and also to cause the Curb Stones to be set and the gutters paved, on the South side of said Angell Street, from Cooke to Governor Street

Passed May 9. 1859

Approved Wm M Rodman Mayor

Carpenter St

Resolved That the Surveyor of Highways be and he is hereby directed to set the Curb Stone, and pave the gutters on Carpenter Street between Knight and Marshall Street

Passed May 9. 1859

Approved Wm M Rodman Mayor

Ringold St

Resolved, That the Surveyor of Highways be and he is hereby directed to set the Curb Stone and pave the Gutters on Ringold Street between Carpenter Street and Broadway

Passed May 9. 1859

Approved Wm M Rodman Mayor

Thayer St

Resolved That the Surveyor of Highways be and he hereby is, directed to set the Curb Stones and pave the gutters on that portion of Thayer Street between Angell and Waterman Street

Passed May 9. 1859

Approved Wm M Rodman Mayor

Harbor & Harbor Master

An Ordinance in amendment of an Ordinance entitled "An Ordinance in relation to the harbor of the City of Providence and the powers and duties of the Harbor Master thereof." (See Ordinance Book No 2 page 120)

Passed May 9. 1859

Approved W. M. Rodman Mayor

Charles Field Street

Resolved, That the Surveyor of Highways be and he hereby is directed to cause the setting of the Curb Stones and the Paving of the gutters, on Charles Field Street between Thayer Street and Hope Street

Passed May 9. 1859

Approved Wm M Rodman Mayor

Hope St

Resolved, that the Surveyor of Highways be and he hereby is directed to repair that portion of Hope Street South of Olney Street and opposite the Friends Yearly Meeting Boarding School at an Expense not exceeding four hundred Dollars

Passed May 9. 1859

Approved Wm M Rodman Mayor

Conduit St

Resolved, that the Surveyor of Highways be and he hereby is, directed to cause the setting of the Curb Stones and the paving of the gutters on Conduit Street from Mumford's Meadow to Broad Street

Passed May 9 1859

Approved Wm M Rodman Mayor

Harbor Master Report

The Harbor Master makes his Monthly Report

Amount Collected $ 125.—

Read, Whereupon it is Ordered that the same be received

Passed May 9. 1859

Approved Wm M Rodman Mayor

C Engineers Report

The Chief Engineer makes his Monthly Report of the Expenditures of the Fire Department Amt $ 148.45

Read Whereupon it is Ordered that the same be received

Passed May 9th 1859

Approved Wm M Rodman Mayor

Fire Department

An Ordinance in Amendment of an Ordinance entitled "An Ordinance in amendment of an Ordinance entitled an Ordinance Establishing a Fire Department" (see Ordinance Book No 2 page 123)

Passed May 9. 1859

Approved Wm M Rodman Mayor

Cross Walks

Resolved, That the Surveyor of Highways be and he hereby is directed to put down if found necessary three Cross Walks on Carpenter Street between Knight and Marshall Streets, three on Pond Street between Pearl and Spring Streets, two on Ridgold Street between Carpenter Street and Broadway, two on Angell Street between Cooke and Governor Streets, Four on Charles Field Street, between Hope & Thayer Streets, two on Conduit Street between Mumfords Meadow and Broad Street, one on Thayer Street between Angell and Waterman Street and one on Brown Street opposite the Brown Street Baptist Church The same to be done whenever the putting down Curb Stones and the paving of the gutters on these portions of the above named Streets shall be ordered and the work commenced and provided also that the cost of the same shall not exceed the sum of Five hundred Dollars

Passed May 9. 1859

Approved Wm M Rodman Mayor

Wooden Buildings

Daniel H Linscott & Jeremiah Knight petition for liberty to remove a wooden Building from No 240 High Street and place the same on the corner of Grove & Courtland Street and Washington and Battey Streets

Read Whereupon it is Resolved, That the prayer thereof be granted, Provided, the petitioner give a satisfactory bond to the City Treasurer as required by the 3d Sect of "an Ordinance in relation to the removal of wooden Buildings"

Passed May 9. 1859

Approved Wm M Rodman Mayor

House of Correction

The Committee appointed February last to enquire into the expediency of erecting a House of Correction, make a Majority and Minority Report,

Received and ordered to be printed in the papers employed to do the City Printing

Passed May 9. 1859

Approved Wm M Rodman Mayor

Reports of Com on House of Correction to be printed

Resolved That Seven hundred & fifty copies of the Majority and Minority Repots of the Committee in February last, to inquire into the expediency of erecting a House of Correction or Industry be printed in pamphlet form for the use of the City Council

Passed May 9. 1859

Approved Wm M Rodman Mayor

Tax Bill

An Ordinance providing for the raising, assessment and collection of a sum of not less than four hundred and fifty thousand dollars, and not more than four hundred and fifty five thousand dollars by a tax on real and personal estate

see Ordinance Book N° 2 page 123.)

Passed May 9. 1859

Approved

Wm M Rodman Mayor

Prov Washington Bridge

Resolved That Messrs Lester, Anthony and Angell and Alderman Bowen be, and they are hereby appointed a committee to cause the draw in the Providence Washington Bridge to be widened pursuant to the provisions of the Act of the General Assembly entitled "An Act in relation to the Providence Washington Bridge and the Draws in the Bridge over Seekonk River" the same to be done under the direction, and to the satisfaction of the Commissioners who may be appointed by the Governor, by authority of the second section of said Act

Passed May 21. 1859

Approved W. M. Rodman

In Convention June 6. 1859 at 3 o'clk P.M.

This being the day fixed by law for the Annual Organization of the City Government of the City of Providence, the following Gentlemen, being the Mayor, Aldermen and Common Councilmen Elect, have met in Convention at the Council Chamber

William M Rodman Mayor

made a Farewell Address to the Convention, he then read the Certificate of Elections of the Mayor Elect, and engaged

Jabez C Knight Mayor

for the ensuing Municipal year.

The Mayor then engaged the [illegible], Aldermen Common Councilmen elect and City Clerk Viz

William R. Waterman	Alderman	First Ward
William H Bowen	"	Second "
William Earle	"	Third "
James B Ames	"	Fourth "
Charles Anthony	"	Fifth "
John K Lester	"	Sixth "
Ezekiel W Holden	"	Seventh "

Common Council

First Ward	Second Ward	Third Ward
Alfred Potter	William Binney	John D Jones
Caesar A Updike	Henry Anthony	Henry J Bartlett
Reuben A Guild	Ezekiel Owen	Zech^a R Tucker
Nelson Chase	Sam^l B Wheaton	Oliver A Washburn Jr

Fourth Ward	Fifth Ward	Sixth Ward
Jacob H Martin	William R Hopkins	John N. Francis
Stephen Cornell	William B Rider	James Tucker
P. M. Farrington	Charles E Carpenter	Thomas Lincoln
Stephen Waterman	William Spencer	Arch^a B. Rice

Seventh Ward

Ebenezer W Walker — William H Pratt

Thomas W Sprague — Daniel Angell Jr

Albert Pabodie City Clerk

The Mayor then delivered his inaugural address

The two Boards separate the Board of Aldermen retire to their Chamber

Standing Rules

Resolved That the same Standing Rules which were, on the Seventh day of June A D 1858, adopted as the Standing Rules of the City Council, for the Municipal year last past; be, and the same are hereby adopted as the Standing Rules of the City Council, for the present Municipal year.

Passed June 6. 1859

Approved Jabez C Knight mayor

City Printing

Resolved That Messrs Martin, Carpenter & Pratt and Alderman Waterman, be, and they are hereby appointed a Committee to contract for the City Printing, for the present Municipal year

Passed June 6. 1859

Approved Jabez C Fisher Mayor

Treasurers Bond

Resolved, That Messrs Francis, J Tucker & Wheaton and Alderman Anthony, be and they are hereby appointed a Committee to take a bond of the City Treasurer, for the faithful discharge of the duties of his Office, for the present Municipal Year; said Bond to be in the sum of Thirty Thousand Dollars

Passed June 6 1859

Approved Jabez C Knight Mayor

Mayors Address

Resolved That Messrs Guild, Farrington and Riden and Ald^n Holden, be and they are hereby appointed a Committee, to wait upon the Mayor, and request him to furnish, for publication, a Copy of the Address this day delivered by him to the City Council; and cause the same to be printed in such manner as they may deem expedient

Passed June 6. 1859

Approved Jabez C Knight Mayor

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organization

Resolved That the Joint Committee who were appointed to cause the Mayors Address to the City Council to be printed; be and they are hereby directed, to cause a List of the Standing Committees and such portions of the Organization of the City Government as they may deem expedient, to be printed, in pamphlet form, for the use of the City Council

Passed June 6. 1859

Approved Jabez C Knight Mayor

Police Court

Resolved That from the Justices assigned to keep the Peace within this City Henry L Bowen and Samuel W Peckham be, and they are hereby selected to compose the Police Court of this City during the present Municipal year

Passed June 6. 1859

Approved Jabez C Knight Mayor

Mayors portrait

Resolved That Messrs Binney, Bartlett & J Tucker and Ald^n Earle be and they are hereby appointed a Committee to wait upon the Mayor, and request him to sit for his portrait, for the city; and that said Committee be, and they are hereby authorized to draw upon the City Treasury, for such sum as may be necessary to carry this Resolution into effect

Passed June 6. 1859

Approved Jabez C Knight Mayor

4th July

Resolved That Messrs Potter, Owen, Washburne, Farrington, Francis, Pratt, Riden and Aldermen Earle, Ames & Lesters be and they are hereby appointed a Committee of Arrangements for a Municipal Celebration of the approaching Anniversary of American Independence.

Resolved, That the sum of Twenty five hundred Dollars be, and the same is hereby appropriated, for defraying the Expenses of said Celebration; to be paid by the City Treasurer, to the order of said Committee, out of any monies in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated

Passed June 6. 1859

Approved Jabez C Knight Mayor

Assessors of Taxes

An Ordinance in amendment of the Ordinances relating to the Assessors of Taxes (see Ordinance Book N^o 2 page 124.)

Passed June 6. 1859

Approved Jabez C Knight Mayor

Report Sups of N B Ground

The Superintendent of the North Burying Ground makes his Annual Report amt Received $ 602. 50

Read Whereupon it is Ordered, that the same be received

Passed June 6. 1859

Approved Jabez C Knight Mayor

Surveyor of Highways Report

The Surveyor of Highways makes his Monthly Report of Work done from May 1st 1859 to June 1. 1859 Amt $2190.05

Read, Whereupon, it is Ordered, that the same be received

Passed June 6. 1859

Approved Jabez C Knight Mayor

Gauger Generals Report

The Gauger General makes his Annual Report

Number of Casks gauged by self 12,254 fees $931.49
do do do " Deputies 3768

Read. Whereupon it is Ordered, that the same be received
Ordered, that the same be printed in the Newspapers employed to do the City Printing

Passed June 6. 1859

Approved Jabez C Knight Mayor

Chief Engineer Annual Report

The Chief Engineer makes his Annual Report

Read, Whereupon, it is Ordered, that the same be received; and that seven hundred and fifty copies thereof be printed in pamphlet form, for the use of the City Council

Passed June 6. 1859

Approved Jabez C Knight Mayor

Harbor Masters Report

The Harbor Master presents his Monthly report of Arrivals from May 1st to May 31 1859

Arrivals 178 fees $178.—

Read Whereupon it is Ordered That the same be received

Passed June 6. 1859

Approved Jabez C Knight Mayor

Com'rs Burying Ground Repart

The Commissioners of the North Burying Ground, make their Annual Report

Receipts for year ending	Apl 30/59		1507.77
Expenditures	do	do	1412.18
Balance to new ap			$ 95.59
Lots Sold	$1217.73		
Rents	290.04		1507.77

Read, Whereupon it is Ordered, that the same be received
Passed June 6 1859
Approved Jabez C Knight
Mayor

School Com'e Annual Report

The School Committee make their Annual Report

Read Whereupon, it is ordered, that the same be received

Ordered That the Standing Committee on Education cause five hundred copies thereof to be printed in pamphlet form for the use of the City Council

Passed June 6. 1859

Approved Jabez C Knight
Mayor

Overseer of the Poor semi Annual Report

The Overseer of the Poor makes his semi Annual Report

Read, Whereupon it is Ordered, that the same be received
Ordered, That the same be printed in the Papers employed to do the City Printing

Passed June 6. 1859

Approved Jabez C Knight
Mayor

Wooden Buildings

Frederick Fuller asks liberty to remove a One Story building from South Main to Benefit Street

Almon Wade requests liberty to remove a building from High to the corner of Harkness and Meaden Sheets

Read. Whereupon it is Resolved, That the prayers thereof be granted, provided, the petitioners give a satisfactory bond to the City Treasurer as required by the 3d Sec. of "An Ordinance in relation to the removal of Wooden Buildings"

Passed June 6. 1859

Approved Jabez C Knight
Mayor

City Debt

Whereas Messrs Frances, Z Tucker, Wheaton V Sprague have been, this day appointed by the Common Council, as the Committee, on their part, for the reduction of the City Debt, for the present Municipal year, pursuant to the requisition contained in the first Section of the Ordinances entitled "An Ordinance in relation to the City Debt." It is resolved, that the names of said Committee be communicated to the Board of Aldermen; in order that said Board may add an Alderman to said Committee, pursuant to the requisition contained in said Section

In Common Council June 6 1859
Read & passed A G Greene Clerk

Approved
Jabez C Knight
Mayor

In Board of Aldermen same day Read Whereupon Voted That All Waterman be added Albert Pabodie Clerk

Standing Committees

of the City Council appointed June 6. 1859 on the part of the Common Council, for the present Municipal year

On Finance, Messrs Francis Z Tucker, Wheaton & Sprague } Alderman Waterman

On Highways Messrs Anthony, Cornell & Lincoln } Alderman Lester

To Engross Ordinance Mess Updike, Rice & Rider } Alderman Ames

On Education Messrs Binney, Guild, Pratt & Jones } Alderman Waterman

On the Fire Department Messrs Carpenter, Farrington & Owen } Alderman Holden

On City Property Messrs Martin, Chase & Angell } Alderman Anthony

On Police, Messrs Hopkins, Potter, Washburn & Walker } Alderman Bowen

On North Burial Ground Messrs Potter, Rice & Chase } Alderman Earle

On Claims Messrs Bartlett, J Tucker & Spencer } Alderman Ames

In Common Council June 6. 1859

The aforenamed members of this Board having been this day appointed as members of this Board, of the Standing Committees of the City Council, for the present Municipal year; It is resolved, that the aforegoing List be communicated to the Board of Aldermen; in order that an Alderman may be added to each of said Committees

Read & Passed A G Greene Clerk

In Board of Alderman same day. Read

Whereupon, Resolved, That the Aldermen aforenamed be added to each of said Committees

Albert Pabodie Clerk

Approved Jabez C Knight Mayor

In Convention June 6. 1859

The two Boards are in Convention for the purpose of electing City Officers for the ensuing Municipal Election

The following Officers appointed

Albert G Greene	Judge of the Municipal Court
Levi Salisbury	Clerk " " Do Do
John J Paine	City Auditor
Samuel B Duffe	Surveyor of Highways
Josiah Simmons, Edward Field, Wm A Townsend	Street Commissioners
James C Sheridan	City Sergeant
same	City Messenger

City Constables James Sheldon, John H Gould, Daniel Wightman, Daniel F Potter, Thos W Hayward James G Arnington, John B Barton, Ethan Tourtellot, Christian M. Johnson, James O Swan, William P Dean, William J Booth, Nathan Smalley, William H Pullen, Geo. W. Wightman, Silas Hemenway, Thos W Hart, Jonathan A Knowles, Jabez C. Potter, William G Meewethee William C Barker

William Tallman, Nathaniel F Potter, Earl Carpenter } Presidents of Firewards

Thomas Aldrich. Chief Engineer

William H Penner, David A Cleveland } Assistant Engineers

Daniel Joslin Harbor Master

over

George S Harwood
Peleg S Sherman
Samuel C Cattleford
} Viewers of Coops.

Undertakers Judson Blake, John G Hopkins, Gardner T. Swarts
William C Millerd, Meric Nichols, Hollis Chaffin
Wm O Briggs, Wm Vero, William Wallace, Horace B Knowles,
Patrick Barron, Nathan Smalley, Geo. W Hopkins, Christian
M Johnson

Peleg S Sherman
Geo. S Harwood
Geo. W. Wheeler
} Packers & Inspectors of Pork

Amasa Manton
Alexander D Adie
} Inspectors of Pot & Pearl Ashes

Joseph Martin Inspector of Saleratus & Bicarbonate of Soda

Rufus Kimball, Inspector of Beef and Pork

Surveyors & Corders of Wood — Thos J Wardwell. George B Holmes. Benjamin S Olney. Samuel B. Bullock. Nelem Chace. Joseph Robinson. Wm R Thurber George S. Brown. Clark Steere. Wm W Arnold. Sayles Brown. Benj J Brown. Jabez C. Olney. Benj S. Olney Jr. Rowland Evans. Daniel Lincoln. Darwin R. Merry. Ephraim L Hall. Thos C White. Robert Manchester.

William Andrews
Leonard Blodget
Clifton A Hall
Richard Palmer
} Surveyors & Measurers of Stone

Leonard Blodget. Robert Manchester. Robt Manchester Jr. James Lewis
Russell Greene. Weston A Fisher. Rich Palmer Jonathan S. Angell
Horace Gray. Stephen C Arnold Clifton A Hall Thos J Griffin. John
A. Townsend Isaac N Hallett. — Inspectors and Measurers of Carpenters Masons & Painters work

Edwin W Snow. Wm T. Grinnell
Henry A Hubbard Saml G. Arnold
Thos J Stead. Wm J King
} Trustees of Providence Reform School

Edward P Knowles
Zachariah Allen
Henry L Bowen
} Commissioners of the North Burial Ground

Nathan Smalley — Superintendent of the North Burial Ground

George Rice Sealer of Leather

Francis J Sheldon — Auctioneer

Samuel B Durfee — Fence Viewer

Hollis Chaffin
Nathan Smalley
Jesse A Hawley
} Pound Keepers

Shubael B Conwell
Ellery Wilson
John S Eddy
Joseph Wesley
} Measurers of Grain. Salt and Sea Coal

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Joseph Wesley
} Measurers of Bran

Nathl B Chace — John A. Foster.
James Burrough — George H Hoppin
Wm Russell — Wm H Reynolds
Walter C Simmons — Daniel P Bush
Darius S Skinner — Jarvis P Smith
Francis J Bonnell — Nathl G. Gould
} Weighers of Cotton

Weighers of Anthracite Coal. Stephen Dunn. John B Metcalf
Geo B Peck. Stephen S. Salisbury. Seth L Norton. Chris B Turner
Ephraim Brown. James H Mumford. Thos Whitford. George H. Hill.
Christ A Reed. Geo H Newhall. Joseph Hodges. Robert A. Potter.
Chas Remington. Benj Tripp. Richmond P. Everett. Thos N Pearce
Arnold A Wilkinson. Edwd W Baker. Danl C Williams. Samuel B
Swan. Henry S. Harris. Henry C. Clarke. Oliver C Greene. Geo L.
Tucker. Scott Smith. Chas Arnold. Graham P Ponroy. John H
Hopkins. Jacob Manchester. Wm H Hopkins. Isaac N Beach. Ebben
Simmons Geo A Turner. Silas W Rimpton. James W Taft. Nathan D
Pearce. Wm D Pearce. Edward C Darling. John A Eastman. Ebenezer
Peck Ansel B Pope. Stillman Perkins. Geo T. Barton. Ezra Corbin
Henry F Davis. Henry A Webb. Benj L. Ponroy. Albia R Abbott
Joseph A Carpenter. Seth Scott. Barnard O'Neil. Benj W Hubbard
James S. Hale

Edward Hawkins — Weigher of Hay

Mayor & Aldermen — Overseers of the Hospital

Richard C Monton — Overseer of Bridges

Thomas Aldrich — Overseer of City Pumps

Mayor & Aldermen — Advising Committee on Bridges

Moses Richardson
Samuel Lewis
Richard Palmer } Committee to superintend the building of Chimneys & placing of Stoves and pipes

Edward G. Farmer — Gauger General

Shubael H Cady
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Lloyd Bowers } Port Wardens

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Tho[s] W Hart — Overseer of Town House Lost & Buildings

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The two Boards separate. the Board of Aldermen retire to their Chamber

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Benj F Snow
Orland W Prince
Oliver Wicks
Chas E A Mathewson } appointed City Constables

Sylvester B Bowers appointed Undertaker

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Bridges

A Communication from the Mayor recommending the Bridging over of the river in front of Washington Building between the Great Bridge and Washington Bridge, Read whereupon it is

Ordered That the same be referred to Messes Binney, Hopkins & Pratt and Alde[n] Bowen, to examine and report

Passed July 11. 1859

Approved Jabez C Knight Mayor

Ferry Dock

On the petition of George B Earle and others in relation to Ferry Dock, at the foot of James Street, it is

Resolved, That said petition be received and referred to Aldermen Bowen and Earle and Messrs Carpenter, Washburn & Farrington, to examine and report thereon

Passed July 11. 1859

Approved Jabez C Knight Mayor

Chas Potter Land

A Communication from the Mayor in relation to the purchase of land opposite the Reform School belonging to the Estate of Charles Potter.

Read, whereupon it is, Ordered that the same be referred to Messrs Bartlett, Wheaton and Martin and Alde[n] Earle, to examine and report thereon

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Passed July 11 1859

Approved
Jabez C Knight Mayor

Issues & Payt

The City Treasurer makes report that from March 14 to June 13 1859 he has made no issues or payments

Read. Whereupon it is

Ordered That the same be received

Passed July 11. 1859

Approved Jabez C Knight Mayor

Washington or India Bridge

The Committee appointed to widen the Draw of the Washington Bridge report

The work has already so far progressed as to give assurance of its completion by the middle of the present week, the cost of the work has been estimated at $1500.—

Read Whereupon it is Ordered that the same be received

Passed July 11th 1859

Approved Jabez C Knight Mayor

Appr. for Washington Bridge

Resolved That the Sum of Sixteen hundred Dollars ($1600,) be and it is hereby appropriated for the purpose of defraying the Expense of widening the Draw of Washington Bridge at India Point, the same to be paid out of any monies in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated

Passed July 11. 1859

Approved Jabez C Knight Mayor

Harbor Masters Report

The Harbor Master makes his Monthly Report of Arrivals from June 1st to 30th Two hundred & fifty five $255.—

Read. Whereupon it is Ordered, that the same be received

Passed July 11th 1859

Approved Jabez C Knight Mayor

Surveyor of Highways Report

The Surveyor of Highways makes his Monthly Report of Work done from June 1 to July 1. 1859 Amt $2445.70

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

Passed July 11. 1859

Approved Jabez C Knight Mayor

C Engineers Report

The Chief Engineer makes his Monthly Report of the Expenditures of the Fire Department Amt $8211.06

Read, Whereupon Ordered that the same be received

Passed July 11. 1859

Approved Jabez C Knight Mayor

Dock at foot Ship Street

On the petition of A D & J G Smith and others stating that the wash from the streets had so filled the Dock near the foot of Ship Street as to obstruct its use, and asking that it may be Excavated to a depth sufficient for the use of vessels &c

Read. Whereupon it is Ordered, that the same be referred to Messrs Carpenter, Washburn and Farrington and Alderman Anthony

Passed July 11th 1859

Approved Jabez C Knight Mayor

Harbor to be Excavated

Resolved That Messrs Francis. J R Tucker & Reider and Alderman Earle & Anthony be and they are hereby appointed a Committee, whose duty shall be to contract with some party, for the digging out of the Channel of the river in such places as said Committee in connection with the Harbor Master may direct, and they are hereby authorized to expend such an amount as shall have been received into the City Treasury from the fees collected from vessels arriving at this Port since the Election of the present incumbant; after paying the Salary of that Officer for the time taken into the account

Passed July 11th 1859

Approved Jabez C Knight Mayor

Pond St

Resolved That the Surveyor of Highways be and he is hereby directed to set the Curbing and pave the Gutters on Pond Street from Pearl to Bridgham Street

Passed July 11th 1859

Approved Jabez C Knight Mayor

Appropriation

Resolved That the following sums be, and the same are hereby appropriated for the following purposes, viz

Improvement of Public Grounds $500.—

Contingencies 1000.—

Passed July 11. 1859

Approved Jabez C Knight Mayor

City Printing

The Committee appointed at the last meeting of the Council to contract for the City Printing, have attended to that duty, and herewith present the Contracts with the several City Papers

J. H. Martin
For Committee

Read. Whereupon it is Ordered, that the same be received

The Contracts are deposited with the City Treasurer

Passed July 11th 1859

Approved Jabez C Knight Mayor

J B Angell Oration

Resolved That the thanks of this Body be Presented to Prof. J. B. Angell for his Oration at the recent Anniversary of our National Independence

Passed July 11. 1859

Approved Jabez C Knight Mayor

Oration to be printed

Resolved That the Committee appointed to make arrangements for the Municipal Celebration of the Anniversary of American Independence be and they are hereby authorized to request of Prof. J. B. Angell, a copy of the Oration delivered by him on the fourth of July inst. and cause five hundred copies of the same to be published for the use of the City Council

Passed July 11. 1859

Approved Jabez C Knight Mayor

Report of Com. on petitions to retain Engines 5. 7. 9 & 10

The Standing Committee of the Fire Department, to whom was referred the petitions of Jos. F Gilmore and others asking that Engines 5. 7. 9 & 10 may be retained in the Fire Department Report against granting the prayer of said petitioners and recommend that they have leave to withdraw

Read whereupon it is Ordered, that the same be received

Passed July 11th 1859

Approved Jabez C Knight Mayor

Transit Street

Resolved That Alderman Earle and Messrs Spencer, Jones and Rice, be a Committee, to examine and report upon the expediency of Widening Transit Street opposite the Estate of John H Ormsbee and also to report upon what terms said Street can be widened

Passed August 8th 1859

Approved Jabez C Knight Mayor

Isaac Field Ests Stagnant Water

Resolved That the Surveyor of Highways be and he is hereby authorized under the advice and direction of the Committee on Highways, and with the assent of the parties interested in the land affected, to proceed and fill up the Low place in the Isaac Field Estate, complained of as a nuisance; Provided the same can be done at an expense not exceeding one hundred Dollars, and that the cost of same be paid out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated

Passed August 8. 1859

Approved Jabez C Knight
Mayor

City Treasr to Lease

Resolved That the City Treasurer be and he is hereby authorized and directed to lease of the Heirs of Oliver Earle a lot of land upon Mill Street for the use of the City; and that said Lease be made for a term of ten years, at an Annual rent of not more than fifty Dollars

Passed August 8. 1859

Approved Jabez C Knight Mayor

Wooden Buildings

The petition of Cleveland Bros asking leave to remove a two story Wooden from its present location (formerly the Niagara Engine House) and place the same about 20 feet South and

The petition of Phenix Iron Foundry requesting liberty to remove a One Story building from Eddy Street and place the same on South Street are

Read whereupon it is Resolved, That the prayers thereof be granted, Provided the Petitioners give Satisfactory bonds to the City Treasurer as required by the 3 Sect of "An Ordinance in relation to the removal of Wooden Buildings"

Passed August 8. 1859

Approved Jabez C Knight
Mayor

Harbor Master Report

The Harbor Master makes his Monthly Report from July 1 to July 31. 1859

Arrivals Two hundred & forty six $246.—

Read whereupon Ordered that the same be received

Passed August 8. 1859

Approved Jabez C Knight Mayor

Steam Fire Engines

Resolved That the Board of Engineers of the Fire Department, are hereby authorized and directed to locate the two Steam Fire Engines, ordered by this City Council, at such Engine Houses, as they may deem best for the security of combustible property in the City

Resolved That the Board of Engineers aforesaid, are hereby authorized and directed to employ for the management of the said Engines, a 1st and a 2d Engineer for each Engine, whose services shall be given entirely to the City at such compensation, as in the judgment of said Board, may be necessary to secure competent and faithful men; and that said Board shall consider themselves hereby duly authorized and directed to keep in constant requisition for each Engine aforesaid, a Hostler and a number of Horses suitable for the efficient transportation of the said Engines and their Hose

Resolved, That the said Board of Engineers are hereby authorized and directed to hire stables ~~upon land belonging to, or leased by the City, and not otherwise appropriated~~ for the shelter of the Horses aforesaid, or, if necessary to erect stables upon land belonging to, or leased by the City and not otherwise appropriated

Passed Aug 8. 1859

Approved Jabez C Knight Mayor

Prairie Avenue

Resolved, That the Surveyor of Highways be and he hereby is directed to pave the gutters and set the Curb Stones on Prairie Avenue from Lockwood Street to the Evanston Line whenever the same shall have been received as a Street of this City

Passed August 8. 1859

Approved Jabez C Knight Mayor

Engines 5, 7 9 & 10

Resolved, That so much of the Resolution relating to the Fire Department as provides for the withdrawal of Engines Nos 7. 5, 9 & 10 upon the introduction of Steam Fire Engines, that passed the City Council on the 14th of March last, be and the same is hereby repealed

Passed August 8. 1859

Approved Jabez C Knight Mayor

Appropriation

Resolved That the following sums be, and the same are hereby appropriated for the following purposes; respectively

For Gas Fixtures	$300.—
" Public Schools	1000.—
" Contingencies	2000.—

Passed August 8. 1859

Approved Jabez C Knight Mayor

Town House Lot

Resolved, That the Committee on City Property be instructed, to examine and report upon the expediency of selling the Town House Lot and Building, and such other unproductive Real Estate, as in their opinion will enhance the interest of the City

Passed August 8. 1859

Approved Jabez C Knight Mayor

In Convention August 8. 1859

The Gauger General presents the names of the following persons as Deputy Gaugers for Confirmation

James Burrough
William Burrough
George Greene — Whereupon it is

Voted That the City Council approve of said appointments

John P Case is appointed City Constable

D S Linell & Wm H Sharman are nominated for City Constables — Whereupon, it is

Voted That no more City Constables be appointed

The two Boards separate the Board of Aldermen retire to their Chamber

proceedings of Com Council

Resolved That the Clerk of the Common Council be, and he is hereby directed to cause three hundred Copies of the proceedings of each meeting of the Common Council, together with the action of the Board of Aldermen, and his Hon. the Mayor thereon, to be printed in pamphlet form; One hundred copies thereof to be for the use of the City Council, and the remainder to be retained in the Office of the City Clerk for future use

Passed August 8. 1859

Approved Jabez C Knight Mayor

Appropriations

Resolutions making appropriations for the year ensuing the last Monday in September A D One thousand eight hundred fifty nine

Resolved, That the several sums hereinafter mentioned, be and the same are hereby appropriated for the following purposes respectively; to wit

For the Fund established for the payment of the City Debt; in and by the Ordinance entitled "An Ordinance in relation to the City Debt" All sums received into the Treasury for Rents of the City Property, Licenses and Interest; and the sum of Twelve thousand Dollars from the first monies received into the Treasury, from other sources, after the first day of October next; as provided by said Ordinance.

For the Support of Public Schools for the year ending the last monday in September A D 1860 together with, and in addition to the sum of which the City may receive for the same purpose from the State Treasurer and Registry Tax (the expenditures under this appropriation to be made by the order and direction of the School Committee;) the sum of Fifty thousand Dollars $50.000.—

For the Support of the Poor and the removal of Paupers (including Asylum) together with the income of the "Tillinghast Fund" so called, Twelve thousand Dollars $12.000

For the Fire Department Thirty five thousand Dollars $35,000

For the Support of Public Bridges, Two thousand Dollars $2.000

For the Support of Public Watch, Thirty four thousand Dollars $34.000,

For Lighting Streets, Thirty thousand Dollars $30.000.—

For the Salaries of the Mayor, Aldermen, Members of the Common Council & the City Officers, Twenty thousand Dollars $20.000.—

For the repairs of Public Buildings, Two thousand Dollars $2000.

For the repairs of the City Pumps and Wells, One thousand Dollars $1000—

For Police Department, Twelve thousand Dollars $12.000.,

For the repair of Asylum Walls & Buildings; One thousand Dolls $1,000—

For Highways; Twenty five thousand Dollars $25.000.—

For Contingent expenses; viz, Any claims which may be allowed by the Board of Aldermen, or by the City Auditor not included in the preceding items; and also the compensation allowed to Wardens and Ward Clerks; Twenty thousand Dollars $20.000.—

For the improvement of Public Grounds One thousand Dolls $1000.—

For Gas Light Fixtures; One thousand Dollars $1000.—

For the Providence Reform School; Ten thousand Dollars $10.000.—

For the Citys Proportion of the State Taxes; Twenty eight thousand One hundred and twenty one Dollars, seventy five Cts, $28.121.75

For the interest on the Bonds issued by the City of Providence to the amount of Six hundred thousand Dollars, as established in and by the Ordinance entitled an "Ordinance in relation to the issue and Sale of the Bonds of the City of Providence" and the establishment of a Sinking Fund for the satisfaction and payment thereof, Thirty six thousand Dollars $36.000.— and the sum of Ten thousand Dollars to be applied to the Sinking Fund as provided by said Ordinance $10.000

For Sidewalk and Curbing; One thousand Dollars $1.000.

Resolved, That the several sums hereby appropriated (excepting the sum to be appropriated for the Fund established for the Payment of the City Debt as provided by Ordinance) be paid out of any monies in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated

Passed August 8. 1859

Approved Jabez C Knight Mayor

Engineer Report

The Chief Engineer makes his Monthly Report
Amt $172.37

Read, whereupon it is Ordered that the same be received

Passed Sept 5 1859

Approved Jabez C Knight
Mayor

Surveyor of Highways Report

The Surveyor of Highways makes his Monthly Report of Work done from July 1. to August 1. 1859

Read, whereupon Ordered, that the same be received

Passed Sept 5. 1859

Approved Jabez C Knight
Mayor

C Engineers Repor

The Chief Engineer makes his Monthly Report
Amt $7.909.24

Read, Whereupon Ordered, that the same be received

Passed Sept 12. 1859

Approved Jabez C Knight Mayor

Surveyor of Highways Report

The Surveyor of Highways makes his Monthly Report of Work done from August 1 to Sept 1. 1859
Amt $1656.07

Read, Whereupon it is Ordered that the same be received

Passed Sept 12 1859

Approved Jabez C Knight
Mayor

Harbor Masters Report

The Harbor Master makes his Monthly Report from August 1st to 31 1859 Amt received $247.)

Read Whereupon it is Ordered that the same be received

Passed Sept 12 1859

Approved
Jabez C Knight Mayor

Report of Issues & Payments

The City Treasurer makes his Quarterly Report of Issues & Payments from June 13th to Sept 12 1859

None Issued None paid

Read, Whereupon it is Ordered, that the same be received

Passed Sept 12. 1859

Approved Jabez C Knight Mayor

Ferry Dock

Resolved, That Messrs Carpenter, Washburne & Farrington and Alderman Earle, be a Committee to carry into effect the recommendation of the Committee upon the Memorial of Geo. B Earle and others for the improvement of James Street Dock; and that the sum of Six hundred Dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated for defraying the Expense thereof, to be paid out of any monies in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated

Passed September 12 1859

Approved Jabez C Knight Mayor

Appropriation

Resolved, That the following sums, be and the same is hereby appropriated for the following Purpose; viz

For Lighting Streets, Two hundred Dollars

Passed Sept 12 1859

Approved Jabez C Knight Mayor

Rose Estate

Resolved, That the City Treasurer, acting under the advice of the Standing Committee on Finance be, and he is hereby directed to Lease the Rose Estate, on Broad Street, after the same has been surveyed and platted, upon such terms and conditions as said Committee shall direct

Passed September 12 1859

Approved Jabez C Knight Mayor

Taxes Remitted

Resolved That the Taxes specified in the annexed List, amounting to Eight hundred ninety six Dollars Eighteen cents (896.18) reported by the Board of Assessors of Taxes for the year 1858. to have been improperly assessed in said year, for the reason specified in each case, be and the same are hereby annulled; and the City Treasurer be and he is hereby directed to credit the collector of Taxes with said Sum

of Eight Hundred ninety Six Dollars, eighteen Cents, together with the interest on said several taxes

Passed Sept 12 1859

Approved Jabez C Knight Mayor

Tax Remitted

Resolved, That the City Treasurer be and he is hereby directed to pay Hazard D Reynolds the sum of One Dollar and Seventy cents, the said Sum being in remission of tax improperly assessed against him in the year 1858 provided it shall appear to the Treasurer upon the Certificate of the Collector of Taxes that said Sum has been paid into the City Treasury, If it shall appear to the City Treasurer, that said Sum has not been paid into the Treasury, then he shall credit the Collector of Taxes, with the amount so unpaid; and the Collector of Taxes shall deduct the amount hereby remitted from the Tax of said Hazard D Reynolds

Passed Sept 12, 1859

Approved Jabez C Knight

Mayor

Wooden Buildings

On the petition of A W Mathewson asking liberty to remove a two Story Wooden Building from corner of Davis & Cheny Streets to North Providence, and the petition of James McSoley asking leave to remove a building from Davis Street to lower end of Dean Street and the petition of William Ross for liberty to remove a building from Corner of Orange & Middle Streets to the Corner of Allen & Hospital Streets, read whereupon it is

Resolved, That the Prayers thereof be granted, Provided, the petitioners give a satisfactory bond to the City Treasurer as required by the 3d Sec. of "An Ordinance in relation to the removal of Wooden Buildings"

Passed Sept 12 1859

Approved Jabez C Knight Mayor

Tax Remitted W H Grant

Resolved That the City Treasurer be, and he is hereby directed to pay to William H Grant the Sum of Sixty four dollars and eighty cents; the said Sum being in remission of a tax improperly assessed against him as Trustee in the year 1858, provided it shall appear to the Treasurer upon the Certificate of the Collector of Taxes that said sum has been paid into the Treasury — If it shall appear to the City Treasurer that said Sum has not been paid into the Treasury, then he shall credit the Collector of Taxes with the amount

so unpaid; and the Collector of Taxes shall deduct the amount hereby remitted from the tax of said William H Grant, and provided further that the said Grant shall relinquish all other claims against said City of Providence for taxes heretofore assessed against him prior to the year 1859

Passed Sept 12. 1859

Approved Jabez C Knight Mayor

Lighting Streets

The Committee appointed by the Board of Aldermen to make enquiry in relation to the Expense of Lighting Streets, make Report

Read whereupon it is

Ordered that the same be received and printed in the papers employed to do the City Printing

Passed October 10 1859

Approved Jabez C Knight

Mayor

City Treas Report

The City Treasurer presents his Annual account which is Read whereupon it is

Ordered That the same be received and referred to the Standing Committee on Finance

Passed October 10. 1859

Approved

Jabez C Knight Mayor

Hope Parmenter Tax Remitted

Resolved, That the City Treasurer be and he is hereby directed to pay to Hope Parmenter the sum of Sixteen Dollars and twenty cents; the said sum being in remission of tax improperly assessed against her in the year 1858; Provided it shall appear to the Treasurer upon the certificate of the Collector of Taxes, that said Sum has been paid into the City Treasury;

If it shall appear to the City Treasurer that said sum has not been into the Treasury; then he shall credit the Collector of Taxes with the amount so unpaid; and the Collector of Taxes shall deduct the amount hereby remitted from the tax of said Hope Parmenter

Passed Oct 10. 1859

Approved

Jabez C Knight Mayor

Surveyor of Highways Report

The Surveyor of Highways makes his Monthly Report of Work from Sept 1 1859 to Oct 1. 1859 $1671.99

Read whereupon Ordered that the same be received

Passed Oct 10. 1859

Approved Jabez C Knight

Mayor

of Eight Hundred ninety six Dollars, eighteen Cents, together with the interest on said several taxes

Passed Sept 12th 1859

Approved Jabez C Knight Mayor

Tax Remitted

Resolved, That the City Treasurer be and he is hereby directed to pay Hazard D Reynolds the sum of One Dollar and seventy cents, the said sum being in remission of tax improperly assessed against him in the year 1858 provided it shall appear to the Treasurer upon the Certificate of the Collector of Taxes that said Sum has been paid into the City Treasury, If it shall appear to the City Treasurer, that said Sum has not been paid into the Treasury, then he shall credit the Collector of Taxes, with the amount so unpaid; and the Collector of Taxes shall deduct the amount hereby remitted from the Tax of said Hazard D Reynolds

Passed Sept 12, 1859

Approved Jabez C Knight Mayor

Wooden Buildings

On the petition of A W Mathewson asking liberty to remove a two Story Wooden Building from corner of Davis & Cherry Streets to North Providence, and the petition of James McSoley asking leave to remove a building from Davis Street to lower end of Dean Street and the petition of William Ross for liberty to remove a building from Corner of Orange & Middle Streets to the Corner of Allen & Hospital Streets, read whereupon it is

Resolved, That the Prayers thereof be granted, Provided, the petitioners give a satisfactory bond to the City Treasurer as required by the 3d Sec. of "An Ordinance in relation to the removal of Wooden Buildings"

Passed Sept 12th 1859

Approved Jabez C Knight Mayor

Tax Remitted W H Grant

Resolved That the City Treasurer be, and he is hereby directed to pay to William H Grant the Sum of Sixty four dollars and eighty cents; the said Sum being in remission of a tax improperly assessed against him as Trustee in the year 1858, provided it shall appear to the Treasurer upon the Certificate of the Collector of Taxes that said Sum has been paid into the Treasury — If it shall appear to the City Treasurer that said Sum has not been paid into the Treasury, then he shall credit the Collector of Taxes with the amount

so unpaid; and the Collector of Taxes shall deduct the amount hereby remitted from the tax of said William H Grant, and provided further that the said Grant shall relinquish all other claims against said City of Providence for taxes heretofore assessed against him prior to the year 1859

Passed Sept 12. 1859

Approved Jabez C Knight Mayor

Lighting Streets

The Committee appointed by the Board of Aldermen to make enquiry in relation to the Expense of Lighting Streets, make Report

Read whereupon it is

Ordered that the same be received and printed in the papers employed to do the City Printing

Passed October 10 1859

Approved Jabez C Knight Mayor

City Treas Report

The City Treasurer presents his Annual account which is Read whereupon it is

Ordered That the same be received and referred to the Standing Committee on Finance

Passed October 10. 1859

Approved Jabez C Knight Mayor

Hope Parmenter Tax Remitted

Resolved, That the City Treasurer be and he is hereby directed to pay to Hope Parmenter the sum of Sixteen Dollars and twenty cents; the said sum being in remission of tax improperly assessed against her in the year 1858; Provided it shall appear to the Treasurer upon the certificate of the Collector of Taxes, that said sum has been paid into the City Treasury;

If it shall appear to the City Treasurer that said sum has not been into the Treasury; then he shall credit the Collector of Taxes with the amount so unpaid; and the Collector of Taxes shall deduct the amount hereby remitted from the tax of said Hope Parmenter

Passed Oct 10. 1859

Approved Jabez C Knight Mayor

Surveyor of Highways Report

The Surveyor of Highways makes his Monthly Report of Work from Sept 1 1859 to Oct 1. 1859 $1671.99

Read whereupon Ordered that the same be received

Passed Oct 10. 1859

Approved Jabez C Knight Mayor

C Engineers Report

The Chief Engineer makes his Monthly report which is Amount $117.20

Read, whereupon Ordered, that the same be received

Passed October 10. 1859

Approved Jabez C Knight Mayor

Harbor Masters Report

The Harbor Master makes his Monthly Report number of Arrivals one hundred eighty one $181.—

Read, whereupon Ordered that the same be received

Passed Oct 10. 1859

Approved Jabez C Knight Mayor

Com^e on Highways Report

The Standing Committee on Highways make Report

Read whereupon it is Ordered that the same be received and printed in the Papers employed to do the City printing

Passed October 10. 1859

Approved Jabez C Knight Mayor

Fire Department

Resolved. That the Board of Engineers of the Fire Department be, and they are hereby authorized to provide such Hose Carriages, water Tanks and other apparatus, as in the opinion of said Board may be necessary for the successful working of the Steam Fire Engines

Resolved Also. That the said Board of Engineers be and they are hereby, authorized to make such reduction in the number of men and of hand Engines as, in the judgment of the Board, can be made, without impairing the proper efficiency of the Fire Department

Passed Oct 10. 1859

Approved Jabez C Knight Mayor

Old Market

The petition of Alfred W Fiske and others asking for alterations in the Old Market

Read. Whereupon it is Ordered that said Petition be referred to the Committee on City Property, with directions to report the Expense of the alterations and the amount of

increase of rents

Passed October 10 1859

Approved Jabez C Knight Mayor

Transit St

Resolved, That the Surveyor of Highways be, and he hereby is directed to bring out the side walks in Transit Street, between Hope and Brook Streets to their proper width relay the Gutter Paving and reset the Curbing. Whenever the owners of the adjoining estate shall furnish the seven inch curbing necessary to complete the same

Passed Oct 10. 1859

Approved Jabez C Knight Mayor

City Auditors Annual Report

The City Auditor presents his 13th Annual Report, Whereupon it is

Resolved, That the same be received; and that the Standing Committee on Finance be and they are hereby directed to cause said Report, or so much thereof as is required to be published by the fourth section of the City Charter, with a Schedule of the Property of the City, to be published in the Newspapers employed to do the City printing; and also to cause not exceeding five hundred copies of said Report and Schedule to be printed in Pamphlet form, for the use of the City Council

Passed Oct. 10 1859

Approved Jabez C Knight Mayor

Teste Estate

Mayors Office Providence Oct 10, 1859

To the Hon. City Council

Gentlemen

The General Assembly having taken possession of the Teste Estate and directed the Attorney General to commence legal Proceedings against the City for a Settlement of account, I recommend the appointment of a Committee by your body, to examine into the subject and to make a Settlement, if found practicable, without recourse to the State Courts

Jabez C Knight Mayor

Read whereupon Resolved that the same be received and referred to Messrs Updike, Wheaton, James Tucker and the Mayor and Alderman Brown to examine and report thereon

Passed October 10 1859

Approved Jabez C Knight Mayor

Mayors Office Providence October 10. 1859

Washington St

To the Hon. City Council

Gents In the Extension of Washington Street from Dean Street to Knight Street there are several parties who claim for damages and some who complain of the amount of their assessments and I recommend the appointment of a Committee to confer with said parties, with a view to an amicable adjustment, if the same can be effected

Jabez C Knight Mayor

Read Whereupon it is Ordered that the same be received and referred to Messrs Wheaton Updike & James Tucker the Mayor and Ald^n Holden

Passed October 10. 1859

Approved Jabez C Knight Mayor

Culvert across Hospital St

Resolved. That the Surveyor of Highways be and he hereby is, directed to cause a Culvert to be built across Hospital St, and to the Old Culvert in Manchester Street near the foot of Chesnut Street, whenever the consent of the owners of the adjacent lands can be obtained and permission forever secured, to open and take up any portion of same for Clearing or repairs, and provided said Culvert be covered a suitable depth with dirt by the owners of the Land through which it shall be made

Passed Oct 10. 1859

Approved Jabez C. Knight Mayor

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4 July Oration

The Committee appointed to wait upon Professor Angell and request a copy of his address on the fourth of July last for publication Report that they are unable to obtain a copy of said address

Read whereupon Ordered that the same be received

Passed October 10 1859

Approved Jabez C Knight Mayor

Friendship St Cross Walk

Resolved. That the Surveyor of Highways be, and he is hereby, directed to cause a Cross Walk to be laid on Friendship Street in front of St Andrews Church

Passed October 10. 1859

Approved Jabez C Knight Mayor

The petition of B G Babcock requesting liberty to remove a Wooden Building from Broad Street to the Craston Line, and

Thomas W Sprague for liberty to remove his house on Ringgold Street twenty two feet further north

Read Whereupon it is Resolved, That the prayer thereof be granted, Provided, the petitioners give satisfactory bonds to the City Treasurer as required by the 3^d Sect of An Ordinance in relation to the removal of Wooden Buildings"

Passed Oct. 10. 1859

Approved Jabez C Knight Mayor

Engine N° 11

The Board of Engineers make report in relation to Engine N° 11

Read, Whereupon ordered that the same be received

Passed Oct 10. 1859

Approved Jabez C Knight Mayor

Baker St

Resolved That the Mayor and Board of Aldermen be and they hereby are requested to lay out a Public Highway, under the provisions of Chapter 43. Title 9 of the revised Statutes of Rhode Island, from Washington Street in a South Easterly direction as far as a line described on the accompanying Map, over that portion of land known and described as Baker Street

Passed Oct 10. 1859

Approved Jabez C Knight Mayor

Harbor Masters Monthly Report

The Harbor Master makes his Monthly Report

Number of Vessels subject to the one dollars 216.	216.00
Collected from Steamboats	40.00
" " Packets	48.00
	$ 304.00

Read Whereupon ordered that the same be received

Approved Jabez C Knight Mayor 3

Passed Nov 14. 1859.

C Engineer Monthly Report

The Chief Engineer makes his Monthly Report

Amt $1290.56.

Read whereupon voted that the same be received

Approved Jabez C Knight Mayor 3

Passed Nov 14. 1859

Sur of Highways Report

The Surveyor of Highways makes his monthly report of work done from Oct 1. to Nov 1. 1859

Read Whereupon ordered that the same be received

Approved Jabez C Knight Mayor

Passed Nov 14. 1859

Trustees of Sinking Fund City of Prov Report

The Trustees of the Sinking Fund of the City of Providence make report of the condition of said fund

Fifty three bonds City of Prov @ $1000.00 $53.000
Cash on hand 2022.14
$ 55.022.14

Read Whereupon ordered that the same be received

Approved Jabez C. Knight Mayor

Passed Nov 14. 1859.

Trustees of Sinking Fund. Hartford Prov & Fishkills R.R Report

The Trustees of the Sinking Fund of Hartford Prov & Fishkills R. R. Co make report of the condition of said fund

Read Whereupon ordered that the same be received

Approved Jabez C. Knight Mayor

Passed Nov 14. 1859.

Highways

Resolved That the Surveyor of Highways be and he is hereby directed to collect full payment for all work done and materials furnished by him for all purposes excepting for highway work done for the City; and that he pay into the City Treasury all sums of money so collected

Resolved That all sums so paid into the City Treasury be and the same are hereby appropriated for highways in addition to all other appropriations which may be made by the City Council for that purpose; and that the City Treasurer be and he is hereby directed to credit all such sums so paid into the Treasury to the appropriation for Highways; and to report the same in his Monthly Statements.

Approved Jabez C Knight Mayor

Passed Nov 14. 1859

Tax received of Shubael H Cady

Whereas by a clerical error of the former Clerk of the Board of Assessors Shubael Cady of Providence was improperly assessed for the year 1859 in the sum of forty three thousand dollars on personal property which said amount should have been assessed against Shubael

H Cady of said Providence (said tax amounting to three hundred and forty four dollars) And whereas the said Shubael H Cady expresses a willingness to pay said tax as aforesaid erroneously assessed against the said Shubael Cady, therefore

Resolved That the City Treasurer be and he is hereby authorized to receive the aforesaid tax of three hundred and forty four dollars of the said Shubael H Cady (@ three per cent + interest thereon as owed) for the tax on personal property of the said Shubael H Cady for the year 1859 and to give him a receipt therefor to that effect.

Approved Jabez C Knight Mayor

Passed Nov 14. 1859

Taxes Remitted

Resolved That the City Treasurer be and he is hereby directed to pay to the persons whose names are annexed the sums placed against their respective names; the said sums being in remission of taxes improperly assessed against them in the years 1858 + 1859; provided it shall appear to the Treasurer, upon the certificate of the Collector of Taxes that said sums have been paid into the City Treasury. If it shall appear to the City Treasurer that said sums have not been paid into the Treasury then he shall credit the Collector of Taxes with the amounts so unpaid and the Collector of Taxes shall deduct the amounts hereby remitted from the taxes of the persons whose names are annexed viz:

To John A Howland Exor of Joshua H Grangley	25.61
To Shubael Cady	344.00
To Charlotte R Goddard $ 202.50 for year 1858	
" " " 200.00 " " 1859	402.50
Total	772.11

Approved Jabez C Knight Mayor

Passed Nov 14. 1859.

Wooden Bldgs

On the petition of R. R. Richard asking liberty to remove a two story wooden building from corner of Chestnut & Elm Streets to Branston Lane and the petition of Jacob F Munro for liberty to remove a two story wooden building from corner of Fountain & Franklin Streets to Broadway and the petition of Daniel H Morse for liberty to remove a two story wooden building from rear of 49 Angell Street to Meeting Street

Read Whereupon it is Resolved

That the prayers thereof be granted provided the petitioners give a satisfactory bond to the City Treasurer as required by 3d Sec of "An Ordinance in relation to the removal of wooden buildings"

Passed Nov 14. 1859

Approved

Jabez C. Knight Mayor

In Convention Nov 14. 1839

Trustee of N.P.& B.R.R. Co. — Amray Taft elected Trustee of Hartford Providence & Fishkill Railroad Co in place of A.C. Mauran deceased

Weigher of Cotton — George A. Church elected Weigher of Cotton

The two Boards separate the Board of Aldermen retire to their Chamber

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Repairs on land & buildings of Peter Sullivan — Resolved That the Surveyor of Highways be and is hereby authorized and directed to make the following repairs and improvements on Peter Sullivans lot of land and buildings viz: Level his lot of land and move his two houses from their present location thereon. and stone up cellars under each of them seven feet deep Also to build a full story with wood under the house that now stands on the brow of the hill: to clapboard the new story and paint the house on the outside; to plaster the new part on the inside. mend the broken plastering and paint the house on the inside. Also to shingle the roof and put the building in good repair: to sink a brick cistern on his lot of land where he may direct to hold twenty hhds and to conduct the water from the buildings into it. Also to build a privy on his lot. To give him all the ballast stone on the lot and pay to him One hundred & forty dollars for loss of rents. To be completed on or before May first 1840 and the expense paid out of any money in the City Treasury not otherwise appropriated

Passed Dec 12. 1839

Approved Jabez C Knight Mayor

Harbor Masters Report — The Harbor Master makes his Monthly Report from Nov 1 to 30 1839
Amt received $174.110

Read Whereupon it is ordered that the same be received

Passed Dec 12. 1839

Approved Jabez C. Knight Mayor

Chief Engineers Report — The Chief Engineer presents his Monthly Report ending Nov 30/39
Amt expended $689.22

Read Whereupon ordered that the same be received

Passed Dec 12. 1839

Approved Jabez C Knight Mayor

City Treasurers Quarterly Reports — The City Treasurer presents his quarterly report from Sept 12 to Dec 12. 1839

Read. whereupon it is ordered that the same be received

Passed Dec 12. 1839

Approved Jabez C Knight Mayor

Surveyor of Highways Report — The Surveyor of Highways presents his Monthly report of work done from Nov 1. to Dec 1. 1839 $236.39

Read. whereupon it is ordered that the same be received

Passed Dec 12. 1839

Approved Jabez C Knight Mayor

Cross Walk on Exchange Place — Resolved. That the Surveyor of Highways be and he hereby is directed to cause a cross walk to be laid opposite the Depot Buildings on Exchange Place and as near the middle of same as can conveniently be done

Passed Dec 12. 1839

Approved Jabez C Knight Mayor

Reports of Board of Engineers of the Fire Department — The Board of Engineers make report of present condition of the Fire Department

Read Whereupon it is ordered that the same be received and referred to the Standing Committee on the Fire Department; and that the same be printed in the papers employed to do the City Printing

Passed Dec 12. 1839

Approved Jabez C Knight Mayor

Annual Report of Overseers of Poor — The Overseer of the Poor presents his semi annual report

Read. Whereupon it is ordered. that the same be received; and that the same be printed in the newspapers employed to do the City printing

Passed Dec 12. 1839

Approved Jabez C. Knight Mayor

Alexander Keef — Resolved That the City Treasurer be and he is hereby directed to pay Alexander Keef the sum of five dollars fifty seven cents in full of costs incurred and paid by him on account of his son John O Keef who was improperly complained of as having violated the City Ordinance in regard to collecting rents, said sum to be paid out of any monies not otherwise

appropriated, on the said Alexander Keef giving a full and satisfactory receipt therefor.

Passed Dec 12. 1859

Approved Jabez C Knight
Mayor

Remission of Tax. J. A Gowdey

Resolved

That the City Treasurer be and he is hereby directed to pay James A. Gowdey the sum of twenty eight dollars, the said sum being in remission of tax improperly assessed against him on personal property in the year 1859. provided it shall appear to the Treasurer upon the certificate of the Collector of taxes that said sum has been paid into the City Treasury. If it shall appear to the City Treasurer that said sum has not been paid into the Treasury then he shall credit the Collector of taxes with the amount so unpaid, & the Collector of Taxes shall deduct the amount hereby remitted from the tax of the said James A. Gowdey.

Passed Dec 12. 1859.

Approved
Jabez C. Knight. Mayor

Alarming the Firemen

Resolved

That the Board of Engineers of the Fire Department be and they are hereby directed to report to the City Council some efficient and economical plan for alarming the Firemen, in case of fire, and for informing them of the locality in which their services are required.

Approved
Jabez C Knight. Mayor

Passed Dec. 12. 1859

Furniture &c for Common Council & Municipal Court

Resolved

That the Standing Committee on City Property be and they are hereby directed to procure a suitable case for holding the Records, books and papers of the Common Council; and to procure a suitable table and chairs for the Municipal Court Room; and to make such disposition of the furniture formerly used by the Common Council in said Room as they may deem expedient

Approved
Jabez C. Knight. Mayor

Passed Dec 12. 1859

Wooden Building

On the petition of J. S. Remington for the removal of wooden buildings one from No 68 High Street to the rear on Pond Street & one from No 66 High St to the rear of same lot. and
the petition of Williams & Brown to remove a wooden building from Winter Street to the Cranston line Read Whereupon it is

Resolved That the

prayers thereof be granted, provided, the petitioners give a satisfactory bond to the City Treasurer as required by the 3d Sec of "An Ordinance in relation to the removal of Wooden Buildings"

Passed Dec 12. 1859

Approved
Jabez C Knight Mayor.

James Mumford late collector of taxes

The City Treasurer presents the account of James Mumford late Collector of Taxes

Read. Whereupon it is ordered that the same be received, and that the same be referred to the Standing Committee on Finance, with power to settle with the late Collector of Taxes, within the amount proposed by him, and with instruction to report their action thereon to the City Council

Passed Dec 12. 1859

Approved
Jabez C. Knight Mayor.

School House Lot on Meeting St

The Standing Committee on City Property to whom was referred the petition of Earl P Mason & Shubael Hutchins in relation to the dividing line between the School House Lot on Meeting Street and the Estate of the Petitioners make report

Read. Whereupon it is Resolved, that the same be received, and that the memorialists have leave to withdraw

Passed Jany 2. 1860. (By Aldermen
" Nov 14 1859 Com Council)

Approved
Jabez C. Knight Mayor.

Albert Parrotte

It having been announced to the City Council that Albert Parrotte Esq who during the last sixteen years has ably and acceptably filled the office of City Clerk of Providence, departed this life on the second day of January instant:

It is thereupon Resolved That while thus called to mourn the loss of an estimable fellow citizen and a meritorious public officer, - we desire to record our high appreciation of the ability, industry and conscientious fidelity with which the various duties of his important office have been discharged during his long term of service; whereby he has left a character which will by this community be held in grateful remembrance.

Resolved That the City Council respectfully tender to the family and relatives of the deceased assurance of sympathy in their bereavement; and that the Mayor be requested to transmit to them a copy of these Resolutions

Resolved That these Resolutions be published in the newspapers employed to do the City printing.

Passed January 5, 1860

Approved
Jabez C. Knight Mayor.

In Convention January 5. 1860

City Clerk elected

Samuel W. Brown Gustavus A. Williamson and Cook Aldrich are nominated to fill the vacancy occasioned by the death of Albert Pabodie late City Clerk. On Balloting, Samuel W. Brown received nineteen votes and was declared elected City Clerk for the remainder of the Municipal year.

The two Boards separate. The Board of Aldermen retire to their chamber.

Market Building

A Communication from the Mayor in the words following is read:

"Mayor's Office

Providence January 9. 1860

To the Hon City Council

Gentlemen

City Clerks Office — Municipal Court Room

The business of the City Clerks Office and of the Municipal Court has increased so much in the last few years that more room is required for both departments and I would suggest that a change be made giving the old Council Chamber for the City Clerks Office and the room now occupied by the City Clerk for the Municipal Court which will leave the room now occupied by the Court for the Board of Assessors and the Register of Transfers.

I therefore recommend the passage of the accompanying Resolution

Read January 9. 1860.

Resolved

do

That the Mayor, the City Clerk and the Judge of the Municipal Court, be authorized to cause such changes to be made in the second Story of the Market Building as they consider advisable for the accomodation of the various departments of the City Government, and that the expense of the same be paid upon the order of the Mayor out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated.

Passed January 9. 1860

Approved Jabez B. Knight

Mayor.

Surveyor of Highways Report

The Surveyor of Highways makes his Monthly Report of work done from December 1. 1859 to January 1. 1860

Amount paid $947.34

Read, Whereupon it is ordered that the same be received

Paped January 9. 1860

Approved Jabez B. Knight Mayor

Annual Report of City Marshall

The City Marshal makes his annual Report

Read: Whereupon it is ordered that the same be received and that the same be printed in the newspapers employed to do the City printing

Passed January 9. 1860

Approved Jabez B. Knight

Mayor.

Report of Harbor Master

The Harbor Master makes his Monthly Report from Dec 1 to Dec 31. 1859

Amount received $134.00

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

Passed January 9. 1860

Approved Jabez B. Knight

Mayor.

Wooden Buildings

On the Petition of James B. Bucklin for liberty to remove a certain wooden building from the corner of George and Prospect Streets and to place the same on Waterman Street between Prospect and Brown Streets

And on the Petition of B. B Manchester for liberty to remove a certain wooden building from East side of South end of Chestnut Street and to place the same on Manchester Street

Resolved

do

That the prayers thereof be granted provided the petitioners give satisfactory Bonds to the City Treasurer as required by the 3d section of "An Ordinance in relation to the removal of Wooden Buildings"

Passed January 9. 1860

Approved Jabez B. Knight

Mayor.

Remission of Tax

Isaac Thurber Admr

Resolved.

That the City Treasurer be and he is hereby directed to pay to Isaac Thurber Administrator of the Estate of Oliver Spelman, late of said Providence deceased the sum of Seventy two dollars, the said sum being in remission of tax improperly assessed against him as Administrator as aforesaid in the year 1859, provided it shall appear to the Treasurer upon the certificate of the Collector of Taxes that said sum has been paid into the City Treasury. If it shall appear to the City Treasurer that said sum has not been paid into the Treasury then he shall credit the Collector of Taxes with the amount so unpaid, and the Collector of Taxes shall deduct the amount hereby remitted from the tax

of the said Isaac Shuber Administrator as aforesaid

Passed January 19, 1860.

Approved Jabez B. Knight
Mayor.

Reform School. Annual Report.

The Trustees of the Providence Reform School make their ninth Annual Report.

Read, Whereupon it is ordered that the same be received, and that seven hundred and fifty copies thereof be printed in pamphlet form under the direction of the Superintendent of the Reform School for the use of the City Council.

Passed January 9, 1860.

Approved
Jabez B. Knight Mayor.

G. A. Williamson

Resolved

That the City Treasurer be and he is hereby directed to pay to G. A. Williamson the sum of One hundred and fifty dollars as compensation for extra services since the 5th of November last in the Office of the City Clerk during the illness of the late Albert Rabodie Esq.

Passed January 26, 1860

Approved
Jabez B. Knight
Mayor.

Communication from the Mayor

Mayor's Office Providence January 26, 1856

To the Hon City Council

Gentlemen

Fields Point Farm

House of Correction

I have convened this meeting to consider an application from a Committee of the General Assembly who are instructed to Report a location for a House of Correction, to know upon what terms the Fields Point Farm belonging to the City can be had for that purpose

The accompanying letter explains the subject and I respectfully request your attention to the same.

Jabez B Knight
Mayor.

Hon of Reps Providence January 24. 1860

Hon Jabez B. Knight
Mayor &c

Dear Sir The General Assembly having under consideration the subject of erecting a House of Correction and a Committee on location

of the same having been appointed, and the attention of the Committee having been called to the Fields Point Farm owned by the City of Providence as a suitable place, I desire you will inform me at the earliest practicable moment the most favourable proposition the City is disposed to make to the State to locate this Institution on the above named place

Yours &c
Wm E. Baker Chairman

A Communication from the Mayor in the words aforegoing is read: whereupon it is ordered that the same be referred to the President of the Common Council, Messrs Guild, Wheaton, Bartlett Connell, Carpenter James Tucker and Sprague with the Mayor and Alderman Waterman to examine and Report thereon.

Passed January 26, 1860

Approved
Jabez B. Knight
Mayor.

Market Building

Resolved

That the Mayor and the Clerk of the Market be authorized to cause the first story of the Market Building to be repaired and improved according to the accompanying Plat and to make such repairs in the basement story as they consider advisable for the City's interest and that the expences of the same be paid upon the order of the Mayor out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated

Passed February 13. 1860

Approved
Jabez B. Knight
Mayor

Report of Surveyor of Highways

The Surveyor of Highways makes his Monthly Report of work done from January 1. 1860 to February 1 1860

Amount paid $ 692.55

Read, whereupon it is ordered that the same be received

Passed February 13. 1860

Approved Jabez B. Knight Mayor.

Report of C. Engineer

The Chief Engineer of the Fire Department makes his Monthly Reports

January 9. 1860 amount $ 379.89
February 13. 1860 Amount $ 604.81

Read: whereupon it is ordered that the same be received

Passed February 13. 1860

Approved Jabez B. Knight
Mayor.

Return of Lumber Surveyed in the City of Providence

for the Year ending February 6. 1860.

By whom Surveyed	White Pine Boards, Plank and Joist					Southern and Eastern Hard Pine Boards and Plank		Southern Hard Pine Timber and Ship Plank		Spruce Boards Plank Joist & Sawed Timber	
	No 1.	No 2.	No 3.	No 4.	No 5.	Merch	Refuse	Merch	Refuse	Merch	Refuse
	Feet	Feet	Feet	Feet	Feet	Feet	Feet	Feet	Feet	Feet	Feet
Robert Manchester Jr	72.042	257.573	327.189	1135.061	20.328	4.326	3.196			1822.755	185.887
Jacob Sillaway	43.702	120.165	197.199	484.312	191.180	283.499	125.384	187.833		1267.589	326.006
Nathaniel C. Burbee	28.595	135.395	188.904	469.589	26.253	106.314	67.063			1375.015	394.760
Benjamin C. Bowman 1st	20.479	143.104	216.545	792.237	29.668	87.482	34.638	35.896		1247.327	211.831
Caleb A. Sisson	1.342	80.184	216.776	570.814	201.840	113.618	28.361	98.016	3349	1371.368	358.245
William C. Talbot	17.499	72.979	306.160	1130.831	157.149	105.338	28.139			1133.639	194.879
Joseph K. Robinson	44.318	153.849	131.827	496.075	61.534	50.499	16.339			1366.124	464.379
Charles C. Lee	1.935	17.602	59.107	307.327	19.588	12.247	4.154			154.156	37.684
Isaac S. Bailey	—	232	9838	5.198	33.183						
Robert Manchester	—	—	—	—							
Total	229.912	981.583	1156.145	5481.844	745.643	793.267	307.276	321.745	3349	9337.973	2163.671

Hemlock Boards Plank Joist and Sawed Timber		Pine Timber		Oak and Chestnut Boards and Planks		Ash Boards, Plank and Joist		Birch and Maple Boards Plank & Joist		White Wood Boards Plank and Joist		Cherry Boards Plank and Joist		Black Walnut Boards and Joist		Mahogany & Rosewood Plank & Joist		Surveyor Generals Fees		Deputy Surveyors Fees	
Merch	Refuse	Merch	Refuse	Merch	Refuse	Merch	Refuse	Merch	Refuse	Merch	Refuse	Merch	Refuse	Merch	Refuse	Merch	Refuse				
Feet	Feet	Feet	Feet	Feet	Feet	Feet	Feet	Feet	Feet	Feet	Feet	Feet	Feet	Feet	Feet	Feet	Feet	$	cts	$	cts
347.518	87.544			10.071	28	10162	3389	10.081	1273	34.133	5396			3362	966			110	40	807	26
146.916	65.013	15851						5.706	338									106	39	779	67
289.892	127.224	4485	1442	1339		1998	19	1.901	1235	58.742	13.015	5739	1094	22.375	1778			100	78	738	61
312.142	172.642	29.682								34.469	1457							100	91	739	35
171.760	96.193	5.181		3189	417			397	1164	13.463		3406	633	257				102	34	749	94
67.432	17.159			17.311	4645	7034	1887	6.285	3906									98	91	722	49
193.916	92.983					12.088	1088			439	207	881	237	3884	449			100	93	738	48
1.600	1.148			19 367	8373	16.101	10780	41.393	13.234	286.685	28.103	15.836	8958	127359	25.200	11341	4471	48	64	340	53
																		1	47	10	76
				4328	376									1297	116			2	39		
1131.178	659.906	55.199	1442	53.795	13839	97.580	16.163	65.963	21.118	430.431	48.078	25.542	7922	158.334	28.443	11341	4471	$ 773	16	$ 5627	09

Grand Total Feet. 25.139.303

To the Honorable City Council.

The undersigned Surveyor General of Lumber, presents the above Report which contains the account of all the Lumber surveyed under his direction during the past year.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Manchester.

Read. Whereupon it is ordered that the same be received and recorded.

Ordered That the same be printed in the Newspapers employed to do the City Printing.

Passed February 13. 1860

Approved

Jabez B. Knight

Mayor.

Report of Harbor Master

The Harbor Master makes his Monthly Report of Arrivals from January 1 to January 31. 1860 Amount of Fees $66.00
There has been Collected from June 26 1858 to December ending 1859 $3249.00

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

Passed February 13 1860

Approved
Jabez B Knight
Mayor

Annual Report of City Registrar

The City Registrar makes his fifth Annual Report on the Births Marriages and Deaths for the year ending December 31. 1859. whereupon it is

Resolved That the same be received, and that seven hundred and fifty copies thereof, and of the communications accompanying the same be printed in pamphlet form for the use of the City Council.

Passed February 13. 1860

Approved
Jabez B Knight
Mayor.

Market Building

The Standing Committee on City Property to whom was referred the Resolution authorizing the Clerk of the Market and the Mayor to cause the lower Stores of the Market Building to be altered and repaired, make Report

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

Passed February 13. 1860

Approved
Jabez B. Knight
Mayor

James Mumford

The Standing Committee to whom was referred the account of James Mumford late Collector of Taxes make Report

Read; whereupon it is ordered that the same be received

Ordered that the same be printed in the newspapers employed to do the City printing

Passed February 13. 1860

Approved Jabez B Knight
Mayor

Houses of Correction - Fields Point Farm

The Joint Committee to whom on the 26th day of January last was referred a Communication from the Chairman of a Committee of the General Assembly addressed to the Mayor, requesting the most favorable proposition of the City to the State to locate a Houses of Correction on the Fields Point Farm, make Report.

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

Passed February 13. 1860

Approved
Jabez B. Knight
Mayor

Report of Board of Engineers

The Board of Engineers of the Fire Department make Report of the extent of action taken by them since their report made December 12. 1859

Read; Whereupon it is ordered that the same be received and that the same be printed in the newspapers employed to do the City printing

Passed February 13. 1860

Approved
Jabez B. Knight
Mayor.

Taxes Remitted

Resolved;

That the City Treasurer be and he is hereby directed to pay to the persons whose names are annexed the sums placed against their respective names, the said sums being in remission of taxes improperly assessed against them for the years 1858 and 1859 provided it shall appear to the Treasurer upon the certificate of the Collector of Taxes that said sums have been paid into the City Treasury. If it shall appear to the City Treasurer that said sums have not been paid into the Treasury, then he shall credit the Collector of Taxes with the amounts so unpaid, and the Collector of Taxes shall deduct the amounts hereby remitted from the taxes of the persons whose names are annexed: viz:

H. H. Leonardson	assessed in	1858	$ 18.58
Ann B. Pearsons	"	" 1859	$ 52.00
		Total	$ 70.58

Passed February 13. 1860

Approved
Jabez B Knight
Mayor.

Bonds.

Resolved:

That the City Treasurer be and he is hereby authorized to so alter all Bonds of the City of Providence, now in possession of the Providence Institution for Savings, as that the same may be payable to said Institution or order: and also, to insert into the body of all Bonds issued by said City in aid of the Providence Hartford and Fishkill Rail Road Company, and which may be in the possession of said Providence Institution for Savings, the name of said Institution as Obligee of said Bonds, and to make the same payable to said Institution or order

Passed February 13. 1860.

Approved
Jabez B. Knight
Mayor.

Horse Power in Streets

Whereas

Applications have been made to the Legislature of the State for charters conferring power to establish rail roads in the streets of the City of Providence and whereas in the opinion of the City Council of said City, the granting of such charters would be an encroachment upon the rights, and highly injurious to the interests of said City, it is therefore ——

Resolved

That the City Council of the City of Providence respectfully request the Legislature not to grant any charters for the aforesaid purposes.

Resolved

That Messrs Bartlett, Cornell and Lincoln, with Alderman Anthony be and they are hereby appointed a Committee to present these Resolutions to the Legislature.

Passed February 13. 1860.

Approved
Jabez B. Knight
Mayor

In Convention February 13. 1860.

Surveyor Gen. of Lumber

Robert Manchester is elected Surveyor General of Lumber
Edward W. Brown and Henry A. Humphreys are elected Weighers of Cotton.
The two Boards separate. The Board of Aldermen retire to their Chamber

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Ordinance - Privy Vaults

An Ordinance in relation to the removal of the contents of Privy Vaults
(See Book of Ordinances No 2 page 125.)

Passed March 5. 1860

Approved
Jabez B. Knight Mayor

Dredging out Harbor

The Special Committee on the dredging out of the Rivers make Report of work done from Nov 11 to Dec 9. 1860
Number of cubic feet excavated 78.910 at one cent per foot.
Cost expended from amount paid into Treasury by the Harbor Master $14-11.91.
Read, whereupon it is *ordered* that the same be received.

Passed March 5. 1860

Approved
Jabez B. Knight
Mayor.

Wooden Buildings.

On the Petition of Nicholas Sheridan for leave to move a wooden building from its present location on East Street to Sandia Street. also
On the petition of John Edmunds for leave to move a wooden building from its present location on corner of Pine and Plane Streets to Pine Street on same lot: it is:

Resolved That the prayers thereof be granted provided the petitioners give a satisfactory Bond to the City Treasurer as required by the 3d Section of "An ordinance in relation to the removal of wooden Buildings"

Passed March 5. 1860

Approved
Jabez B. Knight
Mayor

Town of Mayor.

Mayor's Office ——
Providence March 12. 1860

To the Hon. City Council
Gentlemen

Brown Estate

The accompanying letter from James H. Eggerhall Esq. complains of an encroachment by the City upon Land belonging to the heirs of the late Charles Dorr, deceased, adjoining the Brown Estate, so called on Benefit Street to which I invite your attention.

Wall of W. Burying ground

I wish also to call your attention to that portion of the wall around the West Burying Ground, laying upon Plane and Friendship Streets, and recommend the appointment of a Committee to confer with the owners of lots in regard to repairing the same, and to ascertain how far the City is liable for a portion of such repairs

Lot on Charles St.

There is some doubt about the ownership of a lot of land situated upon Charles Street and claimed by the heirs of James B. Torrance, deceased, and I hereby suggest that the subject be referred to a Committee to ascertain whether the City has any ownership in said land

Sabez D. Knight
Mayor

A Communication from the Mayor in the words foregoing is read:- whereupon it is ordered that the same together with the accompanying paper be referred to the Standing Committee on City Property to examine and report thereon

Passed March 12. 1860

Approved
Sabez D. Knight
Mayor.

In Convention March 12. 1860.

Deputy Surveyors of Lumber.

The Surveyor General of Lumber presents the names of the following persons as Deputy Surveyors of Lumber for the approval of the City Council viz:

Robert Manchester Jr
Jacob Littlemay
Nathaniel C. Burbee
Benjamin Boyman 1st
Ezekiel A Sillsbee
William R. Talbot
Joseph H. Robinson
Charles D. Lee for mahogany and other ornamental lumber
Robert Manchester for oak and other wood used in ship building.

Whereupon, it is Voted: that this Council approve of said nominations.

The two Boards separate. The Board of Aldermen retire to their chamber

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James Mumford

Resolved:- That the City Treasurer be and he is hereby authorized and directed to commence legal proceedings against James Mumford, late Collector of Taxes, and the Sureties on his Bonds to recover all sums of money now in his possession belonging to the City of Providence

Passed March 12. 1860

Approved
Sabez D. Knight
Mayor.

Chief Engineer Monthly Report of Expenditures

The Chief Engineer of the Fire Department makes his Monthly Report

Services of Firemen	$ 6189.78	
Incidental	323.77	$ 6513.55

Read: whereupon it is ordered that the same be received

Passed March 12. 1860

Approved
Sabez D. Knight
Mayor.

Surveyor of Highways Monthly Report

The Surveyor of Highways makes his Monthly Report of work done from February 1. to March 1. 1860

Number of men employed 32
" " Teams " 5 Expended $ 714.57

Read: whereupon it is ordered that the same be received

Passed March 12. 1860

Approved
Sabez D. Knight
Mayor.

Harbor Masters Monthly Report

The Harbor Master makes his Monthly Report. (July 1 to July 29. 1860)

Rent for vessels $ 48.00

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

Passed March 12. 1860

Approved
Sabez D. Knight
Mayor

Treasurer's Quarterly Report on City Debt: Issues & Payments

The City Treasurer makes his Quarterly Report of issues and payments of the City Debt December 12. 1859 to March 12. 1860

Issues none Payments $553.34.

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

Passed March 12. 1860

Approved
Sabez B. Knight
Mayor.

Overseer of Poor - Annual Report on Insane Poor

The Overseer of the Poor makes his Annual Report in relation to the Insane Poor at the public charge.

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

Passed March 12. 1860.

Approved
Sabez B. Knight
Mayor.

School Houses & Lot

The Standing Committee on Education to whom was referred the application of the School Committee for an appropriation for School purposes in the Seventh Ward and also their recommendation of the purchase of a lot for a Grammar School in the Seventh Ward: make report

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

Passed March 12. 1860

Approved
Sabez B. Knight
Mayor

School House on Sabin Street

Resolved.—

That the City Treasurer, acting under the advice and direction of the Standing Committee on Education, be and he is hereby authorized to contract for the erection of a building for the purpose of a Primary and Intermediate School House, upon the school lots now owned by the City on Sabin Street. Said contract to be made by the City Treasurer at a cost not exceeding the sum of thirty five hundred dollars.— And the City Treasurer is hereby authorized to pay for the same out of the appropriation for Public Schools.—

Passed March 12. 1860.

Approved
Sabez B. Knight.
Mayor.

Transit St

The Special Committee who were on the 8th day of August last appointed to examine and report upon the expediency of widening Transit Street opposite the residence of John H. Ormsbee, and also upon what terms said Street can be widened, make report, that in view of the expense having to be borne entirely by the City, they do not recommend any further action.

Read; whereupon it is Resolved that the same be received and adopted.

Passed March 12. 1860

Approved
Sabez B. Knight.
Mayor.

Fire Department

The Standing Committee on the Fire Department to whom on the 12th of December last was referred a communication from the Board of Engineers of the Fire Department in relation to the present condition of said Department make report.

Read: whereupon it is ordered that the same be received

Passed March 12. 1860

Approved
Sabez B. Knight
Mayor.

Reduction of Fire Department

The Standing Committee on the Fire Department to whom on the 14th of November was referred the communication from the Board of Engineers in relation to the reduction of the Fire Department make report recommending that said communication be placed upon file.

Read. whereupon it is ordered that the same be received

Passed March 12. 1860.

Approved
Sabez B. Knight
Mayor.

Steam Fire Engine

Resolved:—

That the Board of Engineers of the Fire Department acting under the advice of the Standing Committee on the Fire Department be and they are hereby authorized and directed to purchase for the City another Steam Fire Engine of such capacity and workmanship as said Board thus advised shall determine.

Resolved:—

do

That whenever the said new Engine shall be procured, the said Board of Engineers may make such arrangements for the locating and managing of the same as they were authorized to do by the several Resolutions of the City Council pertaining to Steam Engines 1 and 2.

Resolved:—

Also That said Board of Engineers be and they are hereby authorized, upon the successful introduction of said new Steam Engine, to make such reduction in the number of men and of Hand Engines in the Fire Department as the judgment of said Board may dictate.

Passed March 12. 1860.

Approved
Jabez L. Knight
Mayor.

Mr Braddock

Resolved:—

That the City Treasurer be and he is hereby directed to pay to Frazier Braddock (upon his receipt therefor) the sum of seventy five Dollars, to indemnify him for damage to his garden during the fire on Laberge Street, 15th of October last; said damage having been done by the firemen in the discharge of their duties.

Passed March 12. 1860.

Approved
Jabez L. Knight
Mayor.

Mayors Salary

Resolved:—

That the salary of the Mayor for the year ensuing the first Monday in June next, shall be Fifteen Hundred Dollars, payable quarterly

Passed March 12. 1860.

Approved
Jabez L. Knight
Mayor.

Taxes Remitted

Resolved:

That the City Treasurer be and he is hereby directed to pay to the persons herein named the sums of money set opposite the name of each; the said sums being in remission of taxes improperly assessed against them in the year 1859: provided it shall appear to the Treasurer, upon the Certificate of the Collector of Taxes, that said sums have been paid into the City Treasury. If it shall appear to the City Treasurer that said sums have not been paid into the Treasury, then he shall credit the Collector of Taxes with the amount so unpaid, and the Collector of Taxes shall deduct the amount hereby remitted from the taxes of said persons respectively: viz:

George W. Wallett Administrator of the estate of Robert L. Lippitt deceased	$ 320.00
A. Burgess for the heirs of Thomas Burgess	12.00
Alfred L. Buffington	40.00
Robert Aldrich & Stephen Waterman Trustees of A. W. Mason	18.00
Total amt	$ 390.00

Passed March 12. 1860.

Approved
Jabez L. Knight
Mayor.

Moving Buildings

The Standing Committee on the Fire Department to whom on the 13th of February last was referred the petition of Charles H. Randall for liberty to remove a certain wooden building; make report: that since the presentation of said petition said building has been demolished.

Read: whereupon it is ordered that the same be received

Passed March 12. 1860

Approved
Jabez L. Knight
Mayor.

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

Patrick Mc Caffrey,
Richard Palmer,
Thomas Peckett,
A. D & J. O. Smith and
Priddy & Andrews,

for liberty to remove certain wooden buildings make reports recommending that the prayers of said petitions be severally granted

Read: whereupon it is Resolved: that the prayers thereof be severally granted, provided the petitioners give a satisfactory bond to the City Treasurer as required by the 3d sec of "An Ordinance" in relation to the removal of wooden buildings."

Passed March 19. 1860.

Approved
Jabez B. Knight
Mayor.

Ordinances relating to Fire Department

Whereas: By the successful introduction of Portable Steam Fire Engines into the Fire Department of this City, certain amendments in the ordinances for establishing and maintaining a Fire Department have become desirable, therefore:-

Resolved:- That the Standing Committee to Engross Ordinances, be and they are hereby requested to present to the City Council at its next meeting, such amendments to the Ordinances having reference to the Fire Department as shall recognize the following propositions: viz:

To have but a single Officer for each Company viz: the Foreman, who shall also act as Clerk:

To enable the Firemen in each Company according to their rank, as established by vote of the Company, to take command in the Foremans absence:

To define the duties of the Engineer, Assistant Engineer and Driver of the Steam Engines:

To regulate and fix the annual Salaries of all connected with the Fire Department according to the following schedule:- Chief Engineer $1000, Assistant Engineers $200. each; Foremen $100. each; Foremen, Ladder men and Firemen $75 each; Firemen $60. each; Steam Engine Engineers $600 each; Steam Engine Assistant Engineers $550 each:

To cause the amendments proposed to take effect on and after the first day of June 1860.

Passed April 2. 1860

Approved
Jabez B. Knight
Mayor.

Surveyor of Highways Monthly Report

The Surveyor of Highways makes his Monthly Report of work done from March 1. 1860 to April 1. 1860.

Number of men employed 46
" " teams " 11 Amt. Expended $1573.25

Read, Whereupon it is ordered that the same be received

Passed April 9. 1860

Approved
Jabez B. Knight
Mayor.

Chief Engineers Monthly Report

The Chief Engineer of the Fire Department makes his Monthly Report of Expenditures.

Services of Firemen $403.83
Incidental 189.13 Total $592.96

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

Passed April 9. 1860

Approved
Jabez B. Knight
Mayor.

Harbor Masters Monthly Report

The Harbor Master makes his Monthly Report of arrivals from March 1. to March 31. 1860

Amount collected $95.00

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

Passed April 9. 1860

Approved
Jabez B. Knight
Mayor.

James Mumford

Resolved:- That the Standing Committee on Finance, acting under the advice of the City Solicitor be and they are hereby authorized to settle the account in dispute between the City and the late Collector of Taxes, if in their opinion the interest of the City will be enhanced by a settlement of the matter without litigation.

Passed April 9. 1860

Approved
Jabez B. Knight Mayor.

B of Engineers Report

The Board of Engineers of the Fire Department make Report relating to certain changes that have been made in the Fire Department.

Read. Whereupon it is ordered that the same be received.
Ordered that the same be printed in the Newspapers employed to do the City Printing

Passed April 9. 1860

Approved
Jabez B. Knight
Mayor.

Fire Bell

Resolved:—
That the Board of Engineers, acting under the advice of the Standing Committee on the Fire Department, be and they are hereby authorized, at their option, to dispose of, or to remove the City Bell now hanging in the tower of Gardner T. Swarts corner of Pine and Torrance Streets: and to make

Fire Alarm

such arrangements for alarming the Fire Department of the City as they may deem most efficient: provided the cost thereof shall not exceed one thousand dollars.

Passed April 9. 1860.

Approved
Jabez B. Knight
Mayor.

B. Street
Hammond St
Baker St
Thayer St.

The Standing Committee on Highways make, Report upon Petitions heretofore referred to them for
opening B. street from Pine to Central Street
For opening Hammond street to High Street
For opening Baker Street to Westminster Street
For continuation of Thayer Street from Tremont street to India Street.
that they do not recommend granting the several prayers thereof
Read: Whereupon it is ordered that the same be received.
Ordered: That the same be printed in the newspapers employed to do the City Printing

Passed April 9. 1860.

Approved
Jabez B. Knight
Mayor.

Wilson Street

Resolved:—
That the Surveyor of Highways be and he is hereby directed to cause the Curb Stones to be set and the gutters paved on Wilson Street between Greenwich and Harrison Streets

Passed April 9. 1860.

Approved
Jabez B. Knight
Mayor.

Culvert in Fountain St.

Resolved:—
That the Surveyor of Highways be and he is hereby directed to cause the Culvert in Fountain Street to be extended westerly from its present termination to Dean Street a distance of about fourteen hundred and fifty feet

Passed April 9. 1860

Approved
Jabez B. Knight
Mayor.

Washington St

Resolved:—
That Messrs Updike, Wheeler and James Tucker, with the Mayor and Alderman Hooker be and they are hereby appointed a Committee to confer with the parties interested in the extension of Washington Street from Dean Street to Knight Street, as to the loss and damage, benefit and advantage, apportionment and assessment to each: and said Committee are hereby authorized to agree with and settle with said parties for the lands and improvements required for said extension or for benefits assessed upon such terms as may be deemed satisfactory to said Committee.

And the City Treasurer is hereby directed to pay to the order of said Committee a Sum not exceeding Twenty four hundred dollars for the purposes aforesaid.

Passed April 9. 1860.

Approved
Jabez B Knight
Mayor.

Baker St

Resolved:—
That in the opinion of this City Council it is desirable and necessary to lay out a highway or street in this City from the present southerly termination of Baker Street and in continuation of said Baker Street, of a width of forty feet to Westminster Street: and whereas: certain lands tenements hereditaments or premises will be

required for that purpose:

That the City Solicitor be and he is hereby directed to make application to the Supreme Court of this State for the appointment of Commissioners of Estimate and Assessment under and according to the act entitled "An act in relation to the Laying out Enlarging Straightening or otherwise altering Streets in City of Providence" and the City Council hereby direct that application shall be made by said City Solicitor to said Court in the application for said appointment as aforesaid, that said Commissioners shall apportion and assess one half of the loss and damage thereof or occasioned thereby in the ratio of the benefits conferred.

Resolved:—

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

Passed April 9. 1860.

Approved
Jabez B. Knight
Mayor.

In Convention April 30. 1860.

Weigher of Coal — Joseph A Blake is elected weigher of Anthracite Coal

Constable — William S. Whitmarsh is elected City Constable.

The two Boards separate: the Board of Aldermen retire to their chamber

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Tax ordinance — An Ordinance providing for the raising assessment and collection of a Sum not less than three hundred and twenty five thousand dollars, and not more than three hundred and thirty thousand dollars, by a tax on Real and personal estate.

(See Book of Ordinances No 2 Page 127.)

Passed April 30. 1860

Approved
Jabez B. Knight
Mayor.

S. B Durfee — Resolved:—

That the City Treasurer be and he hereby is directed to pay to Samuel B. Durfee Surveyor of Highways, the sum of two hundred dollars in full compensation for past use and support of Horse and Carriage in the service of the City and for the future use of the same until the end of the present Municipal year

Passed April 30. 1860

Approved
Jabez B. Knight
Mayor.

Oxen — Resolved:—

That the Surveyor of Highways be and he hereby is authorized to replace by purchase the Oxen destroyed by the late fire, and that the sum of one thousand dollars be and hereby is appropriated out of any monies in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated to pay for the same

Passed April 30. 1860.

Approved
Jabez B. Knight
Mayor

Excavating Harbor — Resolved:—

That all the money in the hands of the City Treasurer which was or may be received as Harbor Masters fees from Nathaniel Edwards Esq is hereby appropriated to the fund for the widening and deepening the main channel of the river under the direction of the Harbor Master and the Committee already appointed for that purpose

Passed April 30. 1860

Approved
Jabez B. Knight
Mayor.

Moving Buildings — The Standing Committee on the Fire Department to whom were heretofore referred the petitions of Daniel B. Bowen
Rollin Mathewson
Edmund Sutton
William Grosvenor and
Joseph B Fletcher for liberty to remove certain wooden buildings make Reports recommending that the prayers of said Petitions be severally granted: Read; whereupon it is resolved that the prayers thereof be severally granted, provided, the petitioners severally give a

satisfactory bond to the City Treasurer as required by the 32 Sect of "An Ordinance in relation to the removal of Wooden Buildings"

Passed April 30, 1860

Approved
Jabez B Knight
Mayor

In Convention May 14, 1860

Trustee of Reform School

The Resignation of Samuel G. Arnold as a Trustee of the Providence Reform School is presented, read and accepted

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Hon. William Rr. Bodman is elected a Trustee of the Providence Reform School in place of Samuel G. Arnold resigned

The two Boards separate. The Aldermen retire to their chamber

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Surveyor's Monthly Report

The Surveyor of Highways makes his Monthly Report of work done from April 1. 1860 to May 1. 1860

Number of men employed 48
" " teams " 13 Amount expended $ 207.33

Read: whereupon it is ordered that the same be received

Passed May 14. 1860

Approved
Jabez B. Knight
Mayor

Chief Engineers Monthly Report

The Chief Engineer of the Fire Department makes his monthly Report of Expenditures

Services of Firemen	$ 53.30	
Incidental	207.03	Total $ 260.33

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

Passed May 14. 1860.

Approved
Jabez B. Knight.
Mayor.

Harbor Masters Monthly Report

The Harbor Master makes his Monthly Report from April 1. to April 30. 1860. Amount collected $ 137.50.

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

Passed May 14. 1860.

Approved.
Jabez B. Knight.
Mayor.

Ordinance

Municipal Court

An Ordinance appointing the times and places for holding the Municipal Court

(See Book of Ordinances No 2 Page 128.)

Passed May 14. 1860.

Approved
Jabez B. Knight
Mayor.

Ordinance — Rooms in Market House

An Ordinance in relation to the use of certain Rooms in the Market House

(See Book of Ordinances No 2 Page 129.)

Passed May 14. 1860.

Approved
Jabez B. Knight
Mayor

Ordinance — Fire Department

An Ordinance Organising a Fire Department.

(See Book of Ordinances No 2 Page 130)

Passed May 14. 1860.

Approved
Jabez B Knight
Mayor.

Appropriation — Fire Department

Resolved:

That the sum of Fifteen Thousand dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated for the expenses of the Fire Department in addition to the former appropriation

Passed May 14. 1860

Approved
Sabez B. Knight
Mayor.

Fire Engine

The Standing Committee on the Fire Department to whom on the 9th of April last was referred the Petition of the Board of Engineers for authority to purchase a new Fire Engine to take the place of the Vine; make Report recommending that the prayer of said Petition be not granted

Read; whereupon it is resolved that the same be received and adopted

Passed May 14. 1860

Approved
Sabez B. Knight.
Mayor.

Hospital

Resolved
That the Board of Aldermen be and they are hereby authorized to make such alterations and improvements in the Hospital Building belonging to the City as they may deem expedient and necessary for the comfort and cure of the patients therein, provided that the expense thereof shall not exceed the sum of one thousand dollars.

Resolved:
That the Board of Aldermen may make such rules and regulations for the government of said Hospital, and employ such persons to superintend the same, as they shall deem necessary and advisable.

Passed May 14. 1860

Approved
Sabez B. Knight.
Mayor

Nathan Truman
Westminster St Sewer

Resolved:
That Nathan Truman the owner of an estate on the North side of Westminster Street known as the Samuel Young Estate, be and he hereby is permitted and authorized to enter the Westminster Street Drain for the purpose of draining the water from the cellars of said estate: provided he pay therefor one half the usual charge made and established for such privilege.

Passed May 14. 1860

Approved Sabez B. Knight
Mayor.

Cross Walks
Benefit St

Resolved:
That the Surveyor of Highways be and he hereby is directed upon the general repair of Benefit Street to place Cross Walks accross the heads of Hopkins Street, Planet Street and James Street in such manner as to turn the water from the middle, to the gutter on each side of said Streets.

Passed May 14. 1860

Approved
Sabez B. Knight
Mayor

Myrtle St

Resolved:
That the Surveyor of Highways be and he hereby is directed, to cause the curbing to be set and the gutters paved on Myrtle Street, from Broad to Friendship Street, a distance of about Four Hundred feet.

Passed May 14. 1860.

Approved.
Sabez B. Knight
Mayor.

Tax Remitted
E. Brown

Resolved:
That the City Treasurer be and he is hereby directed to pay to Ephraim Brown, the sum of four dollars and eighty cents, the said sum being in remission of tax improperly assessed against him in the year 1859. provided it shall appear to the Treasurer upon the certificate of the Collector of Taxes that said sum has been paid into the City Treasury. If it shall appear to the City Treasurer that said sum has not been paid into the Treasury then he shall credit the Collector of Taxes with the amount so unpaid and the Collector of Taxes shall deduct the amount hereby remitted from the tax of said Brown.

Passed May 14. 1860

Approved
Sabez B. Knight
Mayor.

Wooden Buildings

The Standing Committee on the Fire Department to whom were heretofore referred the several Petitions of
Ferdinand Potter
Providence Gas Company
Albert H Manchester and
Cyprus B. Manchester for liberty to remove certain Wooden

Building; make Reports recommending that the prayers of said petitions be severally granted.

Read: whereupon it is resolved that the prayers thereof be severally granted provided the petitioners give satisfactory Bonds to the City Treasurer as required by the 3d Sect of "An Ordinance in relation to the removal of Wooden Buildings."

Passed May 14. 1860.

Approved Sabez B. Knight
Mayor.

Thomas Seekel

Conduit & Summer Streets

Resolved: —

That the Standing Committee on Highways be and they are hereby authorized to purchase and receive for the City, from Thomas Seekel and Thomas Seekel and wife, a strip or parcel of land from Summer Street as delineated on the City plat, eastward to the land of the Providence Aqueduct Company and in the same direction with Conduit Street, for the purpose of a highway: also the right to convey the water from Conduit Street through or over their land, until the City build a permanent culvert: also to obtain from them a release of all claims for damages for flowing or running water upon their land; at an expense not exceeding five hundred dollars, and the cost of the removal of any building thereon. Said deeds or other instruments to be received by said Committee under the advice of the City Solicitor and the City Treasurer is hereby directed to pay said expenses out of any money not otherwise appropriated, upon the order of said Committee.

Said Committee are also authorized to receive for the City a strip of land for a highway from said Aqueduct Company between the said Seekel's land and Stewart Street whenever said Company shall convey the same to the City for said purpose.

Passed May 14. 1860.

Approved
Sabez B. Knight
Mayor.

Organization of the Municipal Government of the City of Providence.

June 4. 1860.

In Convention June 4. 1860.

This being the day fixed by law for the Annual organization of the Municipal Government of the City of Providence, the following named gentlemen being the Mayor, Aldermen and Common Councilmen elect met in Convention at the Council Chamber at 3 o'clock P. M. viz

Hon Sabez B Knight Mayor

Aldermen

First Ward	William H Waterman
Second "	William H. Bowen
Third "	William Carr
Fourth "	James B. Ames
Fifth "	Henry A. Holden
Sixth "	John K. Lester
Seventh "	Palmer Lewis

Common Council

First Ward	Lucius A. Updike Nelson Chace	Henry J. Angell Isaac C. Sisson
Second Ward	William Binney Henry Anthony	Samuel B. Wheaton James H. Eggerton
Third Ward	John D. Ames Henry S. Bartlett	Zachariah B. Tucker Oliver A. Washburn Jr
Fourth Ward	Jacob H. Swarton Preston W Farrington	Philip Carr John Prentice
Fifth Ward	William H Hopkins William B. Butler	James S. Ham William Spencer
Sixth Ward	John W Francis James Tucker	Hiram Lincoln Archibald B. Rice.

Seventh Wards Jacob L. Monroe — Daniel Angell Jr.
William H. Pratt — Thomas W. Spraque

Samuel W. Brown City Clerk

A Certificate of the election of Sabez B. Knight, Mayor is read.

A Certificate of the election of Samuel W. Brown City Clerk is read.

The Oath of office is administered to Sabez B. Knight Mayor, by James W. Clarke Public Notary, and to the Aldermen, Common Council and City Clerk by the Mayor

The Mayor delivers an address relating to the affairs of the City

The two Boards separate:- the Aldermen retire to their Chamber.

Standing Rules. Resolved:— That the same Standing Rules which were on the sixth day of June A.D. 1859 adopted as the Standing Rules of the City Council for the Municipal year last past, be and the same are hereby adopted as the Standing Rules of the City Council for the present Municipal Year

Passed June 4. 1860

Approved
Sabez B. Knight
Mayor

Joint Standing Committees

Standing Committees

of the City Council appointed June 4. 1860 on the part of the Common Council for the present Municipal Year

On Finance
Messrs Hoan, Z. B. Tucker, Wheaton, Spraque — Aldermen Wademan

On Highways
Messrs Anthony — Aldermen Lester

Lincoln
Hopkins

To Engross Ordinances
Messrs Bartlett, Binney, Prentice — Aldermen Ames

On Education
Messrs Binney, Martin, Snider, Ames — Aldermen Wademan

On the Fire Department
Messrs Farrington, Pratt, Coggeshall — Aldermen Lewis

On City Property
Messrs H. J. Angell, Case, Washburn — Aldermen Hidden

On Police
Messrs Daniel Angell Jr., Rice, Prentice, Sisson — Aldermen Brown

On the North Burial Ground
Messrs Chase, Monroe, Sisson — Aldermen Earle

On Claims
Messrs Updike, Spencer, James Tucker — Aldermen Ames

In Common Council
June 4. 1860

The aforenamed members of this Board having been this day appointed as members of this Board of the Standing Committees of the City Council for the present Municipal Year:

It is Resolved that the aforegoing list be communicated to the Board of Aldermen: in order that an Alderman may be added to each of said Committees.

Read and Passed
Albert G. Greene Clerk

In Board of Aldermen same day
Read and received and the aforenamed Aldermen added to said Committee
Samuel W. Bowen Clerk

Approved
Sabez C. Knight.
Mayor.

Mayors Address

Resolved:—
That Messrs Moulton, Hamm and Rider, with Alderman Lewis be and they are hereby appointed a Committee to wait upon the Mayor and request him to furnish for publication, a copy of the Address this day delivered by him to the City Council: and to cause the same to be printed in such manner as they may deem expedient.

Passed June 4. 1860

Approved
Sabez C. Knight.
Mayor.

City Printing

Resolved:—
That Messrs Moulton, Hamm and Rider and Alderman Hodden be and they are hereby appointed a Committee to contract for the City Printing for the present Municipal year.

Passed June 4. 1860

Approved
Sabez C. Knight
Mayor.

Organization to be Printed

Resolved:—
That the Joint Committee who were appointed to cause the Mayor's Address to be printed, be and they are hereby directed to cause a list of the Standing Committees and such portions of the Record of the Organization of the City Government as they may deem expedient, to be printed in pamphlet form for the use of the City Council

Approved Sabez C. Knight.
Mayor.

Passed June 4. 1860

Bond of Treasurer

Resolved:—
That Messrs Hamm, Wheaton, Z. C. Sucker and Sprague and Alderman Wakeman, be and they are hereby appointed a Committee to take a Bond of the City Treasurer for the faithful discharge of the duties of his Office for the present Municipal year: said Bond to be in the sum of Thirty Thousand Dollars.

Passed June 4. 1860

Approved
Sabez C. Knight
Mayor

Committee on City Debt

Whereas: Messrs Hamm, Wheaton, Z. C. Sucker and Sprague, have been this day appointed by the Common Council as the Committee on their part for the reduction of the City Debt for the present Municipal Year, pursuant to the requisition contained in the third Section of the Ordinance entitled "An Ordinance in relation to the City Debt" it is

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

In Common Council June 4. 1860
Read and Passed
A. G. Greene Clerk

In Board of Aldermen same day
Read, and Alderman Wakeman added
S. W. Bowen Clerk

Approved
Sabez C. Knight
Mayor

Police Justices

Resolved:—
That from the Justices assigned to keep the Peace within this City, Henry L. Bowen and Samuel W. Beckham be and they are hereby selected to compose the Police Court of this City during the present Municipal Year

Passed June 4. 1860

Approved
Sabez C. Knight
Mayor

Fourth of July

Resolved:—

That Messrs Coggeshall, Prentice and Monroe and Aldermen Holden and Lewis be and they are hereby appointed a Committee of Arrangements for a Municipal Celebration of the approaching anniversary of American Independence

Resolved:—

That the sum of twenty five hundred dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated for defraying the expenses of said celebration, to be paid by the City treasurer, to the order of said Committee, out of any monies in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated.

Passed June 4. 1860

Approved
Jabez B. Knight
Mayor.

School Committees Annual Report

The School Committee Make their Annual Report

Read: whereupon it is ordered that the same be received

Ordered: That the Standing Committee on Education cause five hundred copies thereof to be printed in pamphlet form for the use of the City Council.

Passed June 4. 1860

Approved
Jabez B. Knight
Mayor.

Harbor Masters Monthly Report

The Harbor Master makes his Monthly Report
Month ending May 31. 1860 Amount received $ 187.—

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

Passed June 4. 1860

Approved
Jabez B. Knight
Mayor

Chief Engineers Annual Report

The Chief Engineer of the Fire Department makes his Annual Report.

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

Ordered: That seven hundred and fifty copies thereof be printed in pamphlet form for the use of the City Council.

Passed June 4. 1860

Approved
Jabez B. Knight
Mayor

Overseer of Poors Semi-Annual Report

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

Read: whereupon it is ordered that the same be received

Ordered: that the same be printed in the Newspapers employed to do the City Printing

Passed June 4. 1860.

Approved
Jabez B. Knight
Mayor.

Wooden Buildings

The Standing Committee on the Fire Department to whom was heretofore referred the petition of John Pierce for liberty to remove a certain two story building make report recommending that the prayer of said Petition be granted.

Read: whereupon it is Resolved that the prayer thereof be granted, provided the petitioner give a satisfactory bond to the City treasurer as required by the third Section of "An Ordinance in relation to the removal of Wooden Buildings"

Passed June 4. 1860

Approved
Jabez B. Knight
Mayor

In Convention June 4. 1860.

The City Council have met in convention for the purpose of electing City Officers.

The following Officers are elected: viz:—

Judge of the Municipal Court	Albert B. Greene
Clerk of the Municipal Court	Levi Salisbury
City Auditor	John S. Paine
Surveyor of Highways	Samuel B. Durfee
Street Commissioners	
Josiah Simmons	William H. Townsend
Edward Field.	
Register of Transfers	Joseph W. Taylor.
City Sergeant	James B. Sheridan
City Messenger	James B. Sheridan.

A Remonstrance
against the election of Orland W. Prince is presented and read

City Constables	
Thomas H. Hart	Ebenezer M. Johnson
James Sheldon	William C. Dean
John H. Gould	William J. Booth
Daniel L. Potter	Nathan Smalley
James G. Arnington	William H. Allen
John B. Barton	George W. Wightman
Ethan Trowbridge	Silas Remmenway
Jabez J. Potter	Jonathan A. Knowles
Wm G. Mercereather	Daniel G. Briggs
Benjamin A. Shaw	Orland W. Prince
John C. Case	Wm S. Whitmarsh
John W. Shaw	Benjamin A. Newhall
Daniel Sorlein	Isley Johnson
Thomas H. Haywards	Henry B. Sweet

A Communication of Albert B. Greene and others recommending the appointment of George H. Greene as City Constable is presented, read, received and referred to the next meeting of the City Council for consideration.

Presidents of Fire Wards	
William Tallman	Nathaniel F. Potter.
Chief Engineer of the Fire Department	Passed.

Assistant Engineers	Passed

Trustees of the Providence Reform School

Edwin M Snow	William J. Grinnell
Henry A Haviland	Thomas J. Steed
William J. Hoeg	William M. Woodman

Viewers of Woods

George T. Harwood	Isley T. Sherman
Samuel B. Chatfield.	

Undertakers

Andrew Blake	William O Briggs
John B. Hopkins	William Vose
Gardner T. Swarts	William Wallace
William B. Tillinghast	Bruce B Knowles
Merrit Nichols	Patrick Barron
Hollis Chaffin	Nathan Smalley
George W. Hopkins	Christain M. Johnson
Sylvester B. Bowers	

Packers and Inspectors of Fish

Isley T. Sherman	George T. Harwood
George W. Wheeler.	

Inspectors of Pot and Pearl ashes

Amasa Manton	Alexander H. Arie

Inspector of Salleratus and Bi carbonate of Soda — Joseph Martin

Inspector of Beef and Pork — Rufus W. Tompkins

Sealer of Leather — George Rice

Surveyors and Gaugers of Woods

Thomas J. Wandwell	Clark Steere
George B. Holmes	William W. Arnold
Benjamin T. Olney	Sayles Brown
Samuel B. Bullock	Benjamin J. Brown
Nelson Grace	Jabez B. Olney
Joseph Robinson	Benjamin T. Olney Jr
William H. Thurber	Rowland Evans
George T. Brown	Daniel Leincott
Darwin R Mowry	Ephraim B. Hall
Thomas E. White	Robert Manchester

Surveyors and measurers of Stone

William Andrews	Clifton A Hall
Leonard Blodget	Richard Palmer

Inspectors and measurers of Carpenters Painters and Masons work

Leonard Blodget	Weston A Fisher
Robert Manchester	Richard Palmer
Robert Manchester Jr	Jonathan S. Angell
James Lewis	Horace Gray
Russell Greene	Stephen C. Arnold
Clifton A Hall	Thomas J. Griffin
John A. Townsend	Isaac R. Hallett

Commissioners of the North Burial Ground

Zachariah Allen — Henry L Bowen

Joseph K. Gilmore

Superintendent of the North Burial Ground — Nathan Smalley

Auctioneer — Francis J. Sheldon

Fence Viewer — Samuel B. Durfee

Pound Keepers

Hollis Chaffin — Nathan Smalley

Jesse A Bradley

Measurers of Salt, Grain and Sea Coal

Shubael B Conwell — Henry Wilson

John S. Eddy — Joseph Wesley

Measurers of Bran

Shubael B. Conwell — Joseph Wesley

Weighers of Hay

Edward Hawkins — Benjamin F. Olney

Overseer of the Hospital — The Mayor and Aldermen

Advising Committee on Bridges — same

Overseer of Bridges — Richard O. Hazelton

Overseer of the City Pumps — Passed

Committee to Superintend the building of Chimneys and placing of Stoves and Pipes

Samuel Lewis — Richard Palmer

Sargeon General — Edward G. Farmer

Port Wardens

Shubael H. Eddy — Christopher B. Pearce.

Lloyd Bowers

Clerk of the Market — Thomas W. Hunt

Overseer of Town House Lot and Buildings — same

Sealer of Weights and Measures — Passed

Weighers of Anthracite Coal

Stephen Burr	Richmond P. Bassett
George B Peck	Samuel B Swan
Stephen F. Salisbury	Henry F. Harris
Christopher B. Pierce	Henry L Clarke
Christopher W Pearce	Oliver L Greene
Ephraim Brown	George L Tucker
James H. Bucknam	Scott Smith
Thomas Whitford	Gotham P. Penny
George H. Hill	John H. Hopkins
George H. Trenholm	Jacob Manchester
Joseph Hodges	William H. Hopkins
Benjamin Tripp	Isaac W. Beach
Ebben Simmons	Edward L. Darling
George A. Turner	John A. Dastram
James W. Taft	Ebenezer Peck
Nathan D. Pearce	Amos B. Pope
William D Pearce	Silliman Perkins
George S. Barton	Henry A Webb
Benjamin L Penny	Albin R Abbott
Cyrus A Carpenter	Seth Scott
Barnard O'Neill	Benjamin W Hubbard
Joseph A. Blake	George H. Ormsbee

Weighers of Cotton.

Nathaniel B. Shaw	William H. Reynolds
John A Foster	Walter L. Simmons
George H. Hoppin	Daniel Bush
William Russell	Daniel S. Skinner
Jarvis P. Swan	Francis S. Brownell
Nathaniel G. Field	George A Church
Edward W. Brown	Henry A Humphreys

Thomas A. Randall

The two Boards separate: the Aldermen retire to their Chamber

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In Convention June 11. 1860.

Cyprus Aitken is elected Inspector of Masons Carpenters and Painters Work

The following Preamble and Resolution are presented and read: viz

Resolution touching Chief Engineer

Whereas; certain charges having been alleged against the present Chief Engineer of the Fire Department, who is also a candidate for re-election to that office: and whereas it is deemed by this Council improper to proceed to the election of any person for so responsible a post against whose character there exists unrefuted charges brought by respectable parties: and whereas it is due to any candidate for said office that an investigation into the truth of all such charges be had before a committee of this Council provided such candidate be willing to have such investigation:-

Resolved: that Messrs be a committee to examine into all charges which may be brought before them against Mr. Thomas Aldrich, touching his veracity & integrity in any matters relating to his conduct of the affairs of his office: and that said committee be authorized to hear all evidence which may be offered; and instructed to make Report to this Council at its meeting on the second Monday of July next if possible.

It is moved that said Resolution be laid upon the table; on which motion the Ayes and Noes are called with the following result: viz

Ayes, Messrs		Noes Messrs	
	Anthony		D. Angell Jr
	Bruce		H. J. Angell
	Earle		Ames
	Hoam		Bartlett
	Jones		Binney
	Lewis		Bowen
	Lincoln		Case
	Lester		Coggeshall
	Rider		Farrington
	Sisson		Francis
	Spencer		Hopkins
	Sprague		Holden
	J. Tucker		Mudin
	Z. H. Tucker		Munroe
	Updike		Pratt
	Waterman		Prentice
	Washburn		Rice 17
	Wheaton 18.		

Whereupon said Resolution is laid upon the table

The following City Officers are elected: viz:

Chief Engineer of the Fire Department — Thomas Aldrich

Assistant Engineers
David A. Cleveland. — Abner H. Angell

Overseer of the City Dumps — Thomas Aldrich

Weighers of Cotton
Francis W. Reynolds — Stephen A Aplin Jr.

Weigher of Anthracite Coal — John H. Taylor

City Constables
Orville A. Rawson — Lyman Upham

George L H Greene is nominated City Constable — Passed

The following persons are nominated City Constables viz
Oliver Wickes
Charles E. A. Matheuson
Franklin Olds
John O'Rourke and
William H. Sherman

Whereupon it is ordered that said nominations be laid upon the table

The two Boards separate. The Aldermen retire to their chamber.

To the Hon the City Council of the City of Providence

Superintendent of North Burial Ground — Annual Report

The Superintendent of the North Burying Ground in conformity with Law makes his annual Report for the year ending June 1. 1880

Rec'd for Interments	$ 603.50
" " Certificates	103.00
	$ 706.50

Nathan Smalley Supt

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

Passed June 11. 1880

Approved
Isaac L Knight
Mayor

Japanese Embassy

Whereas:

The Recent treaty between this country and Japan has rendered it important that every opportunity for an interchange of feelings and attentions, between the inhabitants of the two countries should be improved; and

Whereas —

Our City and its surroundings offer to the Japanese, in its factories and workshops what to them is of especial interest: and

Whereas —

these Strangers are now in our immediate vicinity: therefore

Resolved:

That the Japanese be invited to visit this City, and that a sum not exceeding one thousand dollars be appropriated for the purpose of receiving and entertaining them.

Resolved:

That a Committee consisting of the Mayor, Alderman Bowen and Messrs Prentice, Reiser and Jones be appointed to extend such hospitalities and attentions to the Japanese, while in this City as may to the Committee seem proper

Passed June 11. 1860.

Approved
Sabez D. Knight.
Mayor

Monthly Report of Surveyor of Highways

The Surveyor of Highways makes his Monthly Report of work done from May 1 1860 to June 1. 1860

Number of men employed	55
" " teams "	121
Amount expended	$ 2526.79

Passed June 11. 1860

Approved
Sabez D. Knight
Mayor.

City Treasurers Report of issues & payments of City Debt

The City Treasurer makes his Quarterly report of issues and payments of the City Debt from March 12. to June 4. 1860.

Issues none. Payments none.

Read whereupon it is ordered that the same be received.

Ordered that the same be referred to the Standing Committee on Finance to examine and report thereon

Approved. Sabez D. Knight Mayor Passed June 11. 1860

Annual Report of Gauger General

The Gauger General makes his Annual Report for year ending May 31. 1860

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

Ordered that the same be printed in the Newspapers employed to do the City Printing

Passed June 11. 1860

Approved
Sabez D. Knight
Mayor

Iron Safe for Collector of Taxes

Resolved:

That the City Treasurer be and he is hereby authorized to purchase an Iron Safe for the City to be used by the Collector of Taxes provided the cost of the same shall not exceed the sum of One hundred and twenty five dollars

Passed June 11. 1860.

Approved
Sabez D. Knight
Mayor.

Wooden Buildings

The Standing Committee on the Fire Department to whom were heretofore referred the several Petitions of

John Shulbryan
William Sheldon and
Edward Mc Elroy for liberty to remove certain wooden buildings make Reports recommending that the prayers thereof be severally granted

Read: whereupon it is Resolved: That the prayers thereof be severally granted provided the petitioners give satisfactory Bonds to the City Treasurer as required by the 3d section of "An Ordinance in relation to the removal of Wooden Buildings"

Passed June 11. 1860

Approved
Sabez D. Knight
Mayor.

Ordinance City Debt

An Ordinance in Amendment of "An Ordinance in relation to the City Debt."

(See Book of Ordinances No 2. Page 136)

Approved Sabez D. Knight. Mayor. Passed July 9. 1860

Ferry Dock

Resolved: That the sum of One hundred dollars be and is hereby appropriated out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated for the purpose of digging the mud from Ferry Dock.

Passed July 9. 1860

Approved
Jabez B. Knight Mayor

Chief Engineers Monthly Report

The Chief Engineer of the Fire Department makes his Monthly Report of expenditures

For Services of Firemen	$ 4439.97
Incidental expenses	224.23
	$ 4664.20

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

Passed July 9. 1860

Approved
Jabez B. Knight Mayor.

Surveyors Monthly Report

The Surveyor of Highways makes his Monthly Report of work done from June 1 to July 1. 1860

Amount expended $ 2544.76

Read: whereupon it is Ordered that the same be received.

Passed July 9. 1860

Approved
Jabez B. Knight
Mayor.

Harbor Masters Monthly Report

The Harbor Master makes his monthly Report of arrivals and receipts

Month ending June 30. 1860 Number of Arrivals subject to one Dollar Tax $ 285.00

Read: whereupon it is ordered that the same be received

Passed July 9. 1860

Approved Jabez B Knight Mayor.

"Mayors Office

Providence July 9. 1860.

To the Hon City Councils

Gentlemen

Communication from Mayor

I deem it my duty to call your attention to the present unsuitable and improper condition of the Police and Watch Stations on College Street. It has become in my opinion unfit for the purposes for which it is occupied being worn out and dilapidated beyond repair.

Police and Watch Stations

The cells for the inmates from the nature of their location and construction and the absence of any proper system of sewerage or ventilation cannot be made to answer their purpose longer consistent with the claims of common humanity.

The bunk room for those who seek the Citys charity to the extent of only a nights lodging, is in a condition more filthy if possible than the cells, as the roof is hopelessly leaky and no amount of repairs can make it weather proof.

The Police Office compares favorably in its unsuitable condition with the cells and bunk room, while the cells and sleeping rooms in the basement and the rooms ~~in the attic~~ on the upper floor occupied by the night watch are in filthy harmony with other parts of the building.

It may be proper for me to state that some of our most respectable citizens have given notice that an appeal will be made to the Grand Jury for an indictment as a nuisance, if this subject does not soon receive the consideration of the Council

Town House

I therefore recommend that the old building known as the Town House be torn down and a new building erected in its place or in some other suitable location, as your honorable body may decide for the uses of the various departments of the City Government which would properly come under the same roof: among which may be enumerated the Police and Watch Station Police Court, City Marshal, Superintendent of Health, Overseer of the Poor and perhaps others.

Such a building would not be expensive and would conduce to a proper administration of our Police regulations and to the honor and welfare of the City.

Jabez B. Knight
Mayor."

The Communication from the Mayor in the foregoing words is presented and read.

Same.

Resolved: That Messrs Coggeshall and Updike of the Common Council and Aldermen Bowen and Hidden and the Superintendent of Health and the City Marshal, be and they are hereby appointed a Committee with full power to remove and dispose of any of the buildings on the Town House Lot, and to erect or cause to be erected thereon as soon as practicable, a watch

House and Police Station with suitable accommodations for the City Marshal Superintendent of Health, Overseer of the Poor and Police Constt.

Said Committee are hereby authorized to draw on the City Treasurer for the expenses of the same; provided the cost of such building shall not exceed the sum of nine thousand dollars; and the City Treasurer is hereby directed to pay the expenses of the same out of any moneys not otherwise appropriated

Passed July 9. 1860.

Approved
Sabez B. Knight
Mayor.

Appropriations

Resolution making additional appropriations for the support of the Government of the City for the financial year ending on the last Thursday in September 1860.

Resolved: That the following sums be and the hereby are, appropriated out of any moneys in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, for the following named purposes in addition to the sums heretofore appropriated.

For Public Schools, Sixteen thousand dollars
For Repairs of Public Buildings Four thousand dollars
For Bridges two thousand dollars

Passed July 9. 1860

Approved
Sabez B. Knight
Mayor.

Bishop Clark's 4th July Oration.

Resolved: That the Committee appointed to make arrangements for the Municipal Celebration of the anniversary of American Independence, be and they are hereby authorized to request of Right Rev. Thomas M. Clark, a copy of the Oration by him delivered on the 4th instant, and to cause seven hundred and fifty copies of the same to be published in pamphlet form for the use of the City Council.

Passed July 9. 1860.

Approved
Sabez B. Knight
Mayor.

Treasurer's Bond

The Committee appointed on the 4th day of June last to take a Bond of the City Treasurer make Report.

Read: whereupon it is ordered that the same be received and that the Bond be deposited with the City Clerk and that the Committee be discharged

Passed July 9. 1860

Approved
Sabez B. Knight
Mayor.

Barn on Richmond St

Resolved: That the Surveyor of Highways, acting under the advice of the Standing Committee on Highways, be and he hereby is directed to cause to be built a brick barn on a piece of land belonging to the City and situated on Richmond Street, and that the sum of twelve hundred (1200) dollars be and hereby is appropriated to pay the expense of the same out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated

Passed July 9. 1860

Approved
Sabez B. Knight
Mayor.

Back Street

Resolved. That the Surveyor of Highways be and he hereby is directed to cause the curb stones to be set and the gutters to be paved on Back Street from Charles Street northerly to Orne Street.

Passed July 9. 1860

Approved
Sabez B. Knight
Mayor.

Cross Walk Benefit St

Resolved That the Surveyor of Highways be and he hereby is directed to cause a Cross Walk to be laid across Benefit Street from the north side of Charles Field Street.

Passed July 9. 1860.

Approved Sabez B. Knight Mayor.

Cross walks George street

Resolved: That the Surveyor of Highways be and he hereby is directed, to cause a Cross walks to be laid across George Street to the east side of Prospect Street.

Passed July 9. 1860

Approved
Jabez b. Knight
Mayor.

Harrison St

Resolved: That the Surveyor of Highways be and he is hereby directed to set the curb stone on the east side of Harrison Street from Wilson to Evanston Street

Passed July 9. 1860

Approved
Jabez b. Knight
Mayor.

George St Sewer on

The Standing Committee on Highways to whom on the 7th of May last was referred the petition of Allen O Rich and others for the construction of a Culvert in George Street make Report. adversely thereto.

Read. whereupon it is ordered that the same be received
Ordered: that the same be printed in the newspapers employed to do the City printing.

Passed July 9. 1860

Approved
Jabez b. Knight
Mayor.

City Printing

The Joint Special Committee appointed on the 4th of June last to contract for the City Printing make Report

Read: whereupon it is ordered that the same be received

Passed July 9. 1860

Approved,
Jabez b. Knight.
Mayor.

Printing Mayors Address &c

The Joint Special Committee appointed on the 4th of June last to cause the Mayors Address to be printed make report.

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

Passed July 9. 1860

Approved,
Jabez b. Knight
Mayor.

Sewer from Creighton St to Brook St sewer

Resolved: That the Surveyor of Highways be and he is hereby directed to construct and build under the instructions of the Standing Committee on Highways, a Drain from Creighton Street to Hadley street, and from Hadley street to connect with the drain in Brook street.

Provided; that before the commencement thereof all the owners of land through which the same shall pass, shall agree in writing to the building of such drain; and that it shall be at all times used by the City for a public drain and made acceptable in all its parts for alteration and repair by the City; and shall pay into the City Treasury one dollar and seventy five cents per foot towards the expence of said drain, (not including the distance across the Public Streets;) and shall further furnish for the Surveyor of Highways all the Stones necessary to complete the sides of said drain and in as convenient location as has been heretofore pointed out to him.

Provided, also: that the paying into the Public Treasury the sum of money above provided for, be made and completed on or before the first day of May, Eighteen hundred and sixty one.

Passed July 9. 1860.

Approved
Jabez b. Knight
Mayor.

Tax Remitted in Edward Stevens

Resolved: That the City Treasurer be and he is hereby directed to pay to Edward Stevens the sum of eight dollars, said sum being in remission of Taxes improperly assessed against him in the year 1859; provided it shall appear to the City Treasurer upon the Certificate of the Collector of Taxes that said sum has been paid into the City Treasury; if it shall appear to said Treasurer that said sum has not been paid into the Treasury then he shall credit the Collector

of Taxes with said amount and the Collector of Taxes shall deduct the amount hereby remitted from the taxes of said Edmund Slocum.

Passed July 9. 1860

Approved
Jabez B. Knight
Mayor.

Wooden Building

The Standing Committee on the Fire Department to whom were referred the several Petitions of Neil Campbell and
Patrick McCarity for leave to remove certain wooden buildings make Reports recommending that the prayers of said Petitions be severally granted.

Read: whereupon it is resolved, that the prayers of said petitions be severally granted, provided the petitioners give satisfactory Bonds to the City Treasurer as required by the 3d Section of An Ordinance in relation to the removal of Wooden Buildings

Passed July 9. 1860

Approved
Jabez B. Knight
Mayor.

Ringgold Street

Resolved:
That the Surveyor of Highways be and he is hereby directed to cause the Curbing to be set and the gutters paved on Ringgold Street from Broadway to Kingston Street, a distance of about three hundred feet.

Passed in Common Council July 9. 1860.
In Board of Aldermen August 6. 1860.

Approved
Jabez B. Knight
Mayor.

In Convention August 13. 1860.

The Canvass General presents the names of the following persons as Deputy Gaugers for the approval of the City Council: viz
William Burroughs.
George Greene.

Whereupon it is voted, that the Council approve of said Nominations.

Charles Kennington is elected weigher of Anthracite and Bituminous Coal

Franklin Olds is elected City Constable.

Randall H. Greene is elected City Constable without power to serve civil process

The Two Boards separate. The Aldermen retire to their Chamber.

Police & Watch Stations

Town House Lot

*The Special Committee who were on the 9th day of July last appointed for the purpose of removing the old buildings from the Town House Lot, and for erecting thereon a new building for a watch and police station, and for Engine offices, make Report of their progress and recommend an additional appropriation therefor, and suggest that the location of said building be changed to the Sail Lot on King-Market and Canal Streets. And said Report is read: whereupon it is ordered that the same be received.

Passed August 13. 1860.

Approved
Jabez B. Knight
Mayor.

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same.

*Resolved:
That the sum of Six Thousand Dollars in addition to the nine thousand already appropriated be and the same is hereby appropriated for the construction of the proposed Watch Station and that the City Treasurer be directed to pay the same to the order of the Committee, and that said Committee be and they are hereby directed to place said Watch Station on the Sail Lot on Canal and Kingmarket Streets

Passed August 13. 1860

Approved
Jabez B. Knight
Mayor

Chief Engineers Monthly Report

The Chief Engineer of the Fire Department makes his Monthly Report of expenditures.

Amount expended $403.49.

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

Passed August 13. 1860

Approved
Jabez B. Knight
Mayor

Surveyors Monthly Report

The Surveyor of Highways makes his Monthly Report of work done from July 1 to August 1. 1860.

New employees 54
Teams " 13 Amount expended $2505.00

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

Passed August 13. 1860.

Approved
Jabez B Knight
Mayor.

Harbor Masters Monthly Report

The Harbor Master makes his Monthly Report for month ending July 31. 1860

Number of Arrivals subject to one Dollar tax 287.

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

Passed August 13. 1860.

Approved
Jabez B. Knight
Mayor.

Appropriation Ordinance

An Ordinance making appropriations for the support of the Government of the City for the Financial Year ending on the last Monday of September A.D. 1861.

(See Book of Ordinances No 2. page)

Passed August 13. 1860.

Approved
Jabez B. Knight
Mayor.

Dog Ordinance.

An Ordinance in amendment of "An Ordinance entitled "An Ordinance in relation to Dogs."

(See Book of Ordinances No 2 Page)

Passed August 13. 1860.

Approved
Jabez B. Knight
Mayor.

Thomas Seekell ~ Conduit St.

The Standing Committee on Highways to whom on the 4th of April 1860 was referred the Memorial of Thomas Seekell in relation to opening Conduit Street make Report.

Read: whereupon it is ordered that the same be received

Passed August 13. 1860.

Approved
Jabez B. Knight
Mayor.

Report of Standing Com on Highways

The Standing Committee on Highways make Report in relation to appropriations and expenditures in Highway Department

Read: whereupon it is ordered that the same be received, Ordered: that the same be printed in the newspapers employed to do the City printing

Passed August 13. 1860

Approved
Jabez B. Knight
Mayor.

Appropriation for Highways

Resolved:—

That the sum of Five Thousand Dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated, for the use of the Highway Department, for the balance of the Financial Year, to be paid out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated.

Passed August 13. 1860

Approved
Jabez B. Knight
Mayor.

O.W. Prince

The Standing Committee on Police to whom was referred the Petition of Benajah S. Matheuson with others relative to the official conduct of Mr. Orland W. Prince City Constable, make Report.

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

Passed August 13. 1860.

Approved
Jabez B. Knight
Mayor.

Do

Resolved: —

That Mr Orland W. Prince be and he is hereby removed from the office of Constable of the City of Providence, for misconduct: and that the City Clerk notify said Prince of his removal.

(All the members present voting in the affirmative)

Passed August 13. 1860.

Approved
Jabez B Knight
Mayor.

Barn

Resolved: —

That the Surveyor of Highways who was on the 9th day of July last directed (under the advice of the Standing Committee on Highways,) to cause a brick Barn to be built on a piece of land belonging to the City on Richmond Street: - be and he is hereby directed to suspend operations in the erection of said Barn until further order of the City Council

Do

Resolved: —

That the Standing Committee on Highways be and they are hereby directed to report to the City Council at its next meeting, the best location for the erection of said Barn.

Passed August 13. 1860

Approved
Jabez B. Knight
Mayor.

Fire Well on Chapel Street

Resolved: —

That the Board of Engineers be and they are hereby requested to report to the City Council at its next meeting upon the expediency of constructing a Fountain or Fire Well on Chapel Street and the relative expense of the same in comparison with a suitable reservoir in that location.

Passed August 13. 1860.

Approved Jabez B Knight, Mayor.

Tax Remitted to B. Metcalf

Resolved: —

That the City Treasurer be and he is hereby directed to pay to Henry B. Metcalf the sum of Seventy two ($72) Dollars, the said sum being in remission of Tax improperly assessed against him in the year 1859: provided it shall to the Treasurer upon the Certificate of the Collector of Taxes, that said sum has been paid into the City Treasury. If it shall appear to said Treasurer that said sum has not been paid into the Treasury, then he shall credit the Collector of Taxes with the amount so unpaid, and the Collector of Taxes shall deduct the amount hereby remitted from the Tax of said Henry B. Metcalf.

Passed August 13. 1860.

Approved
Jabez B. Knight
Mayor.

Wooden Buildings

The Standing Committee on the Fire Department to whom were referred the several Petitions of H. N. Angell and
John M^c^ Tucker for leave to remove certain wooden buildings make report in favor thereof

Read: whereupon it is resolved that the prayers of said Petitions be severally granted, provided the petitioners give satisfactory bonds to the City Treasurer as required by the 3d Section of "An Ordinance in relation to the Removal of Wooden Buildings"

Passed August 13. 1860

Approved
Jabez B. Knight
Mayor.

Chief Engineer's Monthly Report

The Chief Engineer of the Fire Department makes his Monthly Report of Expenditures.

Amount expended $ 6.902.63.

Read: whereupon it is ordered that the same be received

Passed September 10. 1860.

Approved
Jabez B. Knight
Mayor.

Surveyor's Monthly Report

The Surveyor of Highways makes his monthly Report of work done from August 1 to September 1. 1860

Men employed 59
Teams do 14 Amount expended $ 2789.78

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

Passed September 10. 1860.

Approved Jabez C. Knight
Mayor.

Harbor Master's Monthly Report

The Harbor Master makes his Monthly Report for month ending August 31. 1860.

Amount collected $ 328.00

Read whereupon it is ordered that the same be received

Passed September 10. 1860.

Approved Jabez C. Knight
Mayor.

Report of Com on Fourth of July

The Joint Special Committee appointed to make arrangements for the celebration of the Fourth of July make report

Amount expended $ 2473.26

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

Passed September 10. 1860

Approved. Jabez C. Knight
Mayor.

Report of Com on Dredging Harbor

The Joint Special Committee on dredging the Harbor make Report of work done from April 4 to September 6

Number of cubic feet removed from the main channel 207.945.

Read: whereupon it is ordered that the same be received and published in the newspapers employed to do the city printing

Approved Jabez C. Knight. Mayor. Passed September 10. 1860.

Report of Com on Highways - on City Barn on Howell St

The Standing Committee on Highways make Report in relation to a location for the City Barn also in relation to Howell Street.

Read: whereupon it is ordered, that the same be received and printed in the newspapers employed to do the city printing.

Passed September 10. 1860

Approved Jabez C. Knight
Mayor.

Oxen

Resolved: That the Surveyor of Highways be and he is hereby directed to continue the Oxen of the City in the barn on the corner of Spring & Pond Streets

Passed September 10. 1860.

Approved Jabez C. Knight
Mayor.

Appropriations

Resolved:— That in addition to the sums heretofore appropriated for the support of the government of the City for the financial year ending on the last Monday of September in the year 1860, the following sums be and the same are hereby appropriated for the purposes hereinafter enumerated, that is to say:—

For Contingencies, fifteen hundred dollars
For the Police twelve hundred dollars
For Highways one thousand dollars

Passed September 10. 1860

Approved Jabez C. Knight
Mayor.

City Scales

Haymarket

Resolved:— That the Standing Committee on City Property be and they are hereby instructed to select some suitable location for the City Scales and Hay-Market, and report the same to the City Council.

Passed September 10. 1860

Approved. Jabez C. Knight
Mayor.

Dallas St

Resolved:— That the Surveyor of Highways be and he is hereby directed to cause the gutters to be paved and the curbing to be set on Dallas street from Broadway to Kinyon Street, a distance of about three hundred feet.

Passed September 10. 1860

Approved
Jabez B. Knight
Mayor.

Howell St

Resolved:— That the Surveyor of Highways be and he is hereby directed to cause the curbing to be set and the gutters paved on Howell street from Bamp street to the East Turnpike.

Passed September 10. 1860

Approved
Jabez B. Knight
Mayor.

Taxes annulled

Resolved:— That the taxes specified in the annexed list (reported to the City Council on the 13th day of August last,) amounting to three hundred and fourteen dollars and forty cents ($314.40) and which were assessed in the year 1859, for the reason specified in each case, be and the same are hereby annulled; and that the City Treasurer be and he is hereby directed to credit the Collector of Taxes with said sum of three hundred and fourteen dollars and forty cents, together with the interest on said several taxes.

Passed September 10. 1860

Approved
Jabez B. Knight
Mayor.

Wooden Buildings

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

James B. Anthony
Hazity Buckley
Benjamin F. Martin and
Wheeler Darling

for leave to remove certain wooden buildings make report in favor thereof

Read: whereupon it is resolved that the prayers of said petitions be severally granted, provided the petitioners give satisfactory bonds to the City Treasurer as required by the 3d sec of "An Ordinance" in relation to the removal of wooden buildings.

Passed September 10. 1860

Approved
Jabez B. Knight
Mayor.

In Convention October 8. 1860.

Resignation of Henry A. Haverland Trustee of the Reform School

The following Communication is presented and read:

To the Honorable the City Council of the City of Providence

The Subscriber hereby resigns his connexion with the Providence Reform School as one of the Board of Trustees.

Commencing with the first appointment by the Council to organize the School, ten years and four months since, in faith of the need and worth of such an institution, while some doubted its utility, he now leaves it in good hands, one of the most prized and cherished institutions of our State and City governments, and by our people generally.

With his thanks to the Council for continuing thus for to him the opportunity of helping a little to this result, he remains, very respectfully,

Your obedient Servant,
Henry A. Haverland

October 8. 1860.

Whereupon it is voted that the Communication be received, and that the Resignation of Henry A. Haverland be accepted.

Do

Resolved:— That the thanks of the City Council are hereby tendered to Henry A. Haverland Esq for his faithful, efficient and valuable Services as one of the Trustees of the Reform School since its establishment in this City ten years ago and the Council deeply regret the necessity which impels him to resign the said office.

Trustee elected.

Charles E. Carpenter is elected Trustee of the Providence Reform School for the remainder of the present Municipal year.

Sealer of Weights & Measures

The Resignation of George R Phillips Sealer of weights and measures is presented, read, received and accepted.

William H Arnold and William F Lawton are nominated for the office of Sealer of Weights and Measures: On balloting there are 31. ballots cast, of which William H Arnold received 19. and is declared elected.

The two Boards separate. The Aldermen retire to their Chamber.

Surveyors Monthly Report

The Surveyor of Highways makes his Monthly Report of work done from Sept 1 to Oct 1. 1860

Number of Men employed 58
" Teams " 5
Amount expended $ 2548.75.

Read: whereupon it is ordered that the same be received

Passed October 8. 1860

Approved
Jabez B Knight
Mayor

Monthly Report of Harbor Master

The Harbor Master makes his Monthly Report for month ending September 30, 1860

Number of arrivals subject to one dollar tax $ 203.00

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

Passed October 8. 1860.

Approved
Jabez B Knight
Mayor

Annual Report of Trustees of the Sinking Funds

The Trustees of the Sinking Funds of the City of Providence, make their Annual Report of the condition of said Funds.

Total Amount of said Funds _____ $ 78.600.—

Read: whereupon it is ordered that the same be received

Passed October 8. 1860.

Approved Jabez B Knight. Mayor.

Annual Report of Trustees of the Sinking Fund N.B & F. R.R. Co

The Trustees of the Sinking Fund of the Hartford, Providence and Fishkill Rail Road Company make their Annual Report of the condition of said Fund.

Total Amount. _____ $ 33.400.00

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

Passed October 8. 1860

Approved
Jabez B Knight
Mayor.

Report of Standing Com on Highways

The Standing Committee on Highways make Report in regard to the expenditure and condition of the Department during the financial Year just ended.

Read: whereupon it is ordered that the same be received.
Ordered: That the same be printed in the newspapers employed to do the City printing

Passed October 8. 1860.

Approved,
Jabez B Knight
Mayor.

Reservoirs.

—

Fire Well in Chapel St.

Resolved.—

That the Board of Engineers of the Fire Department acting under the advice of the Committee on the Fire Department be and they are hereby authorized to contract for the building of two (2) Reservoirs, one to be located in the Sixth Ward and one in the Seventh Ward, at an expence not exceeding four Hundred Dollars each; also to contract for a Fire Well of sufficient size for a permanent supply of water, to be located on Chapel Street, at an expence not exceeding Four Hundred Dollars. The same to be paid for out of the appropriation for the Fire Department.

Passed October 8. 1860

Approved
Jabez B Knight
Mayor.

Ordinance making appropriations

An Ordinance in addition to an Ordinance passed August 13. 1860, entitled. "An Ordinance making appropriations for the support of the Government of the City for the financial year ending on the last Monday of September A D 1861"
(See Book of Ordinances No 2 Page 138.)

Passed October 8. 1860

Approved Jabez B Knight
Mayor

Dr. City of Providence in acc with

1860	Janry 7	To Bank paid	Harriet Brown Rent	65.
	Feby 18	" " "	Dredging River	843. 10
	May 5	" " "	State of Rhode Island &c License	536. 17
	July 7	" " "	Harriet Brown rent	65.
	Sept 8	" " "	Dredging River	2171. 48
	24	" " "	4th July 1860	2473. 26
		" " "	Oxen	772. 60
		" " "	Asylum Wall & Buildings	997. 25
		" " "	James Street Derry Dock	92. 39
		" " "	Police Station	336. 04
		" " "	Sinking Funds	10. 000.
		" " "	Washington Street	3. 300
		" " "	Bills Payable	43. 112. 60
		" " "	City's proportion of State Tax	28. 121. 75
		" " "	Baker Street	858. 26
		" " "	Interest on Bonds	34. 680
		" " "	City Barn	73. 22
		" " "	Bridges	2. 346. 73
		" " "	Sidewalks & Curbing	419. 47
		" " "	Public Schools	65. 812. 97
		" " "	Lighting Streets	26. 661. 07
		" " "	Highways	30. 750. 20
		" " "	Improvement of Public Grounds	977. 67
		" " "	City Watch	32. 286. 96
		" " "	Pumps & Wells	93. 41
		" " "	Police	11. 402. 24
		" " "	Salaries	18. 395. 05
		" " "	W. B. Grounds	1. 647. 71
		" " "	Fire Department	48. 453. 79
		" " "	Reform School	957. 87
		" " "	Support of Poor	8. 390. 54
		" " "	Repairs Public Buildings	2916. 23
		" " "	Contingencies	20. 629. 58
		" " "	Gas Fixtures	824. 21
		" " "	Interest on H. P. & F. R. R. Bonds	180.
		" "	in the American Bank	$ 95. 418. 19
				$ 497. 052. 01

I hereby certify that I have examined the accounts of Wm H. Gardiner Esqr City Treasurer for the year ending September 24. 1860 and that the accounts agree with the vouchers and that on the said 24th day of September 1860 there was a balance of Ninety five thousand four hundred eighteen dollars nineteen cents to the credit of the City as per Certificate exhibited.

Providence Oct 8. 1860.

John J. Caine
City Auditor

Maximus H. Gardiner City Treasurer Cr.

1859	Sept 26	By Cash	American Bank	7.387. 99
1860	Sept 24	" "	Bond J. Mumford Coll 1858 Tax	15.426. 07
		" "	" N. I. Draper Coll Tax 1859	437. 711. 30
		" "	" Town to the City of Prov	14. 000.
		" "	" City Standard Scales	189. 34
		" "	" Interest	12. 054. 20
		" "	" Rents	3. 527. 91
		" "	" City Licenses	1. 121. 34
		" "	" Bills Receivable	50. 00
		" "	" Opening 58 Streets	116. 00
		" "	" Entering Drains	191. 05
		" "	" S. W Healey Pound fees	13. 75
		" "	" City Clerks Wagons Dogs &c	561. 85
		" "	" Auctein fees	105. 44
		" "	" Harbor Masters fees	2. 226. 50
		" "	" Municipal Court fees	1460. 18
		" "	" City Clerks fees	42. 05
		" "	" S. W. Peckham Police Court	277. 00
		" "	" S. H. Cady Tax	333. 68
		" "	" J. W. Clarke taxes	75. 03
		" "	" 4th July 1859 Bal.	181. 13
				$ 497. 052. 01

E. & O. E. City Treasurer's Office Providence Sept 24. 1860

Maximus H. Gardiner City Treasurer

In City Council October 8. 1860

The City Treasurer presents his Annual Account

Read: whereupon it is ordered that the same be received and recorded.

Approved, Jabez B. Knight
Mayor.

Clerk hire in City Clerk's Office.

Resolved:— That the sum of two hundred and fifty dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated for additional Clerk hire in the office of the City Clerk during the present financial year, to be expended under the order and direction of the Mayor, and the City Treasurer is directed to charge this sum to the annual appropriation for Salaries.

Passed October 8. 1860

Approved: Sabez D. Knight
Mayor

Appropriation for Evening Schools

Resolved:— That the sum of Fifteen Hundred Dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated for the support of Public Evening Schools in addition to Fifty Thousand Dollars already appropriated for Public Schools; said sum to be expended under the direction of the School Committee.

Passed October 8. 1860

Approved Sabez D Knight
Mayor.

Appropriation for Salaries

Resolved:— That the sum of two hundred and twenty dollars, be and the same is hereby appropriated to pay the Salaries of one Alderman and nine members of the Common Council for the quarter of the financial year ending on the last Monday in September 1860: and that the City Treasurer be directed to charge the same to the appropriation for Salaries.

Passed October 8. 1860

Approved Sabez D. Knight
Mayor.

Purchase of Land of John Costigan

Resolved:— That the Surveyor of Highways, acting under the advice and direction of the Standing Committee on Highways, be and he is hereby authorized to purchase a Lot of Land and dwelling House thereon at Fox Point, belonging to John Costigan and wife: Provided the same can be purchased for a sum not exceeding one thousand dollars, and a good and sufficient deed to the City be obtained therefor, satisfactory to the City Solicitor, and that the sum of one thousand dollars be and it hereby is appropriated for such purchase when completed, out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated

Passed October 8. 1860

Approved Sabez D. Knight
Mayor.

Culvert in Martin & other Streets

Resolved — That the Surveyor of Highways acting under the advice and direction of the Standing Committee on Highways, be and he hereby is directed to construct and build a Culvert through a portion of Martin, Ashburton and Webster streets a distance of between seven and eight hundred feet, to receive the water coming from the direction of Hawes' Pond (so called) connecting the same with a Culvert already built from the river to Martin Street. Provided however, there shall be advised and deposited in the City Treasury on or before the fifteenth day of October 1860, the sum of fifteen hundred dollars to be devoted in part payment of the expense of said Culvert.

Passed October 8. 1860.

Approved Sabez D. Knight
Mayor.

City Pumps

Resolved:— That the Standing Committee on City Property be requested and directed to examine the City Pumps and recommend such action to the City Council as they may deem expedient to improve and make them more efficient and useful.

Passed October 8. 1860.

Approved Sabez D. Knight
Mayor.

Wooden Buildings

The Standing Committee on the Fire Department, to whom were referred the several Petitions of
John D Burrows
Peleg W. Gardiner
John B. Anthony and
George Chatterton for permission to remove certain Wooden Buildings, make Reports in favor thereof.

Read: whereupon it is Resolved, that the several prayers thereof be granted provided the petitioners give Satisfactory Bonds to the City Treasurer as required by the 3d Section of "An Ordinance in relation to the removal of Wooden Buildings"

Passed October 8. 1860

Approved,
Sabez D. Knight.
Mayor.

In Convention October 22. 1860.

Constables

Alden M. Brown and
Henry A. Wateeman are elected Constables without power to serve any civil proces

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Baker St

Whereas the commissioners of estimate and assessment in the matter of laying out and extending Baker Street from its present southerly terminatione of a width of forty feet southerly to Westminster Street in the City of Providence, appointed by the Supreme Court at the March term thereof A.D. 1860 in the County of Providence under an act entitled "An Act in relation to the laying out enlarging straightening or otherwise altering Streets in the City of Providence", have made their first Report to said Court

Now therefore, within thirty days after the making of said Report:—

Resolved:— That the City Council do not elect to make said improvement.

Passed October 22. 1860

Approved Jabez B. Knight
Mayor.

Wooden Buildings

The Standing Committee on the Fire Department to whom were referred the several Petitions of Charles B. Eddy
George H. Rhodes and
Maurice B. Hoddard for leave to remove certain Wooden Buildings make Reports in favor thereof:

Read: whereupon it is Resolved that the several prayers thereof be granted; provided the petitioners give satisfactory Bonds to the City Treasurer as required by the 3d section of "An Ordinance in relation to the removal of Wooden Buildings."

Passed October 22 1860

Approved
Jabez B. Knight
Mayor.

City Scales

Resolved. That the Standing Committee on City Property be and they are hereby directed to cause the City Standard Scales to be placed on the west side of Canal Street nearly opposite to Meeting Street as soon as is practicable.

Passed in Common Council Oct 8. 1860
In Board of Aldermen Nov 5. 1860

Approved
Jabez B. Knight
Mayor.

Surveyor's Monthly Report

The Surveyor of Highways makes his Monthly Report of work done from October 1. 1860 to November 1. 1860

Number of Men employed 60.
Number of Teams "
Amount expended $ 3025.49

Read: whereupon it is ordered that the same be received

Passed November 12. 1860

Approved Jabez B. Knight
Mayor.

Chief Engineer's Monthly Report

The Chief Engineer of the Fire Department makes his Monthly Report of expenditures Amount expended. — $ 1501.82

Read: whereupon it is ordered that the same be received

Passed November 12. 1860.

Approved
Jabez B. Knight
Mayor.

Harbor Master's Monthly Report

The Harbor Master makes his Monthly Report of arrivals and receipts for Month ending October 31. 1860 Amt received — $ 184.00

Read. whereupon it is ordered that the same be received

Approved Jabez B. Knight
Mayor.

Passed November 12. 1860.

Report of the S. Com. on Education

The Standing Committee on Education to whom was referred the application of the School Committee for an appropriation for a grammar school building lot in the third district, make Report without recommendation.—

Read: Whereupon it is ordered that the same be received.
Ordered: that the same be printed in the newspapers employed to do the City printing

Passed November 12. 1860

Approved
Jabez B. Knight
Mayor.

City Auditor's 14th Annual Report

The City Auditor presents his fourteenth annual Report of the receipts and expenditures of the City Treasury from the last Monday in September 1859 to the last Monday in September 1860.

Read: Whereupon it is

Resolved: that the same be received: and that the Standing Committee on Finance be and they are hereby directed to cause the same, or so much thereof as is requisite to be published by the fourth sections of the City Charter, with a schedules of the property of the City, to be published in the newspapers employed to do the City Printing: and also, to cause not exceeding five hundred copies of the same, to be printed in pamphlet form for the use of the City Council.

Passed November 12. 1860

Approved
Jabez B. Knight
Mayor.

College Street

A Petition of Edward Pearce and others for the widening of College street from South Main Street to Benefit Street is presented, read and received.

Do

Resolved: That the Petition of Edward Pearce and others in relation to widening College street be referred to Messrs H. J. Angell, Bailey, Jones, Mowton Spencer Lincoln and Pratt with Aldermen Bowen and Lester, with power to survey and examine the premises, confer with the adjoining proprietors in reference to the cost thereof and report to the City Council thereon

Passed November 12. 1860.

Approved
Jabez B. Knight
Mayor.

Culvert in Mowton and other Streets

Resolved: That the Surveyor of Highways, acting under the advice of the Standing Committee on Highways, be and he is hereby authorized and directed to build a culvert through Mowton, Atwells ave and Webster streets, a distance of about eight hundred feet, to receive the water coming from the direction of Hawes' Pond (so called,) connecting the same with the culvert already built from the river to Mowton Street:

Provided however, there shall be deposited with the City Treasurer on or before the first day of December next, the sum of fourteen hundred dollars, to be used in payment of the expence of said culvert.

Passed November 12. 1860

Approved
Jabez B. Knight
Mayor.

Appropriation for Marine Hospital

Resolved:— That the sum of seven hundred dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated for the purpose of repairing and improving the Marine Hospital: said sum to be expended under direction of the Board of Aldermen, and paid out of the appropriations for Public Buildings.

Passed November 12. 1860.

Approved
Jabez B. Knight
Mayor.

Tax Remitted

Wm. Butler.

Resolved:— That the City Treasurer be and he is hereby directed to pay to William Butler, the sum of one hundred and sixty (160) Dollars being in remission of Tax improperly assessed against him on personal estate in the year 1859, provided it shall appear to the City Treasurer upon the certificate of the Collector of Taxes, that said sum has been paid unto the City Treasury, and the said Butler shall accept the same in full satisfaction for all Taxes improperly assessed against him.

Passed November 12. 1860

Approved
Jabez B. Knight
Mayor.

Taxes Remitted.

Resolved:

That the City Treasurer be and he is hereby directed to pay to the persons whose names are annexed, the sums placed against their respective names: the said sums being in remission of Taxes improperly assessed against them in the year 1860, provided it shall appear to the Treasurer upon the certificate of the Collector of Taxes, that said sums have been paid into the City Treasury. If it shall appear to the City Treasurer that said sums have not been paid into the Treasury, then he shall credit the Collector of Taxes with the amount so unpaid; and the Collector of Taxes shall deduct the amount hereby remitted from the taxes of the persons whose names are annexed: viz:

J. H. Rhodes
J. P. Smith Exr

Thomas H. Rhodes	15.68
J. P. Smith Executor on Estate of Hepsibeth Williams	85.71

Passed November 12. 1860.

Approved
Jabez B. Knight
Mayor

Surveyors Monthly Report

The Surveyor of Highways makes his Monthly Report of work done from November 1. 1860 to December 1, 1860.

Number of Men employed 58 Expended $ 2606.86.

Read: whereupon it is ordered that the same be received

Passed December 10. 1860.

Approved
Jabez B. Knight.

Chief Engineers Monthly Report

The Chief Engineer of the Fire Departments makes his Monthly Report of Expenditures.

Amount expended $ 7196.56.

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

Passed December 10. 1860.

Approved
Jabez B. Knight
Mayor

Harbor Masters Monthly Report

The Harbor Master makes his Monthly Report of arrivals and receipts for the month ending November 30. 1860.

Amount received $ 169.00

Read: whereupon it is ordered that the same be received

Passed December 10. 1860

Approved
Jabez B Knight
Mayor.

The Committee on Finance ask leave to report the subjoined Resolution and to respectfully recommend its passage

James F. Hoard
for the Committee.

Appropriation for Judgments of Court

Whereas:— Daniel Wightman has obtained a judgment in the Circuit Court of the United States for the District of Rhode Island against the City of Providence for the sum of $ 4.261.77 and whereas another judgment has been rendered in the Supreme Court against the City, upon suit of the New England Meeting of Friends for the sum of $ 165.36 it is hereby

Resolved:- That the sum of forty four hundred and twenty seven dollars and thirteen cents be and the same is hereby appropriated for the payment and satisfaction of said judgments, and the City Treasurer is hereby authorized and directed to pay the same.

Passed December 10. 1860

Approved
Jabez B Knight
Mayor.

Overseers Semi Annual Report.

The Overseers of the Poor makes his Semi Annual Report

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

Ordered: That the same be printed in the newspapers employed to do the City Printing

Passed December 10. 1860.

Approved
Jabez B Knight
Mayor.

Cross Walk. Broad St.

Resolved: That the Surveyor of Highways be and he hereby is directed to remove the cross walk in front of the City Hotel on Broad Street.

Passed December 10. 1860

Approved
Jabez B. Knight
Mayor.

Wall of Proprietors Burying Ground

Resolved That the Surveyor of Highways be and he is hereby directed to rebuild the wall around the Proprietors Burying Ground (so called,) on Plane and Friendship Streets, so far as the stone already on the ground will permit, and at a cost to the City not exceeding two hundred dollars; to be paid out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

Passed December 10. 1860.

Approved
Jabez B. Knight
Mayor.

Gas Contract

Resolved: That Messrs Bowen and Hidden of the Board of Aldermen, with Messrs Spencer, Washburn and Mauran, of the Common Council, be and they are hereby appointed a Committee to contract with the Providence Gas Company for a supply of Gas for the use of the City for one year after the expiration of the present contract

Passed December 10. 1860.

Approved
Jabez B. Knight
Mayor.

Bridge Washington Bridge

Toll Keeper

Whereas: By an Act of the General Assembly the Providence Washington Bridge has come into possession of the City of Providence: therefore

Resolved: That B. Jencks Brown be and he is hereby appointed Toll Keeper of the Providence Washington Bridge at a salary of one dollar and a quarter per day and house rent during the pleasure of the City Council

Passed December 10. 1860

Approved
Jabez B. Knight Mayor

Tax Remitted — N.E. Yearly Meeting

Resolved:— That the City Treasurer be and he is hereby directed to pay to the "New England Yearly Meeting Boarding School" the sum of two hundred and seventy five 57/100 dollars being in remission of a tax and the interest thereon improperly assessed against them in the year A.D. 1853 provided it shall appear to the Treasurer upon the certificate of the Collector that said sum, less the interest, was paid into the City Treasury

Passed December 10. 1860.

Approved
Jabez B. Knight
Mayor.

Tax Remitted — Jennette Howland

Resolved: — That the City Treasurer be and hereby is directed to pay to Jeanette Howland the sum of five 4/100 Dollars said sum being in remission of tax improperly assessed against her in the year 1860 provided it shall appear to the Treasurer upon the certificate of the Collector that said sum has been paid into the City Treasury

Passed December 10. 1860.

Approved
Jabez B. Knight
Mayor.

Tax Remitted — Heirs of Saml B. Arnold.

Resolved:— That the City Treasurer be and hereby is directed to pay to the heirs of the late Samuel B. Arnold the sum of three hundred and one dollars. Said sum being in remission of a tax, (with interest thereon) improperly assessed against said heirs in the year A.D. 1860. Provided it shall appear to the City Treasurer upon the certificate of the Collector that said sum has been paid into the City Treasury.

Passed December 10. 1860.

Approved
Jabez B. Knight
Mayor.

Cross Walk. Broad St.

Resolved. That the Surveyor of Highways be and he hereby is directed to remove the Cross Walk in front of the City Hotel on Broad Street.

Passed December 10. 1860

Approved
Jabez B. Knight
Mayor.

Wall of Proprietors Burying Grounds

Resolved. That the Surveyor of Highways be and he is hereby directed to rebuild the wall around the Proprietor's Burying Ground, (so called,) on Plane and Friendship Streets, so far as the stone already on the ground will permit, and at a cost to the City not exceeding two hundred dollars; to be paid out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

Passed December 10. 1860.

Approved
Jabez B. Knight
Mayor.

Gas Contract

Resolved: That Messrs Bowen and Weeden of the Board of Aldermen, with Messrs Spencer, Washburn and Sweeten, of the Common Council, be and they are hereby appointed a Committee to contract with the Providence Gas Company for a supply of Gas for the use of the City for one year after the expiration of the present contract

Passed December 10. 1860.

Approved
Jabez B. Knight
Mayor.

Prov. Washington Bridge
—
Toll Keeper

Whereas: By an Act of the General Assembly the Providence Washington Bridge has come into possession of the City of Providence; therefore

Resolved: That B. Jenks Brown be and he is hereby appointed Toll Keeper of the Providence Washington Bridge at a salary of one dollar and a quarter per day and house rent during the pleasure of the City Council

Passed December 10. 1860

Approved
Jabez B. Knight Mayor

Tax Remitted
—
N. E. Yearly Meeting

Resolved:—
That the City Treasurer be and he is hereby directed to pay to the "New England Yearly Meeting Boarding School" the sum of two hundred and seventy five 57/100 dollars being in remission of a tax and the interest thereon improperly assessed against them in the year a.d. 1858. provided it shall appear to the Treasurer upon the certificate of the Collector that said sum, less the interest, was paid into the City Treasury

Passed December 10. 1860.

Approved
Jabez B. Knight
Mayor.

Tax Remitted
—
Jeanette Howland

Resolved:—
That the City Treasurer be and hereby is directed to pay to Jeanette Howland the sum of five 4/100 Dollars said sum being in remission of tax improperly assessed against her in the year 1860 provided it shall appear to the Treasurer upon the certificate of the Collector that said sum has been paid into the City Treasury

Passed December 10. 1860.

Approved
Jabez B. Knight
Mayor.

Tax Remitted
—
Heirs of Saml B. Arnold.

Resolved:—
That the City Treasurer be and hereby is directed to pay to the heirs of the late Samuel B. Arnold the sum of three hundred and one dollars. said sum being in remission of a tax, (with interest thereon) improperly assessed against said heirs in the year a.d. 1860. Provided it shall appear to the City Treasurer upon the certificate of the Collector that said sum has been paid into the City Treasury.

Passed December 10. 1860.

Approved
Jabez B. Knight
Mayor.

Gas Contract

The joint Special Committee who were on the 10th of December last appointed to contract for a supply of gas for the city make report that they recommend that the period of the contract be extended to more than one year

Read whereupon it is ordered that the same be received.

In Boards of Aldermen Passed Janry 7. 1861
In Common Council Passed Janry 14 1861

Approved
Jabez B. Knight
Mayor.

Do

Resolved: That the Committee appointed on the tenth day of December last to contract with the Providence Gas Company for a supply of Gas for the use of the City for one year from the expiration of the present contract, be and they are hereby empowered to extend the time of contract to a period not exceeding three years from the first day of January 1861.

In Boards of Aldermen Passed January 7. 1861
In Common Council Passed January 14. 1861.

Approved
Jabez B. Knight
Mayor.

In Convention January 14. 1861.

The following communication is presented and read

Resignation of Thomas J. Stead

Providence Dec 25. 1860

My Dear Sir

For many years my fellow citizens of the Board of Aldermen and Common Council of this City have honored me by appointing me one of the Trustees of the Providence Reform School

Be pleased to accept this as my resignation of that trust, and with many thanks for confidence so long reposed in me believe me very respectfully
Your friend
Thomas J. Stead.

To
His Honour
Mayor Knight.

Whereupon it is voted that the communication be received and the resignation of Thomas J. Stead be accepted.

Trustee of Reform School

Charles Anthony is unanimously elected a Trustee of the Providence Reform School for the remainder of the Municipal Year.

Constable elected

George H. H. Greene is elected City Constable for the remainder of the Municipal Year.

Surveyor's Mo. Report

The Surveyor of Highways makes his Monthly Report of work done from December 1. 1860 to January 1. 1861.

Number of Men employed 412
" " Teams " 10 Amount expended $889.17

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

Passed January 14. 1861

Approved
Jabez B. Knight Mayor.

Chief Engineer's Mo. Report

The Chief Engineer of the Fire Department makes his Monthly Report of Expenditures. Amount expended $587.96.

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

Passed January 14. 1861.

Approved
Jabez B. Knight Mayor.

Harbor Master's Mo. Report:

The Harbor Master makes his Monthly Report of arrivals and receipts for the month ending December 31. 1860

Dues collected (including $187.75 for dipping opposite Wms & Wms Wharf.) $358.75

Read: whereupon it is ordered that the same be received

Passed January 14. 1861.

Approved
Jabez B. Knight Mayor.

City Marshall's Annual Report.

The City Marshall makes his Annual Report of business of the Police Department for the year ending December 31. 1860.

Read: whereupon it is ordered that the same be received
Ordered: that the same be referred to the Standing Committee on Police
Ordered: that the same be printed in the newspapers employed to do the City Printing

Passed January 14. 1861.

Approved
Sabez B. Knight
Mayor.

College St.

The Joint Special Committee to whom on the 13th of December last was referred the Petition of Edward Pearce and others for the widening of College Street:- make Report that they deem it inexpedient for the Councils to take further action and ask to be discharged.

Read: whereupon it is ordered that the same be received and that the Committee be discharged.

Passed January 14. 1861

Approved
Sabez B. Knight
Mayor.

Dredging Harbor.

The Joint Special Committee on Dredging out the Harbor make Report of work done from September 13. to December 17. 1860.

Number of cubic feet of earth removed from the main channel 262.302

Read: whereupon it is ordered that the same be received

Passed January 14. 1861.

Approved
Sabez B. Knight
Mayor.

Ordinance - Fire Alarm

An Ordinance to prevent false alarms of fire by persons wantonly interfering with the signal boxes or wires of the Telegraphic Fire Alarm

Passed Janu 14. 1861.

Approved Sabez B Knight Mayor.
(See Book of Ordinances No 3 page 139.)

Evening Schools.

Resolved: That the sum of Eight Hundred Dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated for the support of Public Evening Schools, in addition to the sum heretofore appropriated.

Passed January 14. 1861.

Approved
Sabez B. Knight
Mayor.

Town House Lot.

Resolved: That the Surveyor of Highways be and he is hereby directed to cause the old cellar walls on the Town House Lot to be removed and the stone to be used for public purposes, and also to cause said lot to be properly graded.

Resolved: That the Standing Committee on City Property be and they are hereby appointed a Committee to enclose the Town House Lot with a suitable wooden fence at an expense not exceeding the sum of four Hundred dollars

Passed January 14. 1861.

Approved
Sabez B. Knight
Mayor.

Robert S. Lewis.

Resolved: That the City Treasurer be and hereby is directed to pay Robert S. Lewis the sum of fifty dollars - said sum being in full settlement of all claims for damages the said Lewis may have against the City

Passed January 14. 1861.

Approved
Sabez B. Knight
Mayor.

Appropriations

Resolved: — That the following sums be and they are hereby appropriated for the following purposes: viz:

For Asylum Walls & buildings	One thousand dollars
Repairs of Public Buildings	two thousand dollars

Approved
Sabez B. Knight Mayor.

In Board of Aldermen Passed December 10. 1860
In Common Council Passed February 11. 1861.

Return of Lumber surveyed in the City of Providence for the Year ending February 4th 1861.

By whom Surveyed	White Pine Boards, Planks & Joist No 1		No 2		No 3		No 4		No 5.		Southern & Eastern Board pine boards and planks		Southern Hard Pine timber & Ship Plank		Spruce Boards Planks, Joist and Sawed Timber		Hemlock Boards Planks, Joist and Sawed Timber		Pine Timber		Oak & Chestnut Boards and Planks		Ash Boards Planks and Joist		Birch & Maple Boards, Planks and Joist		White Wood Boards Planks and Joist		Cherry Boards Planks and Joist		Black Walnut Boards & Joist		Mahogany & Cedar Boards Planks and Joist		Surveyor Generals Fees	Deputy Surveyors Fees
	Merch Feet.	Refuse Feet.	Merch Feet.	Refuse Feet.	Merch Feet.	Refuse Feet.	Merch Feet.	Refuse Feet.	Merch Feet.	Refuse Feet.	Merch Feet.	Refuse Feet.	Merch Feet.	Refuse Feet.	Merch Feet.	Refuse Feet.	Merch Feet.	Refuse Feet.	Merch Feet	Refuse Feet	Merch Feet.	Refuse Feet.	Merch Feet.	Refuse Feet.	Merch Feet	Refuse Feet	Merch Feet	Refuse Feet	Merch Feet	Refuse Feet.	Merch Feet.	Refuse Feet.	Merch Feet.	Refuse Feet.	Dolls cts	Dolls cts
Robert Manchester Jr	33449	340.067	393.058	11165.581	30320		165538	30042	23802		1257758	138496			319243	87476	1542	197	20129	1334	11337	864			73814	2964	5309	4965							121.95	885.56
Jacob Silsway	37.807	148863	303.724	489809	94530		184547	98139	140195	884	1257473	204988			518958	158919			7777	650					3751	756	6701	1012							111.87	820.10
Nathaniel C. Thurber	39.304	216957	292835	466.033	127.556		141167	71778			1675355	342871			235010	54611	1632	839							11663	3411	173	920							110.70	811.82
Benjamin Bagman 1st	16.891	149770	342155	629804	7820		328527	83477	71689	950	1542248	1182431			1213162	53754			920	3486	19196	13351			76141	43110	1078	1702							111.36	812.72
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William R Talbot	23.944	94863	264998	671.163	57559		212042	32620			1689642	253017			382304	76719			2583	794	2938	855					13859	1021							114.11	836.27
Joseph H Robinson	41.067	206404	157092	405.677	95.706		224007	60895	103193	1653	1632334	344484			218924	140533									36859	1743									110.02	806.89
Charles C. Lee	27.647	99444	62728	221966	72.165		93268	34531			152643	51879			85546	30424			30686	9173	27803	4353	27977	11307	165798	18588	22215	20926	92384	18964	26313	5612			52.10	366.79
Hezekiah Reynolds							50.668				34.400				60579	11678																			4.57	33.51
Smith Potter			3979	129063	2639																														4.07	29.85
Robert Manchester				277	882														1943	676															2.01	
Total	233598	1458436	2089.945	4541318	547177		1603566	425472	345879	3487	10934.157	1994763	2311.123	678604			37.263	2079	64479	16806	61274	19403	38373	23891	371951	70572	50541	30546							$ 857.78	$ 6251.37

Total Feet. 28.100.956.

To the Honorable City Council.

The undersigned Surveyor General of Lumber, presents the above report which contains the account of all the Lumber surveyed under his direction during the past year.

Respectfully submitted.

Robert Manchester.

Read: Whereupon it is ordered that the same be received and recorded.

Ordered: That the same be published in the newspapers employed to do the City Printing.

Passed February 11. 1861

Approved,
Isaac C. Knight
Mayor.

Gas. Contract.

The joint Specials Committee who were on the 10th of December and the 9th of January last appointed to contract for a supply of Gas for the use of the City make Report that

They have concluded a Contract with the Providence Gas Company for a supply of Gas for the year 1861, for Two 57/100 Dollars ($ 2.57) per thousand feet.

Prov Gas Co

There were consumed last year by the City some seven million feet of Gas & supposing the consumption this year to be the same as last, the present contract will cause a saving to the City of about $ 1950—

Respectfully submitted:

For the Committee
Wm. H. Bowen.

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

In Board of Aldermen Passed February 4. 1861.
In Common Council Passed February 11 1861.

Approved
Jabez B. Knight Mayor.

Appropriation

Resolved

That the following sum, in addition to former appropriations, be and the same is hereby appropriated for the following purpose: viz:
For Public Bridges twenty eight hundred dollars

Passed February 11. 1861

Approved
Jabez B. Knight
Mayor.

Surveyors Monthly Report.

The Surveyor of Highways makes his Monthly Report of work done from January 1 to February 1. 1861.

Number of men employed 45
Number of teams employed 6 Amount expended $ 888.85.

Read: whereupon it is ordered that the same be received

Passed February 11. 1861.

Approved
Jabez B. Knight Mayor.

Chief Engineers Monthly Report.

The Chief Engineer of the Fire Department makes his monthly Report of expenditures.

Amount expended $ 1169.80—

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

Passed February 11. 1861.

Approved
Jabez B Knight
Mayor.

Harbor Masters Monthly Report.

The Harbor Master makes his Monthly Report of arrivals and receipts for month ending January 31. 1861.

Amount collected $ 31.00—

Read: whereupon it is ordered that the same be received—

Passed February 11. 1861.

Approved
Jabez B Knight
Mayor.

Annual Report of Reform School

The Trustees of the Providence Reform School make their Annual Report for the year ending November 30. 1860—

Read: whereupon it is ordered that the same be received: and that one thousand copies thereof be printed in pamphlet form, under the direction of the Superintendent of the Reform School, for the use of the City Council.

Passed February 11. 1861.

Approved
Jabez B. Knight
Mayor.

Furniture for Police Station

Resolved:

That the Committee appointed to erect a Police Station on Canal Street be & they are hereby authorized and directed to purchase suitable furniture and fixtures for said Police Station, provided the expense of the same does not exceed the sum of eight hundred dollars

Passed February 11. 1861.

Approved Jabez B. Knight Mayor.

Benefit St School House

Resolved: That the School Committee be and they are hereby authorised to cause an additional story to be built upon the Grammar School House on Benefit street, under the direction and subject to the approval of the Superintendent of Public Schools: provided the cost of the same do not exceed the sum of $350. and that the sum of $350, be and the same is hereby appropriated for that purpose—

Passed February 11. 1861.

Approved—
Sabez B. Knight
Mayor.

Police Court.

Resolved That the Committee on Engrossing Ordinances be directed to ascertain what amount of costs, fines and fees are authorally received by the City from the Police Court, and to report such further Ordinances in relation to said Court as said Committee may deem requisite.

Passed February 11. 1861.

Approved—
Sabez B. Knight
Mayor.

Tax Remitted — Ann E. Murray

Resolved: That the City Treasurer be and he is hereby directed, to pay Ann E. Murray the sum of three dollars and ninety two cents: the said sum being in remission of tax improperly assessed against her in the year 1860: provided it shall appear to the Treasurer, upon the certificate of the Collector of Taxes that said sum has been paid into the City Treasury.

If it shall appear to the City Treasurer that said sum has not been paid into the Treasury: then he shall credit the Collector of Taxes with the amount so unpaid: and the Collector of Taxes shall deduct the amount hereby remitted from the tax of said Ann E. Murray

Passed February 11. 1861.

Approved
Sabez B. Knight
Mayor.

In Convention February 11. 1861.

Robert Manchester is unanimously elected Surveyor General of Lumber

Joseph W. Pratt is elected Pound Keeper for remainder of the Municipal Year

Joseph W. Pratt is elected Constable for remainder of the Municipal Year.

Surveyor of Highways Monthly Report

The Surveyor of Highways makes his Monthly Report of work done from Feby 1. to March 1. 1861.

Number of men employed 50
" " teams " 7 Amount expended $ 1041.47

Read, whereupon it is ordered that the same be received

Passed March 11. 1861.

Approved
Sabez B. Knight Mayor.

Chief Engineers Monthly Report

The Chief Engineer of the Fire Department makes his Monthly Report of Expenditures.

Amount expended $ 1142.33

Read: whereupon it is ordered that the same be received—

Passed March 11. 1861—

Approved
Sabez B. Knight Mayor.

Harbor Masters Monthly Report

The Harbor Master makes his Monthly Report of arrivals and receipts for Month ending February 28. 1861—

Amount received $ 35.00

Read: whereupon it is ordered that the same be received

Passed March 11. 1861.

Approved Sabez B. Knight
Mayor.

City Registrar's Annual Report

The City Registrar makes his Annual Report on the Births, Marriages, and Deaths in the City of Providence, for the year ending December 31. 1861.

Read: Whereupon it is

Resolved — that the same be received: and that Seven hundred and fifty copies thereof, and of the Communication accompanying the same be printed in pamphlet form for the use of the City Council.

Passed March 11. 1861.

Approved
Jabez B. Knight. Mayor

Overseer's Annual Report of Insane Poor.

The Overseer of the Poor makes his Annual Report in relation to Insane Poor.

Whole number in two Hospitals for Insane 39.

Whole expense of same	$5574.89
Of which is paid by the State	3845.82
By the City	$1729.07

Read: whereupon it is Ordered that the same be received —

Passed March 11. 1861.

Approved.
Jabez B. Knight Mayor.

Report of City Marshal's Annual Report

The Standing Committee on Police to whom on the 14th of January last was referred the Annual Report of the City Marshall make Report thereon.

Read: Whereupon it is Ordered that the same be received.

Ordered — That the same be printed in the Newspapers employed to do the City Printing —

Passed March 11. 1861.

Approved
Jabez B. Knight
Mayor.

Mayor's Salary

Resolved; That the Salary of the Mayor for the year ensuing the first Monday in June next, shall be Fifteen Hundred Dollars, payable Quarterly

Passed March 11. 1861

Approved.
Jabez B. Knight Mayor

Gymnastics in Schools

Resolved:

That this Council does not consider Gymnastics to be a branch of public instruction for which the money of the tax payers can with propriety be employed, and therefore refuses to make the Appropriation asked for by the School Committee for this purpose.

Passed March 11. 1861.

Approved
Jabez B. Knight
Mayor.

Sutton Street

Resolved:

That the Surveyor of Highways be and he hereby is directed to pave the Gutters and set the Curbstones on that portion of Sutton street lying between Broadway and Asia streets, a distance of about five hundred feet: whenever the owners of land adjoining said street shall furnish the curbstone for the same

Passed March 11. 1861.

Approved
Jabez B. Knight Mayor.

Wooden Buildings

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

Henry B Lyman
George W. Hazards
Clark & Webb and
John H. Grondale for leave to remove certain Wooden Buildings, make Report in favor thereof

Read: whereupon it is Resolved that the Prayers of said Petitions be severally granted, provided the petitioners give satisfactory Bonds to the City Treasurer as required by the 3d Sec of An Ordinance in relation to the removal of Wooden Buildings.

And Provided further that the building of said Lyman be not placed within five feet of the land of the adjoining proprietors

Passed March 11. 1861.

Approved
Jabez B. Knight
Mayor.

Ad Convention March 11. 1861.

Deputy Surveyors of Lumber.

The Surveyor Generals of Lumber presents the names of the following persons as Deputy Surveyors of Lumber for the approval of the City Council: viz:—

Robert Manchester Jr
Jacob Silloway
Nathaniel B. Rushee
Benjaman Ingman 1st
Enoch A Sisson
William R Talbot
Joseph H Robinson
Charles B Lee for ornamental lumber
Robert Manchester for lumber used in ship building

Whereupon it is Voted: that the City Councils approve of said appointments

John L. Clarke is elected Undertaker for the remainder of the Municipal Year.

North Court St.

Resolved:—

That the Surveyor of Highways be requested to grade North Court Street between North Main and Canal Streets and remove the surplus earth on the Jail Lot so called, in rear of New Police Station as soon as convenient—

Passed April 8. 1861

Approved—
Sabez B. Knight Mayor.

Surveyor of Highways Monthly Report

The Surveyor of Highways makes his Monthly Report of work done from March 1. to April 1. 1861.

Number of Men employed 52.
" " Teams " 10 Amount expended $ 1566.40.

Read: whereupon it is Ordered that the same be received.

Passed April 8. 1861.

Approved
Sabez B. Knight
Mayor.

Chief Engineers Monthly Report

The Chief Engineer of the Fire Department makes his Monthly Report of Expenditures

Amount expended $ 147.64.

Read: whereupon it is Ordered that the same be received.

Passed April 8. 1861.

Approved
Sabez B. Knight Mayor.

Harbor Masters Monthly Report

The Harbor Master makes his Monthly Report of arrivals and receipts for Month ending March 31. 1861.

Amount received $ 51.00

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

Passed April 8. 1861.

Approved
Sabez B. Knight
Mayor.

Tax Ordinance

An Ordinance providing for the raising assessment and collection of a sum not less than three hundred and twenty five thousand dollars, and not more than three hundred and thirty thousand dollars by a tax on Real and Personal estate.—

(See Book of Ordinances No 2. Page 139.)

Passed April 8. 1861.

Approved
Sabez B. Knight
Mayor.

Ordinance in relation to Market & Market Place

An Ordinance in amendment of "An Ordinance entitled "An Ordinance providing for the Regulation of the City Market and Market Place"

(See Book of Ordinances No 2. page 141.)

Passed April 8. 1861.

Approved
Sabez B. Knight
Mayor.

Mayor's Office

Providence April 8. 1861.

Communication of Mayor.

To the Hond City Council

Gentlemen

Boundary Line between City & North Providence

I submit herewith a copy of "An Act to establish the Boundary Line between the City of Providence and the Town of North Providence" enacted by the General Assembly at their January session A.D. 1861, which I respectfully recommend be referred to a committee with instructions to examine and report upon at a subsequent meeting of your honorable body.

Jabez B. Knight Mayor.

A communication of the Mayor in the words aforegoing is presented and read: whereupon it is.

Do

Ordered: That the same be referred to Messrs Updike, Boggestball E. R. Tucker, Case, Spencer James Tucker and Sprague of the Common Council and Aldermen Waterman and Ames, to examine and report thereon.

Passed April 8. 1861.

Approved
Jabez B. Knight
Mayor.

Resolved:- That the following Rule be added to the Standing Rules of the City Council for the present Municipal year:- viz:

Standing Rules

Fourteenth. — It shall be the duty of the several Standing Committees to take into consideration and when necessary, to report upon,- all matters relating to their several departments, which may be contained in the Stated Reports which are required to be made by any officer, to the City Council: as fully and in the same manner as if such Report had been specially referred by the Council to such Committee for examination and report thereon.

Passed April 8. 1861.

Approved
Jabez B. Knight
Mayor.

Joseph Veazie

Upon the petition of Joseph Veazie of Providence praying acceptance by the City Council of a certain deed:-

Voted — That the Deed of gift executed by

Donation to Commissioners of N. Burial Ground

Joseph Veazie, bearing date April 8. 1861. conveying to the Commissioners of the North Burial Ground and their successors in office, ten shares of the Capital Stock of the Boston and Providence Rail Road Corporation, to be held in perpetual trust under the provisions of the "Act in relation to the North Burial Ground in the City of Providence," passed by the General Assembly at its January Session, A.D. 1861, be and hereby is accepted by this Council.

Passed April 8. 1861.

Approved
Jabez B. Knight
Mayor.

Transit St.

Resolved:

Heirs of J. Ormsbee

That Messrs Jones, Case, and Anthony, of the Common Council, and Alderman Earle be and they are hereby appointed a Committee to ascertain the best terms the heirs of John K. Ormsbee will sell to the City a strip of land containing about 2100 square feet, for the purpose of making Transit Street forty feet wide between South Main and Benefit street.—

Passed April 8. 1861.

Approved
Jabez B. Knight
Mayor.

Baker Street

Resolved:

That the Surveyor of Highways be and he is hereby directed to cause the curbstones to be set and the gutters paved on Baker street, between Washington Street and Fulton Street.

Passed April 8. 1861.

Approved
Jabez B. Knight
Mayor.

Flags

Resolved:-

That the Mayor be authorized to cause flags to be suspended from each of the following places; viz one on the Market Building; one on the Police Station: one on the Reform School Building and one on the Dexter Asylum, and that the expense of the same be paid to his order out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, not exceeding in amount the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars.

Passed May 13. 1861.

Approved Jabez B. Knight Mayor.

Report of Comt on Police Station

The Committee appointed to cause the erection of a Station House for the Police Department and other offices of the City Government: Report:
The Building is completed and occupied
The amount appropriated was fifteen thousand dollars
The expenditure covering the entire cost of the structure has been $ 14.991.03.
Respectfully submitted.
For the Committee Wm. H. Rowen.

Read whereupon it is ordered that the same be received and the Committee discharged.

Passed May 13. 1861.

Approved,
Jabez B. Knight Mayor.

Surveyor's Monthly Report

The Surveyor of Highways makes his Monthly Report of work done from April 1 to May 1. 1861 —

Number of Men employed 55
" " Teams " 12
Amount expended, $ 1529, 18.

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

Passed May 13. 1861.

Approved,
Jabez B. Knight Mayor.

Chief Engineer's Monthly Report

The Chief Engineer of the Fire Department makes his Monthly Report of Expenditures —

Amount expended $ 55.46.

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

Approved, Passed May 13. 1861.
Jabez B. Knight Mayor.

Harbor Master's Monthly Report

The Harbor Master makes his Monthly Report of arrivals and receipts for month ending April 30. 1861.
Amount received $ 115.—

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

Approved, Jabez B. Knight Mayor. Passed May 13. 1861.

Communication from the Mayor.

Mayor's Office
Providence May 13. 1861.

To the Hon City Council
Gentlemen

It is highly necessary in my opinion that a high brick wall should be built around the wing of the new Police Station on Haymarket Square on which the cells are located, and I recommend that a Committee be requested to cause such wall to be erected.

Jabez B. Knight Mayor.

Upon the aforegoing communication of the Mayor this day made to the City Council:-

Wall around Police Station

Resolved: That the Surveyor of Highways be and he is hereby directed to cause a brick wall to be built around the wing of the new Police Station on Haymarket Square

Resolved: That the sum of three hundred dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated for said purpose; to be paid out of any monies in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated

Passed May 13. 1861.

Approved,
Jabez B. Knight Mayor.

Sam'l B. Durfee

Resolved:— That the City Treasurer be and he is hereby directed to pay to Samuel B. Durfee in full compensation for the use of horses and carriages in the service of the City during the present Municipal year, the sum of two hundred dollars, to be paid out of the appropriations made for highways

Passed May 13. 1861.

Approved,
Jabez B. Knight Mayor.

Town House Lot

College St.

Resolved:— That the Committee on City Property be and they are hereby directed to cause the fence for enclosing the Town House Lot (so called) to be placed in such manner as will best accomodate the public, and temporarily leave such portions of said lot unenclosed, as may be needed for side walk and street purposes.

Passed May 13. 1861.

Approved,
Jabez B. Knight Mayor.

Furniture for Police Station

Resolved:—

That the sum of six hundred dollars in addition to the eight hundred dollars already appropriated, be and the same is hereby appropriated to complete the furnishing of the new Police Station, and that the City Treasurer be directed to pay the same to the order of the Committee

Passed May 13, 1861.

Approved,
Jabez B. Knight Mayor.

Indexes for Municipal Court

Resolved:—

That the Judge of the Municipal Court of the City of Providence, be and he is hereby directed, to cause to be made accurate Indexes of the Records of Wills, Administrations and Guardianships, in the office of said Court; and that he be authorised to draw upon the City Treasurer for the necessary expense of the same, providing the same does not cost to exceed the sum of two hundred dollars.

Passed May 13. 1861.

Approved,
Jabez B. Knight
Mayor.

Cross Walks

Resolved:—

That the Surveyor of Highways be and he is hereby directed to cause Cross Walks to be laid on the South side of Atwells Avenue across Leavitt street and Anthony street

Passed May 13. 1861.

Approved,
Jabez B. Knight Mayor

Do

Resolved:—

That the Surveyor of Highways be and he is hereby directed to cause to be laid two Cross Walks on Brook Street, near Transit or Arnold Street.

Passed May 13. 1861.

Approved,
Jabez B. Knight Mayor.

Do

Resolved: That the Surveyor of Highways be and he is hereby directed to cause a Cross walk to be laid across Washington Street between Union and Torrance Streets

Passed May 13. 1861

Approved, Jabez B. Knight. Mayor.

Sheldon St.

Resolved:—

That the Surveyor of Highways be and he is hereby directed to cause the Curb Stone to be set and the gutters paved on Sheldon Street from the bridge from the bridge near the Print works of the Woonsocket Company to the North Providence line

Passed May 13. 1861.

Approved.
Jabez B. Knight
Mayor.

Culvert on Ship Street

Resolved:—

That the Surveyor of Highways be and he is hereby directed to cause to be constructed a Culvert on Ship Street, from the foot of said street to Richmond Street, a distance of about six hundred and sixty feet; the cost of the same to be paid out of the Appropriation made for Highways

Passed May 13. 1861.

Approved,
Jabez B. Knight Mayor.

Taxes Remitted

Resolved:—

That the City Treasurer be and he is hereby directed to pay to the persons whose names are annexed the sums placed against their respective names, the said sums being in remission of Taxes improperly assessed against two of them in the year 1860, and against Caleb Rodman in the year 1859: provided it shall appear to the Treasurer upon the certificate of the Collector of Taxes, that said sums have been paid into the City Treasury. If it shall appear to the City Treasurer that said sums have not been paid into the Treasury, then he shall credit the Collector of Taxes with the amount so unpaid; and the Collector of Taxes shall deduct the Amounts hereby remitted from the taxes of the persons whose names are annexed. viz:

E. H. Capron	To E. H. Capron two dollars & eighty cts	$ 2.80
Broderick Brayton	" Broderick Brayton eleven dollars & twenty cts	11.20
Caleb Rodman	" Caleb Rodman Six dollars & forty cts	6.40
		$ 20.40

Passed May 13. 1861.

Approved
Jabez B. Knight Mayor.

Wooden Building.

The Standing Committee on the Fire Department to whom was heretofore referred the Petition of Michael Loughran for permission to remove a certain Wooden Building: make Report in favor thereof.

Read; whereupon it is Resolved:- That the Prayer thereof be granted provided the petitioner give a satisfactory bond to the City Treasurer as required by the 3d section of "An Ordinance in relation to the removal of Wooden Buildings."

Passed May 13. 1861

Approved:
Jabez B. Knight.
Mayor.

Joint Convention May 13. 1861.

Thomas J. Waite is elected Bound Keeper at the Marine Hospital for the remainder of the Municipal Year.

Organization

of the

Municipal Government

of the

City of Providence

June 3, 1861.

This being the day fixed by law for the annual organization of the Municipal Government of the City of Providence, the Mayor, Aldermen and Common Councilmen elect are assembled in the Council Chamber at 3 o'clock P. M. viz:

Hon Jabez B. Knight Mayor.

Aldermen

First Ward	Henry J. Angell
Second Ward	William H. Bowen
Third Ward	William Earle
Fourth Ward	Stephen Waterman
Fifth Ward	James S. Hamm
Sixth Ward	John H. Sexton
Seventh Ward	John B. Peirce

Common Council.

First Wards

Caesar A Updike	Reuben A Guild
Isaac B. Sisson	George Hunt

Second Wards.

William Binney	James H. Boyden Jr
Henry Anthony	Albert Bailey

Third Wards

John D. Jones	John A Howland
Oliver A Washburn Jr	Thomas B. Greene

Fourth Wards.

Philip Carr	Joseph B. Matteson
Charles G McKnight	Charles W. Harrington

Fifth Wards

William H Hopkins	William B. Rider
William Spencer	Henry S. Hutchins

Sixth Wards

John N. Francis — James Tucker
Thomas Lincoln — Archibald B. Price

Seventh Wards

Henry J. Davis — John H. Kinyon
Jacob J. Munroe — Solomon Syler.

Samuel W. Brown — City Clerk

Certificates of the election of Hon Sabez B. Knight Mayor, Samuel W. Brown City Clerk and other City officers elected by the people are read.

The Oath of Office is administered to Hon Sabez B. Knight Mayor by Hon Albert G. Greene Judge of the Municipal Court, and to the Aldermen, Common Councils and City Clerk by the Mayor.

The Mayor delivers his inaugural address.

The two Boards separate; the Aldermen retire to their chamber.

Surveyor's Monthly Report

The Surveyor of Highways makes his Monthly Report of work done from May 1 to June 1. 1861.

Number of men employed 60
" " teams " 12 Amount expended $ 2426.75

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

Passed June 3. 1861

Approved
Sabez B. Knight Mayor.

Harbor Masters Monthly Report

The Harbor Master makes his Monthly Report of arrivals and receipts for month ending May 31. 1861.

Amount received $ 214.—

Read: whereupon it is ordered that the same be received

Passed June 3. 1861.

Approved Sabez B. Knight Mayor

Overseer's Semi Annual Report

The Overseer of the Poor makes his Semi Annual Report ending May 31. 1861.

Read: whereupon it is ordered that the same be received
Ordered: that the same be printed in the Newspapers employed to do the City Printing

Passed June 3. 1861

Approved
Sabez B. Knight Mayor

School Committee's Annual Report

The School Committee make their Annual Report.

Read: whereupon it is ordered that the same be received
Ordered: That the Standing Committee on Education cause seven hundred and fifty copies thereof to be printed in pamphlet form for the use of the City Council

Passed June 3. 1861.

Approved
Sabez B. Knight Mayor.

Chief Engineer's Annual Report.

The Chief Engineer of the Fire Department makes his Annual Report.

Read: whereupon it is ordered that the same be received
Ordered: That seven hundred and fifty copies thereof be printed in pamphlet form for the use of the City Council, with a list of the Firemen for the present municipal year.

Passed June 3. 1861.

Approved
Sabez B. Knight Mayor.

Annual Report of Superintendent of North Burial Grounds

To the Hon the City Council of the City of Providence
The Superintendent of the North Burial Ground in conformity with law makes this his Annual Report

Received for digging graves $ 485.50
" " Certificates of Sales 32.00 $ 517.50

Read: whereupon it is ordered that the same be received

Passed June 3. 1861.

Approved, Sabez B. Knight Mayor.

Annual Report of Gauger General

The Gauger General makes his Annual Report ending May 31. 1861
Whole number of casks gauged 14.917. Fees $ 988.19

Read: whereupon it is ordered that the same be received
Ordered that the same be printed in the newspapers employed to do the City Printing

Passed June 3. 1861.

Approved Jabez C. Knight Mayor.

Standing Rules

Resolved:—

That the same Standing Rules, which were on the fourth day of June 1860, and on the eighth day of April 1861, adopted as the Standing Rules of the City Council for the municipal year last past; be and they are hereby adopted as the Standing Rules of the City Council for the present Municipal year.

Passed June 3. 1861.

Approved
Jabez C. Knight. Mayor.

Standing Committees

Standing Committees
of the City Council appointed June 3. 1861. on the part of the Common Council for the present Municipal Year.—

On Finance

Messrs William Spencer — Oliver A Washburn Jr.
Albert Dailey — Solomon Tyler
Alderman Waterman

On Highways

Messrs Henry Anthony
William H Hopkins — Alderman Lester
Thomas Lincoln

To Engross Ordinances

Messrs William Binney — John A. Howland
Caesar A Updike — Alderman Hoag

On Education

Messrs William Binney — Reuben A Guild
William B Rider — Thomas C. Greene
Alderman Earle

On the Fire Department.

Messrs Charles N. Harrington — George Hunt
Henry S Hutchins — Alderman Peirce

On City Property

Messrs James H Coggeshall — Joseph B. Matteson
Philip Case — Alderman Angell

On Police

Messrs Charles H. Mc Knight — Isaac C. Sisson
Archibald B. Rice — John H. Kenyon
Alderman Brown

On the North Burial Grounds

Messrs Isaac C. Sisson — Henry F. Davis
Jacob F. Mowry — Alderman Earle

On Claims.

Messrs Caesar A Updike — John D. Jones
James Tucker — Alderman Hoag

In Common Council June 3d 1861

The aforenamed members of this Board having been this day appointed members, of this Board of the Standing Committees of the City Council for the present Municipal Year: it is Resolved: that the aforegoing List be communicated to the Board of Aldermen in order that an Alderman may be added to each of said Committees.

Read and passed

A. G. Greene Clerk

In Board of Aldermen same day

Read: and the aforenamed Aldermen added thereto

Samuel W. Brown Clerk

Approved
Jabez C. Knight Mayor

Mayor's Address

Resolved:—

That Messrs Guild Howland and Davis, with Alderman Angell, be and they are hereby appointed a Committee to wait upon the Mayor and request him to furnish for publication a copy of the address this day delivered by him to the City Council; and to cause the same to be published in such manner as they may deem expedient

Passed June 3. 1861.

Approved
Jabez C. Knight Mayor.

Organization

Resolved:—

That the joint committee who were appointed to cause the Mayor's Address to be printed, be and they are hereby directed to cause the Standing Rules of the City Council, the Standing Rules of Order of the Common Council, a List of the Standing Committees of the City Council, a list of the City Officers, and such portion of the Record of the Organization of the City Government as they may deem expedient, to be printed in pamphlet form for the use of the City Council

Passed June 3. 1861.

Approved
Jabez C. Knight Mayor.

City Printing

Resolved:—

That Messrs Greene Child and Munroe with Alderman Ham, be and they are hereby appointed a Committee to contract for the City Printing for the present Municipal Year.

Passed June 3. 1861.

Approved
Jabez C. Knight
Mayor

Treasurers Bond

Resolved:—

That Messrs Spencer, Dailey and Washburn, with Alderman Waterman, be and they are hereby appointed a Committee to take a Bond of the City Treasurer, for the faithful discharge of the duties of his office, for the present Municipal Year: said Bond to be in the sum of Thirty Thousand Dollars

Passed June 3. 1861.

Approved
Jabez C. Knight Mayor

City Debt.

Whereas:—

Messrs Spencer, Washburn and Tyler, have been this day appointed as the Committee on their part for the reduction of the City Debt for the present Municipal Year, pursuant to the requisition contained in the first section of the Ordinance entitled "An Ordinance in relation to the City Debt": it is Resolved:—That the names of said Committee be communicated to the Board of Aldermen, in order that said Board may add an Alderman to said Committee, pursuant to the requisition contained in said section.

In Common Council June 3. 1861

Read and Passed

A. G. Greene Clerk

In Board of Aldermen same day
Read and Alderman Waterman added
Samuel M. Brown Clerk

Approved
Jabez C. Knight Mayor

Police Court.

Resolved:—

That from the Justices assigned to keep the Peace within this City, Samuel W. Peckham and Horatio Rogers Jr. be and they are hereby selected to compose the Police Court of this City, during the present Municipal Year.

Passed June 3. 1861.

Approved.
Jabez C. Knight Mayor.

Appropriation

Resolved:—

That the sum of One Thousand Dollars, be and the same is hereby appropriated to the fund for contingent expenses

Passed June 3. 1861.

Approved
Jabez C. Knight Mayor.

In Convention, June 3. 1861.

The City Council are met in Convention for the purpose of electing City Officers.

The following Officers are elected: viz:—

Judge of the Municipal Court	Albert C. Greene
Clerk of the Municipal Court	Levi Salisbury
City Auditor	John J. Paine
Surveyor of Highways	Samuel B. Durfee
Street Commissioners	William H. Townsend
Josiah Simmons	Edward Field

Register of Transfers — Joseph W. Taylor

Clerk of the Market — Thomas W. Hart

Sealer of Weights and Measures — William H. Arnold

City Sergeant — Edward S. Rhodes 2d

City Messenger — Edward S. Rhodes 2d.

Edward S. Rhodes 2d and James B. Sheridan are nominated for City Sergeant and City Messenger. On balloting the whole number of ballots cast is 35, of which Mr. Rhodes received 25 and is elected.

Chief Engineer of the Fire Department — Thomas Aldrich

Assistant Engineers

David A. Cleveland. — Abner H. Angell

City Constables

Thomas W. Hart — Isaac C. Potter
James Sheldon — Wm G. Mercrwether
John H. Forest — John M. Shaw
Daniel F. Potter — Benjamin H. Arnthum
Thomas W. Hayward — Percy Johnson
John B. Barton — Henry C. Tuell
William P. Dean — Franklin Otis
William H. Pullen — James R. Potter
George W. Wightman — James B. Sheridan
Lyman Upham — Phineas Fairbrother
Silas Hemenway

Constables without power to serve any civil process

Esham Pountellot — Alden W. Brown
William J. Booth — John Locklin
Nathan Smalley — Hiram Allen Jr
Jonathan A. Knowles — Nahum Willard
Daniel G. Briggs — Simeon Sherman
William S. Whitmarsh — Jacob Morgan
Daniel Sorlin — William P. Rodger
Thomas W. Walcott — Robert H. Walton
Ira B. Wilson — Thomas J. Waite
Joseph W. Pratt

Trustees of the Providence Reform School

Calvin W. Snow — William H. Redman
William T. Brimmell — Charles C. Carpenter
William J. King — Charles Anthony

Superintendent of the North Burial Grounds — Nathan Smalley

City Auctioneer — Francis J. Sheldon

Fence Viewer — Samuel B. Draper

Pound Keepers

Hollis Chaffin — Joseph W. Pratt
Nathan Smalley — Thomas J. Waite

Overseers of the Marine Hospital — Mayor and Aldermen

Overseer of Pumps and Wells — Thomas Aldrich

Committee to superintend the building of Chimneys and placing of Stoves and Pipes

Samuel Lewis — Edward Palmer

Port Wardens

Shubael H. Cady, Christopher B. Peirce, Lloyd Brown.

Weighers of Anthracite Coal

Stephen Burr — Ephraim Brown
George B. Peck — James H. Drumford
Stephen J. Salisbury — Thomas Whitford
Christopher B. Peirce — George H. Hill
Christopher A Peirce — Scott Smith
George H. Newhall — Gorham C. Pomroy
Joseph Hodges — John H. Hopkins
Benjamin Smith — Wm H. Hopkins
Richmond C. Everett — Isaac N. Beach
Samuel B Swan — George A Simmons
Henry J. Harris — George A Turner
Henry C. Clark — Silas W. Plimpton
Oliver C Greene — James W. Taft
George L. Tucker — Nathan D. Pearce
Henry L Webb — William D. Pearce
Benjamin L Pomroy — Edward C. Darling
Alvin R Abbott — John A Eastman
Lyric A Carpenter — Ebenezer Peck
Seth Scott — Barnard O'Neal
Daniel B. Pope — Benjamin W Hubbard
Stillman Perkins — Joseph A Blake
George T. Barton — John H Taylor
George A Ormsbee — Jacob Manchester

Weighers of Cotton

Nathaniel B Chace — William H. Reynolds
John A Foster — Darius T. Skinner
William Russell — Lewis P. Swan

	Francis S. Brownell	Henry A. Humphreys
	Nathaniel B. Guild	Thomas A. Randall
	George A. Church	Francis W. Reynolds
	Edward W. Brown	Stephen A. Aplin Jr.
Weighers of Hay		
	Edward Hawkins	Benjamin S. Olney
Packers and Inspectors of Fish		
	Peleg S. Shearman	George W. Wheeler
	George S. Hammond	
Inspector of Pot and Pearl Ashes		
	Henry H. Bunnington	Walter B. Snow
Inspectors of Saleratus and Bi-Carbonate of Soda		
	Joseph Mowton	J. Lippitt Snow
Inspector of Beef and Pork		Rufus W. Hemmaw
Sealer of Leather		Hiram B. Aylesworth
Measurers of Salt, Grain and Sea Coal		
	Shubael B Bonnell	Ellery Mann Joseph Wesley
Measurers of Grain		
	Shubael B Bonnell	Joseph Wesley
Viewers of Hoops		
	George S. Hammond	Peleg S. Shearman Samuel C Eastbrook
Surveyors and Corders of Wood		
	Benjamin S. Olney	Sabez C. Olney
	Samuel B. Bullock	Benjamin S. Olney Jr.
	Nelson Chace	Rowland Crans
	Joseph Robinson	Daniel Prescott
	William H. Thurber	Darwin C Manny
	Clark Steere	Ephraim L. Hall
	William H. Arnold	Thomas C. White
	Benjamin J. Brown	Robert Manchester
Surveyors and Measurers of Stone		
	William Andrews	Clifton A Hall
	Leonard Blodget	Richard Palmer
Inspectors and Measurers of Carpenters' Masons' and Painters' work		
	Leonard Blodget	James Lewis
	Robert M Manchester	Russell Greene
	Robert M Manchester Jr	Weston A. Fisher

	Richard Palmer	Horace Gray
	Jonathan J. Angell	Stephen C. Arnold.
	Clifton A Hall	Isaac N Hazlett
	Thomas J. Griffin	Cyprus Fisher
	John A Townsend	
Undertakers		Passed
Gauger General		Edward G. Farmer

Annual Report Commissioners of North Burial Ground

The Commissioners of the North Burial Ground make their annual Report.

Read: whereupon it is ordered that the same be received

Passed June 14. 1861.

Approved
Sabez C. Knight Mayor.

City Printing

The Joint Special Committee appointed to contract for the City Printing make their Report

They have contracted with Messrs Knowles Anthony & Co for the books and Job printing, and with the proprietors of "Providence Daily Journal", the "Manufacturers and Farmers' Journal" the "Providence Daily Post" the "Republican Herald and Post" the "Evening Press" and the "Rhode Island Press" for the advertising.

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

Passed June 14. 1861.

Approved
Sabez C. Knight Mayor.

Fourth of July

Resolved:—

That Messrs Guild Hutchins and Tyler, with Aldermen Angell and Peirce be and they are hereby appointed a Committee of Arrangements for a Municipal Celebration of the approaching anniversary of American Independence

Resolved:—

That the sum of One thousand Dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated for defraying the expenses of said Celebration, to be paid by the City Treasurer to the order of said Committee out of any moneys in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated.

Passed June 14. 1861.

Approved Sabez C. Knight Mayor.

Wooden buildings

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

Alfred Randall and
Owen O'Reilly for permission to remove certain wooden buildings make Reports in favor thereof.

Read: whereupon it is Resolved that the prayers of said petitions be severally granted, provided the petitioners give a satisfactory Bond to the City Treasurer as required by the third section of the Ordinance in relation to the removal of Wooden Buildings"

Passed June 14. 1861

Approved
Jabez B. Knight
Mayor.

Surveyors Monthly Report

The Surveyor of Highways makes his Monthly Report of work done from June 1. 1861 to July 1. 1861.

Number of Men employed 58
" " Teams " 12 Amount expended $ 2256.47

Read whereupon it is ordered that the same be received

Passed July 8. 1861

Approved
Jabez B. Knight Mayor.

Chief Engineers Monthly Report

The Chief Engineer of the Fire Department makes his Monthly Report of expenditures

Amount expended $ 6962.74. viz Salaries $ 6617.50
Incidentals 345.24 $ 6962.74

Read: whereupon it is ordered that the same be received

Passed July 8. 1861

Approved
Jabez B. Knight Mayor.

Harbor Masters Monthly Report

The Harbor Master makes his Monthly Report of arrivals and receipts for month ending June 30. 1861

Number of Arrivals 207.
Amount collected $ 207.

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

Passed July 8. 1861.

Approved
Jabez B. Knight Mayor.

Treasurers Bond

"To the Hon City Council,

The joint Committee appointed on the third day of June to take a Bond from the City Treasurer, respectfully report, that they have taken such Bond for the sum of thirty thousand dollars, with A. B. Dike, C. B. Manchester and Allen C. Matthewson as sureties, and herewith submit the same to the Council.

Wm Spencer for the Committee"

Read. whereupon it is resolved that the same be received; and the Bond be deposited in the office of the City Clerk, and that the Committee be discharged.

Passed July 8. 1861.

Approved
Jabez B. Knight Mayor.

Appropriation for Public Schools

Resolved:—

That the sum of nine thousand dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated for the support of Public Schools: in addition to the former appropriation made by ordinance passed August 13. 1860

Passed July 8. 1861.

Approved
Jabez B. Knight Mayor.

Wheelden Street

Upon the Petition of the Ironsocket Company and others requesting that all highway work ordered to be done on Wheelden Street, may be discontinued during the present year:-

and upon the Remonstrance of Sheldon Knight and others against the granting of the prayer of said Petition:-

Resolved:—

that the same be severally received and referred to the Standing Committee on Highways, with power to act in the premises

Passed July 8. 1861

Approved
Jabez B. Knight Mayor.

Wooden buildings

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

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Owen O'Reilly for permission to remove certain wooden buildings make Report in favor thereof.

Read: whereupon it is Resolved that the prayers of said petitions be severally granted, provided the petitioners give a satisfactory Bond to the City Treasurer as required by the third section of "An Ordinance in relation to the removal of Wooden Buildings"

Passed June 14. 1861

Approved
Jabez B. Knight
Mayor.

Surveyors Monthley Report

The Surveyor of Highways makes his Monthley Report of work done from June 1. 1861 to July 1. 1861.

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Read whereupon it is ordered that the same be received

Passed July 8. 1861

Approved
Jabez B. Knight Mayor.

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Passed July 8. 1861

Approved
Jabez B. Knight Mayor.

Harbor Master's Monthly Report

The Harbor Master makes his Monthley Report of arrivals and receipts for month ending June 30. 1861

Number of Arrivals 207.
Amount collected $ 207.

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

Passed July 8. 1861.

Approved
Jabez B. Knight Mayor.

Treasurers Bond

"To the Hon City Council,

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Passed July 8. 1861.

Approved
Jabez B. Knight Mayor.

Appropriation for Public Schools

Resolved:—

That the sum of nine thousand dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated for the support of Public Schools: in addition to the former appropriation made by ordinance passed August 13. 1860

Passed July 8. 1861.

Approved
Jabez B. Knight Mayor.

Sheldon Street

Upon the Petition of the Woonsocket Company and others requesting that all highway work ordered to be done on Sheldon Street, may be discontinued during the present year:-

and upon the Remonstrance of Sheldon Knight and others against the granting of the prayer of said Petition:-

Resolved:—

That the same be severally received and referred to the Standing Committee on Highways, with power to act in the premises

Passed July 8. 1861

Approved
Jabez B. Knight Mayor.

Smith Street

Resolved:

That the Surveyor of Highways be and he is hereby directed to cause a portion of Smith Street five hundred feet in length to be paved and the curbing set on the same, commencing at the top of the hill and proceeding towards the North Providence line

Passed July 8. 1861.

Approved
Jabez B. Knight
Mayor.

Cranston St.

Resolved —

That the Surveyor of Highways be and he is hereby directed to cause Cranston Street, from the present termination of its pavement, to be paved and the curbing set, to Messer street, at such times and on such portions of same as he may deem most conducive to the interests of the City

Passed July 8. 1861.

Approved
Jabez B. Knight Mayor.

Lockwood St.

Resolved:—

That the Surveyor of Highways be and he is hereby directed to cause the curb stone to be set, and the gutters paved, on that portion of Lockwood Street lying between Plane and Windmill street

Passed July 8. 1861

Approved
Jabez B. Knight Mayor.

Vernon St
Battey St

Resolved:—

That the Surveyor of Highways be and he is hereby directed to cause the curbing to be set and the gutters paved on Vernon Street from Pearl to Battey Street, and on Battey Street from Vernon Street to Carpenter Street.

Passed July 8. 1861

Approved
Jabez B. Knight Mayor.

Resolved:—

That the Surveyor of Highways be and he is hereby directed to

cause a Drain to be built in James Street from Benefit Street to the Culvert in South Main Street; provided there be first paid into the City Treasury one dollar per foot for its length from Benefit Street to South Main Street, and the said amount be thus paid on or before the first day of October 1861.

Passed July 8. 1861

Approved
Jabez B. Knight Mayor.

Wall of Police Station

Resolved:—

That the sum of four hundred and fifteen 45/100 dollars in addition to the sum of three hundred dollars already appropriated, be and it hereby is appropriated out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, for the purpose of paying the expense of erecting the wall around a part of the new Police Building on Canal Street ordered on the 13th of May last.

Passed July 8. 1861.

Approved
Jabez B. Knight Mayor.

Police Station

Resolved:—

That the sum of three hundred dollars, be and the same is hereby appropriated for the purpose of building a drain, digging well, and for plumbers work necessary to carry water from said well into and through the Police Station, and for such other improvements as may be considered necessary by the City Marshal; the same to be done under the direction of the committee on Police.

Passed July 8. 1861.

Approved
Jabez B. Knight Mayor

Public Grounds

Resolved:—

That the sum of two hundred and fifty dollars be and it hereby is appropriated out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, for the improvement and support of the public grounds of the City, to be expended under the direction of the Surveyor of Highways, acting under the advice of the Standing Committee on Highways.

Passed July 8. 1861.

Approved
Jabez B. Knight Mayor.

Rev Dr. Caldwell
Fourth of July Address

Resolved:— That the thanks of this body be presented to the Rev Dr Caldwell for his eloquent and truly patriotic address on the fourth of July, and that the committee of arrangements be instructed to request a copy of the same for publication, and to cause five hundred copies to be printed in pamphlet form for the use of the City Council.

Passed July 8. 1861.

Approved
Jabez B. Knight Mayor

North Providence Boundary

Woonasquetucket River.

A Petition of Elisha Dyer and others for early action of the City Council in the matter of the Act of the General Assembly "to establish the Boundary line between the City of Providence and the Town of North Providence along a portion of the Woonasquetucket River: and to provide for the straightening of said river and line;" is presented and read: whereupon it is ordered that the same be referred to a joint special committee consisting of Aldermen Waterman and Angell and Messrs Updike, Coggeshall, Jones, Case, Spencer Tucker and Munroe of the Common Council to examine and report thereon

Passed July 8. 1861.

Approved.

Appropriation for Arnold Street School House

Resolved:— That the sum of thirty five hundred dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated for the alteration and repair of the Arnolds Street Grammar School House, the same to be done under the direction of the Standing Committee on Education and to be paid for out of any money not otherwise appropriated

Resolved — That said Committee are hereby instructed to advertise for proposals for the work so ordered and that they contract for the same with the lowest responsible bidders —

Passed July 22. 1861.

Approved
Jabez B. Knight Mayor.

Market House

Resolved — That the Clerk of the Market be authorized to cause a pipe to be placed in the water closet in the Market Building to connect with the reservoir, and that the sum of twenty dollars be appropriated for that purpose, to be paid out of the Treasury from any money not otherwise appropriated.

Passed July 22. 1861.

Approved
Jabez B. Knight Mayor.

Ordinance

"An Ordinance in addition to "An Ordinance to prohibit bathing in certain places"
(See Book of Ordinances No 2 page 144.)

Passed July 22. 1861

Approved
Jabez B Knight Mayor.

Do

An Ordinance in amendment of an Ordinance entitled "An Ordinance in relation to weights, measures, scales and balances, and the duty of the Sealer thereof."
(See Book of Ordinances No 2. page 142.)

In Common Council Passed July 8. 1861
In Board of Aldermen Passed July 22. 1861.

Approved
Jabez B. Knight
Mayor.

North Providence Boundary

Woonasquetucket River

It is hereby voted by the City Council of the City of Providence as follows

First. Said City Council hereby vote to accept the provisions of the Act passed by the General Assembly of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations at the January session thereof A.D. 1861. entitled "An Act to establish the bound ary line between the City of Providence and the Town of North Providence along a portion of the Woonasquetucket River, and providing for the straightening of said river and line":

Second. Voted that Christopher T. Keith be and he is hereby appointed by said City Council, a Commissioner for the purpose of carrying said law into effect, in connection with the other Commissioners appointed by said Act and by the Town Council of the Town of North Providence.

Third. — The City Treasurer is hereby ordered and directed to pay out of any moneys in the City Treasury not otherwise appropriated, one half of the expense of carrying into effect the provisions of said act, the same to be paid by said City Treasurer upon the draft of said Commissioners

Passed July 22. 1861.

Approved
Jabez L Knight
Mayor.

Standing Rule

Resolved: — That the following be adopted as a *Standing Rule of the City Council*, for the present Municipal Year: viz:

Com on Gas & Gas Fixtures

Fifteenth A Standing Committee on *Gas and Gas Fixtures* shall be appointed consisting of three members of the Common Council and one Alderman, whose duty it shall be to take into consideration all such matters and things pertaining to the lighting of streets and public offices or buildings, as shall be referred to them by either Board.

Passed July 22. 1861.

Approved
Jabez L Knight Mayor.

Fourth of July

The joint special Committee appointed to make arrangements for the Municipal Celebration of the 85th anniversary of American Independence, make report: that they have expended the sum of ——— $ 989.00
Leaving a balance of the appropriation on hand of ——— 11.00
$ 1000.00

Read: whereupon it is *ordered* that the same be received.

Passed July 22. 1861.

Approved
Jabez L Knight Mayor.

Com on Gas & Gas Fixtures

Standing Committee on Gas and Gas Fixtures appointed July 22. 1861

Messrs William Spencer
Oliver A. Washburn Jr
Jacob F. Munroe
} Aldermen Angell

In Convention July 22. 1861.

The Gauger General presents the names of the following persons as *Deputy Gaugers* for the approval of the City Council: viz:
William Burroughs
George Greene
Whereupon it is *voted* that the City Council approve of said nominations.

The following officers are elected viz:

Commissioners of the North Burial Grounds
Joseph F. Gilmore — Zachariah Allen
Henry L. Bowen.

Overseer of Bridges — Samuel B. Dungee

Weighers of Anthracite Coal
Robert C. Smith 2d — George F. Sheldon

Surveyor of Border of Wood — Robert C. Smith 2d

Undertakers
John C. Hopkins — Patrick Barron
Gardner F. Straits — Nathan Smalley
Merit Nichols — George W. Hopkins
Hollis Chaffin — Sylvester B. Reeves
William Wallace — William O Briggs
Horace B Knowles — William Vose
Benjamin F. Straits

City Constables
Frederick W. Berry — Samuel Clough

Constables without power to serve civil process
Albert Law — Albert M. Burgess
George B Randall — Gideon G. Hicks
Hiram Hart — Stephen F. Salisbury
John L Worden — Edwin Tripp
Theodore Rutherford — Samuel Storey
Ira B Kent.

Surveyor's Monthly Report

The Surveyor of Highways makes his *Monthly Report* of work done from July 1 to August 1. 1861.
Number of men employed 62
" " teams " 13 Amount expended $ 2790.13

Read: whereupon it is ordered that the same be received

Passed August 12. 1861

Approved

Jabez B. Knight Mayor

Chief Engineer's Monthly Report

The Chief Engineer of the Fire Department makes his Monthly Report of Expenditures.

Amount expended $222.19.

Read whereupon it is ordered that the same be received

Passed August 12. 1861

Approved

Jabez B. Knight Mayor

Harbor Master's Monthly Report

The Harbor Master makes his Monthly Report for month ending July 31 1861.

Number of arrivals subject to one dollar tax $202.00

Read: whereupon it is ordered that the same be received

Passed August 12. 1861

Approved

Jabez B. Knight Mayor.

Public Sewers

Resolved:—

That Messrs Binney and McKnight, with Alderman Waterman be and they are hereby appointed a Committee to examine into the condition of the public sewers of the city with reference to their effect upon the public health: and to report in writing to this Council at its next regular meeting.

Passed August 12. 1861.

Approved

Jabez B. Knight Mayor.

Paving of Ship Street

Resolved:—

That the Surveyor of Highways be and he is hereby directed to pave Ship street from the present termination of the paving, to a cross walk to be laid at or near the North west corner of Ship and Richmond Street, and the Street Commissioners are requested to order forthwith seven inch curb stone to be furnished for the same

Passed August 12. 1861.

Approved.

Jabez B. Knight. Mayor.

Paving of Smith street

Resolved:—

That the Surveyor of Highways, who was on the 8th of July last directed to cause a portion of Smith Street five hundred feet in length to be paved and the curbing set, be and he is hereby directed to cause the same to be done on that portion of said street adjoining the North Providence line.

Passed August 12. 1861.

Approved

Jabez B. Knight Mayor

Taxes annulled

Resolved:—

That the taxes specified in the annexed list, amounting to the sum of three hundred and twenty five dollars and thirty six cents, assessed by the Board of Assessors for the year Eighteen Hundred and sixty, be and the same are hereby annulled, for the reasons specified in each case: and that the City Treasurer be and he is hereby directed to credit the Collector of Taxes with the amount of three hundred and twenty five dollars and thirty six cents.

Passed August 12. 1861

Approved

Jabez B. Knight Mayor.

Estimates of Expenditures

Resolved:— That the several Standing Committees of the City Council and all officers or other persons having charge by the expenditure of money on account of the City, are hereby directed to furnish to the chairman of the Standing Committee on Finance, on or before the 27th day of August eighteen hundred and sixty one, estimates in writing of the amounts that will be necessary for all purposes connected with their respective departments for the financial year commencing on the 4th Monday of September next.

Passed August 12 1861

Approved

Jabez B. Knight Mayor

Providence Dispensary

Resolved:—

That the sum of two hundred and fifty dollars, be paid by the City Treasurer to the Providence Dispensary: for medicines and medical attendance furnished to the poor of the City of Providence during the municipal year

ending on the first Monday in June 1861. To be paid out of the appropriation for support of the poor

Passed August 12. 1861.

Approved.
Jabez B. Knight Mayor.

Marine Hospital — Board of Health

For the better conduct of the Marine Hospital and that the Board of Health may be more familiar with its management and arrangements.

Resolved:—

That the Board of Health be required to make quarterly visits to the Marine Hospital commencing on the second Saturday afternoon in September next at 3 o'clock

Resolved:—

That in case of contagious diseases at the Hospital, the Mayor be authorized to appoint the time of such meetings

Resolved:—

That an invitation be extended to the Health officer, Collector of the Port and attending Physicians at the Hospital, to be present at these meetings

Passed August 12. 1861.

Approved
Jabez B. Knight Mayor.

Death of Walter R Danforth

It having been announced to the City Council that Hon. Walter R. Danforth formerly Mayor of this city, departed this life on the eleventh day of August instant it is therefore

Resolved:—

That as citizens of Providence we hold in grateful remembrance the important public services rendered by the deceased to this his native city, both before and since its present Municipal incorporation: and that we desire to record our high appreciation of the many excellent qualities both of mind and heart by which he was distinguished: and of the ability, integrity and unfailing courtesy with which he discharged the official duties which devolved upon him: and especially our sense of his industry, zeal and fidelity while holding the important and responsible office of Mayor

Resolved:—

That we tender to the widow and family of the deceased assurances of sympathy in their bereavement: and that as a testimonial of respect the two Boards of the City Council will attend his funeral

Resolved:—

That the Mayor be requested to cause a copy of these Resolutions to be transmitted to the family of the deceased.

Resolved:—

That these Resolutions be published in the newspapers employed to do the city printing

Passed August 12. 1861

Approved
Jabez B. Knight Mayor.

Funeral of W. R. Danforth

Resolved:—

That the Mayor be and he is hereby authorized to make all the necessary arrangements for the attendance of the members of the City Government at the Funeral of the late Hon Walter R Danforth.

Passed August 12. 1861.

Approved
Jabez B. Knight Mayor.

An Convention August 12. 1861.

The following City Officers are elected: viz:

Advising Committee on Bridges	The Mayor and Aldermen
City Constable	Silas J. Allen
Constable with no power to serve civil proces	Elam H. Gates
Weighers of Anthracite coal	Samuel A Edmunds
Clerk Ex. Officio	Albert Fuller.

Resignation of H. Rogers Jr.

"Prv. Sept 7. 1861.

"Hon Jabez B. Knight Mayor &c

Dear Sir

Having accepted a commission in the Third Regiment R. I. V. I hereby resign the office of a Justice of the Police

"Court to which I was elected under the City Government in June last
Respectfully yours
Horatio Rogers Junr."

Resignation of H. A. Rogers Jr

Upon the communication (aforegoing) from Horatio Rogers Junr resigning his appointment as one of the Justices of the Police Court of this City:-

Resolved:—
That said resignation be and the same is hereby accepted.

Police Court
L. L. Ashley

Resolved:—
That from the Justices assigned to keep the Peace in this City, Lucius L. Ashley be and he is hereby selected as a Justice of the Police Court of this City for the remainder of the present Municipal year, in the place and stead of Horatio Rogers Junr, whose resignation has been this day accepted.

Passed September 9. 1861.

Approved
Jabez L. Knight Mayor.

Trunk Room 6th Ward

Resolved:—
That Alderman Lester be and he is hereby appointed a committee to erect a fence in the line of Pond Street on the Trunk Room Lot of the Sixth Ward at a cost not exceeding the sum of forty five dollars, to be paid for out of the appropriation for repairs of Public Buildings.

Passed September 9. 1861

Approved
Jabez L. Knight Mayor.

Surveyors Monthly Report

The Surveyor of Highways makes his Monthly Report of work done from August 1 to September 1. 1861.

Number of Men employed 64
" " Teams " 13 Amount expended $284.73

Read: whereupon it is ordered that the same be received

Passed September 9. 1861.

Approved
Jabez L. Knight Mayor.

Chief Engineers Monthly Report

The Chief Engineer of the Fire Department makes his Monthly Report of Expenditures.

Amount expended. $6816.08.

Read: whereupon it is ordered that the same be received

Passed September 9. 1861.

Approved
Jabez L. Knight Mayor

Harbor Masters Monthly Report

The Harbor Master makes his Monthly Report of arrivals and receipts for month ending August 31. 1861.

Amount collected $191.00

Read: whereupon it is ordered that the same be received

Passed September 9. 1861

Approved
Jabez L. Knight Mayor.

Stench Traps.

Resolved:
That the sum of five hundred dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated from any moneys in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated for the purpose of constructing so many stench traps at the street openings of the public sewers as said sum shall suffice to construct, and that the Surveyor of Highways be and he is hereby directed to construct the same in such localities as shall be designated to him by the Superintendent of Public Health.

Sewers.

Resolved:—
That whenever in future permission shall be given to any citizen to enter the public drains, all the work done about the same shall be under the supervision of the Surveyor of Highways, and subject to his approval before use

Passed September 9. 1861.

Approved
Jabez L. Knight Mayor.

Financial Year.

An Ordinance in relation to the Financial Year.
(See Book of Ordinances No 2 page 145)

Passed September 9. 1861.

Approved Jabez L. Knight Mayor.

Joseph A Scott

Resolved:—
That the City Treasurer be and he is hereby directed to pay the amount of an execution against the city in favor of Joseph A Scott it being thirty four 50/100 dollars: and charge the same to the appropriations for Judgments against the City

Passed September 9. 1861.

Approved Jabez B. Knight Mayor.

Cove to be excavated.

Resolved:—
That the Surveyor of Highways be and he is hereby directed to cause the mud and sand to be removed from a portion of the cove at an expense not exceeding four hundred dollars, and the sum of four hundred dollars is hereby appropriated for payment of the cost of same to be paid out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated.

Passed September 9. 1861

Approved
Jabez B. Knight Mayor.

City Hall Lot

Resolved:—
That the Standing Committee on City Property be authorized to expend such sum of money as they think advisable in making suitable repairs on the buildings on the City Hall Lot provided such sum shall not exceed one hundred dollars, and that the same be paid for out of the appropriation for public buildings

Passed September 9. 1861.

Approved
Jabez B. Knight Mayor.

Do

Fence for do

Resolved:—
That the Surveyor of Highways be and he is hereby directed to clear the rubbish off from the City Hall Lot as soon as possible, and that the sum of four hundred dollars be and is hereby appropriated to build a suitable fence around the same under the direction of the Committee on City Property.

Passed September 9. 1861.

Approved
Jabez B. Knight Mayor

Upon the Petition of William Mc Elroy for repayment of money paid on sale of land by the City, it is:-

Wm Mc Elroy

Resolved:— That the City Treasurer be and he is hereby directed to pay to William Mc Elroy of Providence the sum of seventy five 23/100 dollars, said sum being the amount and interest paid into the City Treasury for land improperly sold by the Collector of Taxes; being the premises described in a deed from said Collector, recorded in Book 158 page 359 of Records of Deeds in Providence.

Passed September 9. 1861.

Approved
Jabez B. Knight Mayor.

Tax Remitted

Geo A. Kenyon

Resolved:—
That the City Treasurer be and he is hereby directed to pay to George A. Kenyon the sum of six 40/100 Dollars, the said sum being in remission of a tax improperly assessed against him in the year 1859.

Passed September 9. 1861.

Approved
Jabez B. Knight Mayor.

Portrait of Mayor Burgess

"To His Honor the Mayor and the City Council"

The undersigned respectfully "requests the loan of the portrait of the late Mayor Burgess for a short time, in "order to have a copy taken for the use of his family"

"Frederick Burgess"

"Providence Sept 9. 1861."

Read: whereupon it is ordered that the same be received, and that the request therein contained be granted.

Passed September 9. 1861.

Approved
Jabez B. Knight Mayor.

Wooden Buildings

The Standing Committee on the Fire Department to whom were referred the several petitions of William Branch and
Alfred Feiger for permission to remove certain wooden buildings make reports in favor thereof

Read: whereupon it is Resolved that the prayers of said petitions be severally granted, provided the petitioners give a satisfactory Bond to the City Treasurer as required by the third section of an Ordinance in relation to the removal of wooden buildings

Approved
Jabez B. Knight Mayor.

Passed September 9. 1861

Aid to Volunteers & Families

Resolved:

That Messrs Guild, Binney, Jones, Mc Knight, Spencer, Lincoln and Tyler with Aldermen Bowen and Ham, be and they are hereby appointed a Committee to report to this Council on Monday evening next what appropriation shall be made to aid the volunteers and their families.

Passed in Common Council September 9. 1861
" " Board of Aldermen September 16. 1861

Approved
Jabez C. Knight Mayor.

Market Building

Resolved: —

That the Committee on City Property be and they are hereby authorized and directed to examine the roof of the Market Building and cause such repairs to be made thereon as they may deem expedient; and that the cost of the same be paid out of the appropriation for repairs of public buildings.

Passed September 16. 1861.

Approved
Jabez C. Knight Mayor

Appropriation Ordinance

"An Ordinance making Appropriations for the support of the Government of the City for the Financial Year ending on the thirtieth day of September A.D. 1862." (See Book of Ordinances No 3 Page 146)

Passed September 16. 1861.

Approved
Jabez C. Knight Mayor.

Steam Fire Engine No 1.

Resolved: —

That the Board of Engineers, acting under the advice and direction of the Standing Committee on the Fire Department, be and they are hereby authorized to exchange Steam Fire Engine No 1, for a new and lighter engine; provided the cost of said exchange shall not exceed the sum of twelve hundred and fifty dollars, and that the same be paid for out of the appropriation for the Fire Department.

Passed September 16. 1861.

Approved
Jabez C. Knight
Mayor.

Furniture for Police Station

Resolved:

That the sum of Seventy five dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated for the purpose of procuring Seatsteads and Bedding to furnish the lodging rooms at the Police Station, the same to be done under the supervision of the Standing Committee on Police; and that the same be paid for out of the appropriation for Police

Passed September 16. 1861

Approved
Jabez C. Knight
Mayor.

In Convention. September 16. 1861.

The following City Officers are elected: viz:

Constables with no powers to serve Civil Proces
James W. Munroe William Foster 2nd
Gurdon Edwards
Weigher of Coal James Hudson.

Geo F. H. Greene

A Petition of E. H. Hazard and others for the appointment of George F. H. Greene as a City Constable, is presented and read. whereupon it is ordered that the same be laid upon the table.

Furniture for Police Station

The Joint Special Committee to procure Furniture for the Police Station on Canal Street make report —

That they have performed the duty. Amount of the appropriation $1400 which has all been expended and the vouchers deposited with the City Treasurer.

Read: whereupon it is ordered that the same be received

Passed in Board of Aldermen Oct 7, 1861
" Common Council Oct 14, 1861

Approved
Jabez C. Knight Mayor.

Surveyor's Monthly Report

The Surveyor of Highways makes his Monthly Report of work done from Sept 1 to October 1861.

Number of men employed — 64
" teams " — 13 Amount Expended $2549.97.

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

Passed October 14. 1861.

Approved
Jabez C Knight Mayor.

Chief Engineer's Monthly Report

The Chief Engineer of the Fire Department makes his Monthly Report of Expenditures

Amount expended. $1477.93 ——

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

Passed October 14. 1861.

Approved
Jabez C Knight Mayor.

Harbor Master's Monthly Report

The Harbor Master Makes his Monthly Report of arrivals and receipts for month ending September 30. 1861.

Amount received — $192.00

Read whereupon it is ordered that the same be received

Passed October 14. 1861.

Approved
Jabez C Knight Mayor.

Ordinances to be printed

Resolved

That the City Clerk be and he is hereby authorized to cause to be printed in pamphlet form and in uniform style with the "Revised Ordinances" three hundred copies of all Ordinances passed by the City Council since the publication of said Revised Ordinances.

Passed October 14. 1861.

Approved
Jabez C Knight
Mayor

Winter Street

Resolved:—

That the Surveyor of Highways be and he is hereby directed to cause the curbing to be set and the gutters paved on that portion of Winter street lying between Pond and Broad streets.

Passed October 14. 1861

Approved
Jabez C Knight
Mayor

West River St.

Resolved:—

That the Surveyor of Highways be and he is hereby directed to cause the curbing to be set and the gutters paved on West River street from Charles Street to the North Providence line, a distance of about three hundred feet.

Passed October 14. 1861.

Approved
Jabez C. Knight Mayor.

Tax Remitted

—

Alvin Woods

Resolved:—

That the City Treasurer be and he is hereby directed to pay to Alvin Woods the sum of one hundred and six dollars and thirty four cents, being in remission of a tax improperly assessed upon him in the year 1861. Provided it shall appear to the Treasurer, upon the certificate of the Collector of Taxes, that this sum has been paid into the City Treasury. The City Treasurer is hereby directed to charge this amount to the appropriation for "Remitted Taxes"

Passed October 14. 1861.

Approved
Jabez C. Knight Mayor

Wooden Buildings

—

Eason Barber
Elisha W. Baker

The Standing Committee on the Fire Department to whom were referred the several Petitions of Eason Barber and
Elisha W Baker for permission to remove certain wooden buildings make Reports in favor thereof.

Read: whereupon it is Resolved that the prayers thereof be severally granted provided the petitioners give Satisfactory Bonds to the City Treasurer as required by the 3d sect of "An Ordinance in relation to the removal of Wooden Buildings"

Passed October 14. 1861

Approved
Jabez C. Knight Mayor.

Surveyors Monthley Report

The Surveyor of Highways makes his monthly report of work done from October 1. to November 1. 1861.

Number of men employed 62
" " teams " 13.
Amount expended $ 2797.79.

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

Passed November 11. 1861

Approved
Jabez C. Knight Mayor.

Chief Engineers Monthley Report

The Chief Engineer of the Fire Department makes his Monthley Report of expenditures.

Amount expended
New Hose $ 1321.54
Telegraph 20.04
Incidental 189.17 Total $ 1530.75

Read, whereupon it is ordered that the same be received

Passed November 11. 1861

Approved
Jabez C. Knight Mayor.

Harbor Masters Monthley Report

The Harbor Master makes his Monthley Report of arrivals and receipts for month ending October 31. 1861.

Amount received $ 195.00

Read. whereupon it is ordered that the same be received

Passed November 11. 1861

Approved
Jabez C. Knight Mayor.

Communication of Mayor.

Mayors Office
Providence November 11. 1861

To the Honorable City Council

Gentlemen

Market House Plans

I present with this, for your consideration the accompanying Memorial and plans from James C. Brackett Esq.

Records.

The safety of the public records is a subject of great importance to our community and has from time to time received attention from former Councils but hitherto with no practical effect. The plan

of Mr Brackett while it involves but a moderate expenditure appears to be of great utility in providing the means of perfect security and safety and I recommend that it be referred to a Committee with instructions to examine and report upon the same.

Jabez C. Knight Mayor

Upon the foregoing Communication of the Mayor, it is ordered; that the same together with the accompanying Communication be referred to Messrs Boyden Hall, Case and Rider with Aldermen Hearn and Bowen to examine and report thereon.

Passed November 11. 1861.

Approved
Jabez C. Knight Mayor.

City Ordinances

Upon the Report of the Standing Committee to Engross Ordinances, to whom on the 4th instant was referred a Communication of the City Clerk in relation to printing the City Ordinances; it is

Resolved:

City Charter

That the Committee to Engross Ordinances be and they are hereby directed to cause the Charter of the City of Providence to be so formally amended as that its language may be in harmony with the provisions of the Constitution of the State of Rhode Island and with all existing legislation having upon the same.

Passed November 11. 1861.

Approved
Jabez C. Knight Mayor.

Appropriation for Relief of families of Volunteers

The Joint Special Committee appointed to consider the expediency of making an appropriation for the benefit of the families of our Volunteers respectfully Report

That they have given the subject that careful consideration which its importance demands. They cannot consistently with their views of the matter recommend to this body a specific appropriation for the benefit of any particular class of destitute persons or families, and therefore ask as a Committee to be discharged from any further consideration of the subject

In behalf of the Committee
R. A. Greene Chairman

Read: whereupon it is ordered that the same be received and the Committee be discharged

Passed November 11. 1861

Approved Jabez C. Knight Mayor.

Appropriation for relief of families of Volunteers

Resolved.—

That the sum of Eight thousand dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated out of any money in the City Treasury not otherwise appropriated, for the relief and benefit of the families of volunteers who have or may be mustered into the service of the United States, and who are at the time of their enlistment residents of said City. Said sum hereby appropriated shall be dispensed and appropriated in such manner and through such agencies as his Hon. the Mayor shall hereafter direct or appoint.

Resolved:—

That the City Treasurer shall pay the amount hereby appropriated to his Hon. the Mayor on the presentation of his orders therefor.

Passed November 11. 1861.

Approved:
Jabez C Knight Mayor.

Appropriation for Evening Schools

Resolved:

That the sum of eighteen hundred dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated for Evening Schools, to be expended under the direction of the School Committee

Passed November 11. 1861.

Approved
Jabez C. Knight Mayor

Appropriation for purchase of land for "C." Street

Upon the Report of the Standing Committee on Highways to whom were referred the several petitions of Rice & Hayward and others, and John Fellow and others concerning "C." Street it is

Resolved

That the City Treasurer be and he is hereby directed to purchase under the direction of the Committee on City Property, for a sum not exceeding fourteen hundred dollars, a certain piece of land in the City of Providence, running from Central Street on which it measures eighty feet and extending back, holding the same width, one hundred feet; provided the same be sufficient to open "C" Street forty feet wide from its present termination to Central Street; said purchase to be made in the name of the City, and the Treasurer is hereby directed to pay for the same out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated.

Passed November 11. 1861

Approved
Jabez C. Knight Mayor.

Thomas B. Mann

Upon Report of the Standing Committee on Claims upon the account of Thomas B. Mann. it is

Resolved.—

That the City Treasurer be and he is hereby directed to pay to Thomas B. Mann the sum of two hundred sixty four dollars: said sum being in full settlement of his account against the City to Sept 1st 1861. The same to be paid out of the appropriation make for Assessors Plats and street lines

Passed November 11. 1861.

Approved
Jabez C. Knight Mayor.

Taxes Remitted

Upon Report of the Standing Committee on Claims upon the several petitions of James Barnes and James Flynn, it is—

Resolved—

That the City Treasurer be and he is hereby directed to pay to the persons whose names are annexed the sums placed against their respective names: the said sums being in remission of taxes improperly assessed against them in the year 1860:— provided it shall appear to said Treasurer upon the certificate of the Collector of Taxes, that said sums have been paid into the City Treasury. If it shall appear to the Treasurer that said sums have not been paid into the Treasury, then he shall credit the Collector of Taxes with the amount so unpaid, and the Collector of Taxes shall deduct the amounts hereby remitted from the taxes of the persons whose names are hereto annexed: viz:

James Barnes (with interest from time same was paid into Treasury) $11.20
James Flynn " " " " " " " " " 6.72

Passed November 11. 1861.

Approved
Jabez C Knight Mayor.

Do

Upon Report of the Standing Committee on Claims upon the several Petitions of Olney Money, John Wardwell administrator of the estate of E. & James Wm H. Remington, John H. Proctor and Michael J. Brennan for remission of Taxes, it is—

Resolved:—

That the City Treasurer be and he is hereby directed to pay to the persons whose names are annexed, the sums placed opposite their respective names: the said sums being in remission of taxes improperly assessed against them in the year 1861; provided it shall appear to the City Treasurer, upon the certificate of the Collector of Taxes that said sums have

been paid into the City Treasury. If it shall appear to said Treasurer that said sums have not been paid into the Treasury, then he shall credit the Collector of Taxes with the amounts so unpaid, and the Collector of Taxes shall deduct the amounts hereby remitted from the taxes of the persons whose names are annexed; viz;

Olney Mowry	$ 7.54
John Wanderle administrator of Estate of Edwin E. Janes	4.06
William H. Remington	9.28
John R. Proctor	26.10
Michael J. Brennan	17.40

Passed November 11. 1861.

Approved
Jabez C. Knight Mayor

Highway Loan

Resolved —

That the City Solicitor be and he is hereby instructed to apply to the General Assembly at its Session in January 1862, for an amendment of an act entitled "An Act concerning the establishment of highways in the City of Providence" so far as to transfer to the City Council of the City of Providence the powers and duties conferred upon the Mayor and Board of Aldermen by the present Act.

Passed November 11. 1861.

Approved
Jabez C. Knight Mayor.

In Convention November 11. 1861.

The following City Officers are elected.

Undertaker — John D. Clarke

Constables — William Ratcheller
Daniel G. Briggs

Constables without power to serve any civil proces

William B. Arnold	Robert B. Sweet
John M. Knowles	Thomas J. Sprague
Thomas J. Munroe	Henry E. Simmons
George G. Richmond	Gideon Wilcox.
William H. Rice	

Surveyor's Monthly Report

The Surveyor of Highways makes his Monthly Report of work done from November 1 to December 1. 1861

Number of Men employed 56
" " Teams " 13. Amount expended $ 336.93.

Read: whereupon it is ordered that the same be received —

Passed December 9. 1861.

Approved
Jabez C. Knight Mayor

Harbor Master's Monthly Report

The Harbor Master makes his Monthly Report of arrivals and receipts for the month ending November 30. 1861

Amount collected $ 182.00.

Read whereupon it is ordered that the same be received

Passed December 9. 1861

Approved
Jabez C. Knight Mayor

Overseer's Semi Annual Report

The Overseer of the Poor makes his Semi Annual Report
Amount expended $ 3138.26.

Read: whereupon it is ordered that the same be received and that the same be printed in the newspapers employed to do the City Printing

Passed December 9. 1861

Market House enlargement

James C. Bucklin

Upon report of the joint Special Committee to examine and report upon the plans of enlarging the Market Building by the addition of fire proof rooms for the better security of the public records, submitted by Mr. James C. Bucklin

Resolved: that it is inexpedient to make the enlargement of the Market House building proposed by James C. Bucklin in his communication made to the City Council on the 4th day of November last

Resolved: That the further consideration of said communication be indefinately postponed

Passed December 9. 1861.

Approved
Jabez C. Knight Mayor

Dr City of Providence in a/c with

1861			
Sept 30	To Cash paid Wonasquetucket River	1000.	
"	Fourth of July 1860	26.	26
"	Do 1861	989.	
"	Oxen	210.	
"	Asylum Walls & buildings	3797.	88
"	James Street Ferry Docks	28.	
"	Police Station	17.032	88
"	City Standard Scales	4.	35
"	Purchase of Lot of Land	1.000.	
"	Estate of Thomas A Jeffr	200.	
"	Sinking Funds	10.000	
"	Benefit Street School House	1.918	
"	Arnold Street Do	1315	
"	Flags and Flag staffs	150.	64
"	Fence from House Lot	564	57
"	City's Proportion of State Tax	33.746	10
"	Baker Street	15.	08
"	City Barn	45.	00
"	Incidentals	82.	73
"	Marine Hospital	1907.	87
"	Rents	786	78
"	Bridges	4046	38
"	Sidewalks & Curbing	878.	61
"	Broad and Cranston Streets	244.	46
"	City Watch	32 115.	27
"	Pumps and Wells	240.	93
"	Salaries	15 060.	
"	Reform School	9832	88
"	Repairs of Public Buildings	3110	36
"	Gas Fixtures	690	57
"	Health Department	2736	36
"	Public Schools	62078	64
"	Interest on Loans	31.380	
"	Lighting Streets	26.632	66
"	Printing	1508	95
"	Elections	526	62
"	Judgments of Courts	4461	93
"	Police	10.924	26
"	Fire Department	35.286	63
"	Proprietors Burying Ground Wall	213.	78
"	Contingencies	6.586	46
"	Improvement of Public Grounds	1474	17
"	Support of Poor	9925.	28
"	Highways	31.790	31
"	Cash in American Banks.	71.466.	13
		$ 438.032	08

M. W. Gardiner City Treasurer Cr.

1860			
Sept 24	By Cash on hand this day	95.418.	19
1861 Sept 30	" Washington Bridge	2873.	36
"	" Interest	13 076.	90
"	" City Licenses pd to State	783	00
"	" North Burial Ground	487.	61
"	" Culvert on Wooster Street		08
"	" Estate of George H. Knight	150.	83
"	" Commissioners of St Burial Ground	43	66
"	" Interest on R. I. & P. R R Bonds	2800.	
"	" Rents	5013	34
"	" City of Providence	2806.	09
"	" N. F. Draper Collector	314.609	02
		$ 438032	08

E. & O. E. Marinus W. Gardiner City Treasurer

Providence December 9. 1861.

American Bank Providence September 30, 1861

I hereby certify that at this date Seventy one thousand four hundred sixty six 13/100 Dollars stands to the credit of the City of Providence in this Banke.

$ 71.466.13

W. Olney Cashier

I hereby certify that I have examined the accounts of Marinus W. Gardiner City Treasurer for the year ending September 30. 1861, and that the accounts agree with the vouchers, and that on the said 30th day of September 1861, there was a balance of Seventy One thousand four hundred sixty six 13/100 Dollars to the credit of the City, as per Certificate exhibited.

John J. Paine.
City Auditor

Providence December 9. 1861.

Read: whereupon it is ordered that the same be received and recorded

Passed December 9. 1861.

Approved Jabez C Knight Mayor.

City Auditor's Annual Report

The City Auditor presents his Fifteenth Annual Report of the receipts and expenditures of the City Treasury for the fiscal year ending September 30. 1861.

Read whereupon it is

Resolved That the same be received and that the Standing Committee on Finance be and they are hereby directed to cause the same or so much thereof as is required to be published by the fourth section of the City Charter, with a schedule of the property of the City, to be published in the newspapers employed to do the City Printing; and also to cause not exceeding five hundred copies of the same to be printed in pamphlet form for the use of the City Council

Passed December 9. 1861.

Approved
Jabez C Knight Mayor

Annual Report of Trustees of the Sinking Fund

The Trustees of the Sinking Fund of the City of Providence make their Annual Report

Amount of said Funds $94.000.00

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

Passed December 9. 1861.

Approved
Jabez C Knight Mayor

Annual Report of Trustees of Sinking Fund of N.P. & F.R.R. Co

The Trustees of the Hartford Providence and Fishkill Rail Road Company Sinking Fund make their Annual Report

Amount of said Fund $41.000

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

Passed December 9. 1861.

Approved Jabez C. Knight Mayor

Ordinance Police Court

"An Ordinance in relation to the Police Court"

(See Book of Ordinances No 2. page 148.)

In Common Council Passed July 22. 1861
Board of Aldermen " December 9. 1861

Approved Jabez C. Knight.
Mayor

Repairs to house on City Hall Lot

Resolved: That the Standing Committee on City Property, be authorized to repair the house on the City Hall Lot known as the Carpenter House, provided such repairs shall not exceed the sum of one Hundred and seventy five ($175) dollars, the same to be paid out of the appropriation for repairs of public buildings

In Com Council Passed November 11. 1861
In B of Aldermen Passed December 9. 1861

Approved
Jabez C. Knight Mayor

R.I. Society &c

Whereas: the Rhode Island Society for the encouragement of Domestic Industry have directed the proceeds of their September exhibition to be paid over to the City of Providence for the support of the families of volunteers to be distributed by such Committee as may be appointed by said City to distribute other monies appropriated for similar purpose: therefore

Relief of Families of Volunteers

Resolved: That the City Treasurer be and he is hereby authorized to receive said proceeds into the treasury and to pay over the same to the order of the Mayor in the same manner and in addition to the appropriation of eight thousand dollars made by the City Council on the 11th of November last for the relief and benefit of the families of volunteers.

Passed December 9. 1861

Approved
Jabez C. Knight Mayor

Wooden Buildings — John Fanning Phebe Sanders

The Standing Committee on the Fire Department to whom were referred the several petitions of John Fanning and Phebe Sanders for permission to remove certain wooden buildings, makes Report in favor thereof

Read: whereupon it is Resolved: That that the prayer of said petitions be severally granted, provided the petitioners give satisfactory bonds to the City Treasurer as required by the third Section of "An Ordinance in relation to the removal of wooden buildings"

Passed December 9. 1861.

Approved
Jabez C. Knight Mayor.

Surveyor's Monthly Report

The Surveyor of Highways makes his Monthly Report of work done from December 1. 1861 to January 1. 1862 —

Number of men employed ——— 38
" " teams " ——— 8 Amount expended $ 935.30

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

Passed January 13. 1862

Approved
Jabez B. Knight. Mayor.

Harbor Master's Monthly Report

The Harbor Master makes his Monthly Report of arrivals and receipts for Month ending December 31. 1861. —
Amount collected — $ 116.00

Read: whereupon it is ordered that the same be received

Passed January 13. 1862

Approved
Jabez B. Knight Mayor.

Reform School Annual Report

The Trustees of the Providence Reform School present their Eleventh Annual Report. —

Read: whereupon it is ordered that the same be received: and that one thousand copies thereof be printed in pamphlet form for the use of the City Council

Passed January 13. 1862

Approved
Jabez B. Knight Mayor

City Marshal's Annual Report

The City Marshal presents his Annual Report of the business of the Police Department during the year A D. 1861. —

Read: whereupon it is ordered that the same be received
Ordered. That the same be printed in the Newspapers employed to do the City printing

Passed January 13. 1862.

Approved
Jabez B. Knight Mayor

Gas Contract

Resolved: —

That Alderman Bowen with Messrs Spencer and Washburn, be and they are hereby appointed a Committee with authority to contract for a supply of Gas for the use of the City for such length of time not exceeding three years, as they may deem expedient

Passed January 13. 1862.

Approved
Jabez B. Knight Mayor.

Purchase of Land for C Street

Resolved: —

That the City Treasurer be and he is hereby directed to purchase under the directions of the Committee on Highways for a sum not exceeding eight hundred dollars, a certain piece of land for the purpose of being used as a public highway sufficient to open "C Street" forty feet wide from its present termination to Central Street: the conveyance to be approved by the City Solicitor, and the Treasurer is hereby directed to pay for the same out of any money in the City Treasury not otherwise appropriated; and the Surveyor of Highways is hereby directed to furnish the curbstone upon both sides of said extended highway at the expense of the City.

Passed January 13. 1862

Approved
Jabez B. Knight Mayor.

Purchase of Lands for Transit st

The Joint Special Committee appointed on the 8th of April last to ascertain the best terms upon which a certain strip of land belonging to the heirs of John H. Ormsbee, sufficient to make Transit Street forty feet in width could be purchased, make report by recommending the passage of the following Resolutions

For the Committee
John D. Jones.

Resolved: —

That the City Treasurer be and he is hereby authorized to purchase of the heirs of John H. Ormsbee for and in the name of the City of Providence, a certain strip of land on the northerly side of Transit Street containing about twenty one hundred Square feet, as delineated upon a plat recommended to the City Council March 12th 1860 and now on file in the office of the City Clerk; for the purpose of making said Street forty feet wide: provided that the cost of the same does not exceed the sum of seven hundred dollars: and a good and sufficient title thereof satisfactory to the City Solicitor be obtained. And the sum of seven hundred dollars is hereby appropriated therefor, to be paid out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated

Resolved —

That the Surveyor of Highways be and he is hereby directed to cause

the curbing to be set and the gutters paved on Transit street in front of the estate of the heirs of John K. Ormsbee, whenever the aforegoing purchase shall be completed.

Passed January 13 1862.

Approved
Jabez C. Knight. Mayor

Agnes Duffy

Resolved:—

That the sum of twenty seven dollars and fifty cents, be and the same is hereby appropriated to reimburse Agnes Duffy for expenses incurred by her in the sale of certain real estate improperly sold by the Collector of Taxes; and that the same be paid by the City Treasurer out of any moneys in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

Passed January 13. 1862.

Approved
Jabez C Knight Mayor.

Thomas Mann.

Resolved:—

That the City Treasurer be and he is hereby directed to pay to Thomas Mann the sum of two hundred and fifty eight 75/100 Dollars; said sum being in full payment for the services of said Mann in taking care of the Park and the trees thereon to date:- said sum to be paid out of the appropriations for "Public Grounds."

Passed January 13. 1862.

Approved.
Jabez C. Knight Mayor

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(Copy.)

"Whereas the undersigned of his own motion and without authority direction or "command of any person whatever connected with the City government of the City of Pro- "vidence, or from the Mayor of said City, did expend a very considerable amount of time "and labor in preventing insects from injuring the trees in the Park surrounding the Cove, "and in the destruction of such insects: and whereas the City Council of said City have "voted me for said services the sum of two hundred and fifty eight 75/100 dollars."

"Now

"Therefore, in consideration of said sum of two hundred and fifty eight dollars, the receipt of "which is hereby acknowledged, I do hereby remise, release, acquit and discharge said "City and all its officers, of and from all claims and demands whatever from the com- "mencement of the world to the seventeenth day of January A.D. Eighteen hundred and "Sixty two (A.D. 1862)"

"In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 17th day of "January A.D. 1862."

"Witness- Word seven" erased & "eight" substituted before signing } Thomas Mann (L.S.)
Samuel H. Brown"

Gas Contract

The Joint Special Committee appointed on the 13th of January last, to contract for a supply of Gas,

Report:- That they have concluded a contract with the Providence Gas Company for a supply of Gas for the term of three years from January 1. 1862. the price is two 50/100 Dollars per thousand feet: seven cents less than the contract that expired on the first of January 1862. Supposing the same amount of Gas to be consumed by the City as last year, the new contract will cause a saving of about five hundred dollars per annum.

Respectfully submitted, for the Committee
Wm. H. Bowen.

Read: whereupon it is ordered that the same be received

Passed in Board of Aldermen February 3. 1862
" " Common Council February 10. 1862

Approved
Jabez C. Knight. Mayor

Town House Lot.

Resolved:—

That the Surveyor of Highways be and he is hereby directed, acting under the advice of the Standing Committee on City Property, to build a fence from the South east corner of the building formerly occupied by the United States as a Court House Southerly and extending to the South line of the City's land; provided the same can be done by contributions from other parties and without any expense to the City.

In Common Council Passed November 11. 1861
In Board of Aldermen Passed February 10. 1862.

Approved
Jabez C. Knight Mayor.

First District Police Station

Resolved:—

That the Committee on City Property be and they are hereby directed to cause the stairway to the first district police Station to be altered and repaired; provided the expense of the same do not exceed the sum of twenty five dollars: to be paid from the appropriation for repairs of public buildings

Passed February 10. 1862

Approved
Jabez C. Knight Mayor.

Return of Lumber Surveyed in the city of Providence

By whom Surveyed	White Pine Boards, Timber, Plank and Joist					Southern & Eastern Hard Pine Boards and Plank		Spruce Boards, Plank, Joist & Sawed Timber		Hemlock Boards, Plank, Joist & Sawed Timber	
	No 1 Feet	No 2 Feet	No 3 Feet	No 4 Feet	No 5 Feet	Merch Feet	Refuse Feet	Merch Feet	Refuse Feet	Merch Feet	Refuse Feet
Robert Manchester Jr	3652	24.464	67.474	291.670	150.040	227.887	46.586	1000.776	132.028	49.320	14.971
Nathaniel C. Burlee	8201	37.270	164.144	219.714	166 078	30.547	7088	891.719	86.025	247.203	43.241
Jacob Gilleray	3301	20.350	47.360	174.368	15.990	84.783	23.341	1008.219	339.120	176.028	49.828
Benjamin Brayman 1st	23326	131.770	20.705	149.860	44.940	46.276	18.686	760.635	135.290	183.652	34.777
Esek C. Jillson	3878	100.896	76.576	213.357	59.917	55.717	31.689	718.497	267.377	358.246	77.479
William C. Talbot	7981	42.044	108.686	177.708	22.565	191.433	42.897	799.603	126.751	57.304	10.487
Joseph C. Robinson	2453	24 778	27.863	278.794	75.715	116.209	5847	838.327	119.385	324.570	48.988
Charles C. Lee	4197	38.417	51.124	64.881	15.832			1699	687	699	174
Robert Manchester											
Total	56.989	419.989	563.930	1620.247	541.077	752.852	176.054	6013.495	1127.163	1397.022	279.945

for the Year ending February 3. 1862.

Pine Timber		Oak & Chestnut Boards & Plank		Ash Boards Plank & Joist		Birch & Maple Boards, Plank and Joist.		White Wood Boards Plank & Joist		Black Walnut Boards, Plank and Joist		Cherry Boards, Plank and Joist		Surveyors Fees.	Deputy's Fees
Merch Feet	Refuse Feet	Merch Feet	Refuse Feet	Merch Feet	Refuse Feet	Merch Feet	Refuse Feet	Merch Feet	Refuse Feet	Merch Feet	Refuse Feet	Merch Feet	Refuse Feet	$ cts	$ cts
8816	793	14.183						93.575	4512	7037	476	343	1486	64.86	474.61
										4275	2087			57.40	420.99
		2816	462	6848	76	829	200	14.542	2541	2315	756			56.45	412.92
7420						7963	1693	83.376	920	14.128	10.750			51.94	379.83
				2554	113			2.769	159					58.85	429.73
								5.066						47.77	350.30
				4831	313			18.450	171					56.75	415.62
		44.384	12469	56787	6138	27.205	7297	159.872	19.676	70694	9443	13160	9947	25.97	176.57
		.9421	1821											2.81	
16236	793	70.804	14.752	70.990	6640	35.997	9190	327.650	27.979	98449	23.512	13703	11433	422.80	3060.57

Grand Total feet 13.676.893.

To the Honorable City Council

The undersigned Surveyor General of Lumber presents the above Report which contains the account of all the lumber Surveyed under his direction during the past year

Respectfully Submitted

Robert Manchester

Providence
February 3. 1862

Read: whereupon it is ordered that the same be received and recorded.

Ordered: That the same be published in the newspapers employed to do the City Printing

Passed February 10. 1862.

Approved
Jabez C. Knight Mayor.

Nathaniel Church

Resolved: — That the City Solicitor be and he is hereby requested to report to the City Council as soon as practicable, the state of the suit at law City of Providence versus Nathaniel Church the late Harbor Master.

Passed February 10. 1862

Approved
Sabez C. Knight Mayor.

Surveyors Monthly Report

The Surveyor of Highways makes his Monthly Report of work done from January 1. 1862 to February 1. 1862.

Number of men employed — 40
" " teams ——— 5 Amount expended $ 829.05

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

Passed February 12. 1862

Approved Sabez C. Knight Mayor

Chief Engineers Monthly Report.

The Chief Engineer of the Fire Department presents his Monthly Report of Expenditures ending Feby 10. 1862. Amount expended $ 180.90.

Read, whereupon it is ordered that the same be received

Passed February 12. 1862

Approved
Sabez C. Knight Mayor.

Harbor Masters Monthly Report

The Harbor Master presents his Monthly Report of arrivals and receipts. Amount collected $ 19.00

Read: whereupon it is ordered that the same be received

Passed February 12. 1862

Approved
Sabez C. Knight Mayor

Incidentals in Chief Engineers Reports

The Standing Committee on the Fire Department to whom was referred the Monthly Reports of the Chief Engineer for the months of November and December 1861. to ascertain what payments are included under the head of "Incidentals" in his

Monthly Reports: Respectfully report that they have examined the Reports and compared with the vouchers and find the charges correct.

Incidental charges comprise all the expenses of the Fire Department excepting the Salaries of the Firemen. All bills against the Department are examined by the Chief as required by the "ordinance organising a Fire Department" Section 2nd" and if found correct are certified by him and then passed over to the City Auditor to be disposed of as are all other bills against the city, and when paid by the City Treasurer will be found on file in his office.

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For Committee
C. N. Harrington.

Read: whereupon it is ordered that the same be received

Passed February 10. 1862

Approved
Sabez C. Knight Mayor.

Revision of City Charter and Ordinances

The Standing Committee to Engross Ordinances respectfully report, that they were instructed by the City Council to apply to the General Assembly at its January session, for such formal alteration of the City Charter as would cause it to conform to the present constitution of the State and to all existing legislation bearing upon said Charter. ——

In accordance with this instruction the Committee met for the purpose of preparing such formal alterations for presentation, but it soon became evident that the work was one of much greater magnitude than was probably imagined by the Council when it passed the Resolution, and that if done with any degree of thoroughness, it would involve an outlay of time and labor which the Committee do not believe was contemplated by the Council, nor regard as incumbent on any Standing Committee to perform.

In December 1861 a proposition had been made to the Council to revise the City Ordinances now in a most embarrassing state of confusion, and also to revise at the same time all the State laws concerning the city, including its original Act of incorporation. This proposition was rejected solely on the ground of its expense, for which the time was not deemed auspicious, while the importance of the revision was unanimously recognized. As something which might serve for a commencement to do necessary a work, and yet involve no expense the present resolution was offered and passed. The idea was probably entertained that a few omissions, the change of a small number of obsolete and now meaningless phrases, and possibly the re-drafting of a clause or two; would be all the committee would find to do, and when done would leave the instrument in a fit shape to preface the new revised ordinances whenever these should be completed. The Committee however found that this was not the case. The State Acts which have been passed from time to time, often at the request of the City government (which would seem to have felt a constant distrust of the efficiency and scope of the Charter itself,) are so numerous that they occupy in the printed volume a space nearly as large as all the City Ordinances put together. They are wholly without arrangement, and of those

which are printed some are not in force in whole, others in part, owing to the operation of repealing clauses in other acts, or from other causes. Many of them are upon the most elementary and fundamental departments of Municipal action. Some are remarkably able perhaps unnecessarily diffuse, and the whole constitutes a mass of somewhat incongruous legislation which would not be in the least helped by any merely formal changes in the Charter.

The remedy must be more thorough. Either the Charter should be allowed to remain as it is, and all the State Laws bearing on it should be codified, revised and presented to the General Assembly for re-enactment; or a new Charter should be drafted embodying in itself the essential principles of as many of the existing acts as is possible, and leaving the residue to be arranged in an orderly way to succeed it

The whole should then precede a "Revised Ordinances" which should be based upon the Revised Statutes of the State. The whole would most profitably be done at the same time.

The Committee having given such thought as the could have prepared the latter plan, and they hereby express to the Council their opinion of its utility and propriety. It would however involve a labor far beyond what they feel able or obliged to give and as far more appropriate to a selected Special Committee. With these views they have not complied with the requisitions of the Council and they now ask to be discharged from further consideration of the subject

For the Committee,
Wm Binney Chairman.

Read: whereupon it is ordered that the same be received and that the Committee be discharged

Passed February 10. 1862

Approved
Jabez C. Knight Mayor.

Freeman P. Little — Charles F. Pope

Resolved:—

That the City Treasurer be and he is hereby directed to pay to Freeman P. Little and Charles F. Pope the sum of one hundred dollars each in full for all damage and injury sustained by them for or on account or by reason of an awning or balustrade on Pioneer Hall building falling upon them: said sums to be paid out of any monies not otherwise appropriated: Provided however that said payments shall not be made until the said Little and Pope severally execute to the City of Providence a good and sufficient release for all the damage and injury sustained by them as afore said.

Passed February 10. 1862

Approved
Jabez C. Knight Mayor

Taxes. Remitted
Jonathan R. Swan
Patrick McKeone

Resolved:—

That the City Treasurer be and he is hereby directed to pay to Jonathan R Swan and Patrick McKeone, the sums placed opposite their respective names. the said sums being in remission of taxes improperly assessed against them in the year 1861. provided it shall appear to the Treasurer upon the certificate of the Collector of Taxes that said sums have been paid into the City Treasury. If it shall appear to the City Treasurer that said sums have not been paid into the Treasury, then he shall credit the collector of Taxes with the amount so unpaid, and the Collector of Taxes shall deduct the amount hereby remitted from the taxes of the persons above named. viz:

Jonathan R Swan	$ 8.12
Patrick McKeone	3.48

Passed February 10. 1862

Approved
Jabez C. Knight Mayor.

In Convention February 10. 1862.

The following City Officers are elected.

Surveyor General of Lumber	Robert Manchester.
City Constable	George H. H. Greene
Constable without power to serve any civil process	Philip C. Gray.

Watch Station 4th District

Resolved

That Alderman Sweet be and he is hereby appointed a Committee with authority to cause the Watch Station in the fourth district to be repaired, provided the expense of the same do not exceed the sum of fifty dollars: to be paid from the appropriation for Repairs of Public Buildings

Passed in Board of Aldermen January 13. 1862.
in Common Council March 10. 1862

Approved
Jabez C. Knight
Mayor.

Washington Bridge Fund

Resolved: That the Mayor, with Messrs Spencer, Dailey, Washburn and Tyler, be and they are hereby appointed a Committee to invest in some safe and productive stock the money paid into the City Treasury to make Washington Bridge free to public travel, and that said fund be hereafter known as the "Washington Bridge Fund", the income therefrom to be exclusively devoted to keeping said bridge in suitable repair

In Board of Aldermen Passed March 3. 1862
In Common Council Passed March 10. 1862

Approved
Sabez C. Knight Mayor.

Washington Bridge

Resolved That the Committee on City Property be and they are hereby authorized to contract with and employ some suitable person to take charge of and manage the draw of the Washington Bridge, to light up said bridge, and perform such other services as may be necessary in relation to the care of said bridge; said contract of employment to be made upon such terms and conditions as the Committee shall deem advisable.

Passed March 10. 1862

Approved
Sabez C. Knight Mayor.

Nathaniel Church

To the Hon. the City Council of the City of Providence.

In response to the Resolution of the City Council requesting the City Solicitor to report to them as soon as practicable the State of the suit at law City of Providence versus Nathaniel Church, the late Harbor Master the undersigned begs leave to report.

Mr. Church at the December term A.D. 1858 of the Court of Common Pleas in Providence County, brought an action against the City for alleged claims for services and expenses over and above what he had received: the case was answered on behalf of the City by the undersigned and in addition to the general issue a claim of set off whereby the City claimed a balance in their favor from Mr. Church for moneys which as Harbor Master he had collected and refused to pay into the City Treasury. The case was tried by a Jury in the Court of Common Pleas, and a verdict rendered for the City. The Plaintiff appealed to the Supreme Court at the March term 1860. The case was tried by the Court and on the 12th of Dec. 1860 judgment was rendered for the City for $759.30/100 dollars and costs.

Mr. Church gave a bond dated June 16th 1857 with Mr. Henry H. Bothrop as surety in the sum of one thousand dollars for the faithful performance of all the duties of the Harbor Master during his continuance therein.

Under the circumstances surrounding this controversy I have not felt authorized to take any further action in the premises without instruction from the City authorities

James M. Clarke City Solicitor

Read: whereupon it is ordered that the same be received

Passed March 10. 1862

Approved
Sabez C. Knight Mayor.

Surveyor's Monthly Report

The Surveyor of Highways makes his Monthly Report of Work done from February 1. to March 1. 1862 ——

Number of Men employed — 48
Number of Teams — 5 — Amount expended $ 88.30 —

Read whereupon it is ordered that the same be received.

Passed March 10. 1862

Approved
Sabez C. Knight Mayor.

Chief Engineer's Monthly Report

The Chief Engineer of the Fire Department makes his Monthly Report of the Expences of the Department for Month ending March 10. 1862

Salaries	$ 6551.75
Incidentals	381.55
	$ 6933.30

Read whereupon it is ordered that the same be received

Passed March 10. 1862

Approved
Sabez C. Knight Mayor.

Harbor Master's Monthly Report

The Harbor Master makes his Monthly Report of arrivals and receipts.
Amount collected — $ 21.00.

Read: whereupon it is ordered that the same be received

Passed March 10. 1862

Approved
Sabez C. Knight Mayor.

City Registrar's Annual Report

The Annual Report of the City Registrar is presented and read: whereupon it is

Resolved

That the same be received; and that seven hundred and fifty copies thereof, and of the communications accompanying the same, be printed in pamphlet form for the use of the City Council.

Passed March 10. 1862.

Approved

Jabez C. Knight Mayor.

Report of Overseer of Poor in relation to Insane poor

To the Hon. City Council.

Gentlemen.

The undersigned respectfully submits his annual Report in relation to the insane poor at the public charge

On the 1st of January 1861 there were twenty City patients at the Butler Hospital and during the year nine were admitted six were discharged Leaving in the institution January 1st 1862 twenty three.

On the first of January 1861 there were nineteen City patients at the Brattleboro Hospital. admitted during the year nine: discharged three. Leaving in the institution January 1st 1862 Sixteen

The whole number in the two hospitals as City patients at the close of the year thirty nine.

The whole expense at Butler Hospital was	$3791.83
Paid by the State	2279.66
Paid by the City	1512.17
The whole expense at Brattleboro was	2161.59
Paid by the State	1806.55
Paid by the City	355.04

The whole expense at both Hospitals for the year ending January 1st 1862 was $5953.42

Paid by the State	4086.21
Paid by the City	$1867.21

Providence March 10. 1862.

Respectfully submitted Geo W. Wightman

Overseer of the Poor.

Read whereupon it is ordered that the same be received

Passed March 10. 1862

Approved

Jabez C. Knight Mayor.

Repairs on City Hall Lot

The Committee on City Property having been authorized by the City Council to expend certain sums of money appropriated by them for the purpose of placing a fence around the City Hall Lot and improving the buildings on the same present this as their report of said appropriations and the amount expended.

Appropriation Sept 9 for fence around City Hall Lot	$400.00	
Expended on same	286.01	
Balance remaining from this appropriation	113.99	$113.99
Appropriated for repairs of buildings Drains &c	275.00	
Expended same	264.45	
Balance remaining	10.55	10.55
Unexpended balance of said appropriation		$124.54

All of which is respectfully submitted. For the Committee

James H. Boggestaff Chairman.

Read: whereupon it is ordered that the same be received

Passed March 10. 1862

Approved.

Jabez C. Knight Mayor.

Mayor's Salary

Resolved

That the Salary of the Mayor for the year ensuing the first Monday in June next shall be fifteen hundred dollars, payable quarterly.

Passed March 10. 1862

Approved

Jabez C. Knight Mayor.

Webb Monument Association

Resolved:

That the "Webb Monument Association" be and they are hereby authorized to locate and erect their monument in the North Burial Ground upon the road lot in the centre of group No 10, as delineated upon the Map of the North Burial Ground now in the office of the City Clerk; provided that said lot be surrounded by a path not less than eight feet in width and that the work be approved by the Commissioners of the North Burials Grounds.

North Burial Ground

Recorded October 13 1862. see page 519.

Resolved

That the City Treasurer be and he is hereby directed to issue to the Webb Monument Association upon the completion of said Monument, a deed of said lot without charge

Passed March 10. 1862

Approved

Jabez C. Knight Mayor.

Fountain Street

Resolved by the City Council of the City of Providence that the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of said City be and they are hereby requested to straighten Fountain Street from Dean street westerly as far as the land belonging to the estate of James U. Arnold, by establishing a highway between said points, under the act entitled "an Act concerning the establishment of Highways in the City of Providence" according to the plan of the proposed re-lay of Fountain street as marked out on a plat thereof recorded in the street book of Plats in the City Clerk's office of said City vol 4 page 38. Provided that the same can be done without any expense to the City for land damages

Passed March 10. 1862.

Approved
Jabez C. Knight Mayor.

Wooden Buildings — B. M. Jackson, George B. Earle, Edwin Howland

The Standing Committee in the Fire Department to whom were refered the several petitions of Benjamin M. Jackson
George B. Earle and
Edwin Howland for permission to remove certain wooden buildings make reports in favor thereof: whereupon it is

Resolved — That the Prayers thereof be severally granted: provided the petitioners give satisfactory Bonds to the City Treasurer as required by the third section of An Ordinance in relation to the removal of wooden buildings

Passed March 10. 1862

Approved Jabez C. Knight Mayor.

In Convention March 10. 1862.

Deputy Surveyors of Lumber

The Surveyor General of Lumber presents the names of the following persons as Deputy Surveyors for the approval of the City Council. viz
Robert Manchester Jr
Jacob Sillaway
Nathaniel C. Rushee
Benjamin Rayman 1st
Ebeb A Sillaway
William R. Talbot
Joseph K. Robinson
Charles C. Lee for Mahogany and other Ornamental Lumber
Robert Manchester Jr for hard wood used in ship building
Whereupon it is voted that the City Council approve of the same

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Ward Room Fifth Wards.

Resolved:—
That the sum of fifty dollars is hereby appropriated to repair the Fifth Ward Room: the same to be expended under the direction of Alderman Ham and Mr Wm B Rider of the Common Council. and paid from the appropriations for Repairs of Public Buildings.. Passed April 14. 1862

Approved
Jabez C. Knight. Mayor.

Surveyor's Monthly Report

The Surveyor of Highways makes his Monthly Report of work done from March 1. to April 1. 1862 ____
Number of men employed 81 __
" " teams " 10 __ Amount expended $ 1565.50

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

Passed April 14. 1862

Approved
Jabez C. Knight Mayor

Chief Engineer's Monthly Report.

The Chief Engineer of the Fire Department makes his Monthly Report of expenditures.
Whole expence for month ending April 14. 1862 ———— $ 170.50

Read whereupon it is ordered that the same be received

Passed April 14. 1862

Approved
Jabez C. Knight Mayor

Harbor Master's Monthly Report.

The Harbor Master makes his Monthly Report of arrivals and receipts for the month ending March 31. 1862
Amount collected ———— $ 56.00

Read whereupon it is ordered that the same be received.

Passed April 14. 1862

Approved
Jabez C. Knight Mayor

Report of Com. on State Street School house

To the Honorable City Council

The Committee on Education to whom was referred the the Petition of the School Committee for an appropriation of $2500 to enlarge the School House on State Street respectfully Report.—

That they have given attention to the subject and that the Superintendent of Public Schools and several gentlemen of the School Committee appeared before this committee, and were heard at large upon the facts. That these facts are as this Committee is informed and believes as follows.

There are five school houses in the First Ward and they are all crouded especially the Benefit-St Scott St and State street houses

The Benefit street house has 25 More scholars than seats according to the usual disposition of the seats Scott Street . 25 " " " .

State " " 10 " " " "

The Prospect Street house in the Second Ward is also crouded and has thirty more scholars than seats.

A number of scholars not definitely ascertainable by your Committee are detained at home for want of seats. Some parents have removed their children from the schools because of the want of seat accommodation, and complain of a deprivation of their rights

There are also about 50 scholars in the Primary and intermediate schools already named who are qualified for places in a Grammar School and would be there if the proposed alteration was made.

All the other wards of the city have at present seats enough for the scholars

The alteration asked for in the State street house contemplates cutting the building in two and placing an addition in the middle

The cost of the alteration to include the necessary desks seats &c in short to cover everything, has been estimated by the Superintendent at $2500. and his estimates in previous cases have been found by this Committee to be very reliable. The alteration will require two more female teachers

The Superintendent and the School Committee are responsible for the accuracy of the foregoing which has been in substance presented by them. This Committee ask leave to confine the present report to this simple statement of the facts

For the Committee

Wm Binney Chairman.

State St School house

Resolved: That the sum of twenty five hundred dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated for the purpose of enlarging the School House on State street the same to be expended under the advice and direction of the Standing Committee on Education

Passed April 14. 1862

Approved

Jabez C. Knight Mayor.

Washington Bridge

(Marcellus Ide)

The Committee on City Property to whom was referred the employment of a suitable person to have care of Washington Bridge present the following as their report.

They have engaged the services of Marcellus Ide for one year from April 10th on the following terms

Said Ide is to open and close the draw for the passage of vessels as may be requisite: to have a general oversight of the bridge: to attend the lighting of the same: to report to Superintendent of Bridges such repairs as may be necessary from time to time and to give notice to the City Marshall of violations of the law, to prevent fast driving.

Said Ide is to receive as compensation for the above duties two and a half tons of coal per annum for the office fire, and the free rent of the building formerly used as a Toll House. They have also agreed to allow said Ide the sum of twelve dollars to make certain indispensable repairs on the building. They also recommend in addition to the above that Mr Ide be appointed a Surveyor and corder of wood.

All of which is respectfully submitted. for the Committee

James H. Coggeshall Chairman

Providence April 14. 1862

Read: whereupon it is ordered that the same be received

Passed April 14. 1862

Approved

Jabez C. Knight Mayor.

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Benj J. Brown

Resolved —

That the City Treasurer be and he is hereby directed to pay Benjamin J. Brown the sum of fifty dollars, being in full compensation for his services as attendance at the Washington Bridge.

Passed April 14. 1862

Approved

Jabez C Knight Mayor.

Washington Bridge

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W. Bridge Fund

Resolved: —

That the Committee on City Property be authorized to sell the house and lot near Washington Bridge known as the "Old Ferry House" provided an adequate price can be obtained for the same, and that the proceeds of such sale be invested for a part of the fund for Washington Bridge.

Passed April 14. 1862

Approved

Jabez C Knight Mayor.

Tax Ordinance

An Ordinance providing for the raising assessing and collecting a sum not less than three hundred and ninety five thousand dollars and not more

Report of Com. on State Street School House

To the Honorable City Council

The Committee on Education to whom was referred the the Petition of the School Committee for an appropriation of $3500. to enlarge the School House on State street respectfully Report.—

That they have given attention to the subject and that the Superintendent of Public Schools and several gentlemen of the School Committee appeared before this committee, and were heard at large upon the facts. That these facts are as this Committee is informed and believes as follows.

There are five school houses in the First Ward and they are all crouded especially the Benefit St. Scott St and State street houses

The Benefit street house has 25 More scholars than seats according to the usual disposition of the seats Scott Street . 25 " " " "

State " " 10 " " " "

The Prospect Street House in the Second Ward is also crouded and has thirty more scholars than seats.

A number of scholars not definitely ascertainable by your Committee are detained at home for want of seats. Some parents have removed their children from the schools because of the want of seat accommodation, and complain of a deprivation of their rights

There are also about 50 scholars in the Primary and intermediate schools already named who are qualified for places in a Grammar School and would be there if the proposed alteration was made.

All the other wards of the city have at present seats enough for the scholars

The alteration asked for in the State street house contemplates cutting the building in two and placing an addition in the middle

The cost of the alteration to include the necessary desks, seats &c in short to cover everything, has been estimated by the Superintendent at $3500. and his estimates in previous cases have been found by this Committee to be very reliable. The alteration will require two more female teachers

The Superintendent and the School Committee are responsible for the accuracy of the foregoing which has been in substance presented by them. This Committee ask leave to confine the present report to this simple statement of the facts

For the Committee

Wm Binney Chairman.

State St School House

Resolved: That the sum of twenty five hundred dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated for the purpose of enlarging the School House on State street: the same to be expended under the advice and direction of the Standing Committee on Education

Passed April 14. 1862

Approved

Jabez C. Knight Mayor.

Washington Bridge

Marcellus Ide

The Committee on City Property to whom was referred the employment of a suitable person to have care of Washington Bridge present the following as their report.

They have engaged the services of Marcellus Ide for one year from April 10th on the following terms

Said Ide is to open and close the draw for the passage of vessels as may be requisite: to have a general oversight of the bridge: to attend the lighting of the same: to report to Superintendent of Bridges such repairs as may be necessary from time to time and to give notice to the City Marshall of violations of the law, to prevent fast driving.

Said Ide is to receive as compensation for the above duties two and a half tons of coal per annum for the office fire, and the free rent of the building formerly used as a Toll House. They have also agreed to allow said Ide the sum of twelve dollars to make certain indispensable repairs on the building. They also recommend in addition to the above that Mr Ide be appointed a Surveyor and corder of wood.

All of which is respectfully submitted: for the Committee

James H. Coggeshall Chairman

Providence April 14. 1862

Read: whereupon it is ordered that the same be received

Passed April 14. 1862

Approved

Jabez C. Knight Mayor.

Do

Benj J. Brown

Resolved —

That the City Treasurer be and he is hereby directed to pay Benjamin J. Brown the sum of fifty dollars, being in full compensation for his services as attendance at the Washington Bridge.

Passed April 14. 1862

Approved

Jabez C Knight Mayor.

Washington Bridge

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W. Bridge Fund

Resolved:—

That the Committee on City Property be authorized to sell the house and lot near Washington Bridge known as the "Old Ferry House" provided an adequate price can be obtained for the same, and that the proceeds of such sale be invested for a part of the fund for Washington Bridge.

Passed April 14. 1862

Approved

Jabez C Knight Mayor.

Tax Ordinance

An Ordinance providing for the raising assessing and collecting a sum not less than three hundred and ninety five thousand dollars and not more

than Four Hundred Thousand Dollars by a Tax on real and personal estate - (See Ordinance Book No 2 page 149.)

Passed April 14. 1862.

Approved
Jabez C. Knight Mayor.

N.F. & P.R.R. Co — Rails in streets

Resolved: — That the City Solicitor be and he is hereby instructed to appear before the General Assembly at its next session and to oppose on behalf of the City of Providence any amendment of the Charter of the Hartford Providence and Fishkill Rail Road Company which shall purport to authorize said Rail Road Company to lay down rails in Dorrance street or any other highway of said City without the express permission of the said City previously obtained

Passed April 14. 1862

Approved
Jabez C. Knight Mayor

N.F. & P.R.R. Co — Rails in Dorrance st.

Upon the Petition of the Hartford Providence and Fishkill Rail Road Co for permission to lay and extend their rails from their Freight Depot on Sabin street, across Sabin st to Dorrance street and along and upon Dorrance Street to the several slips and wharves upon the west side of the river:-

Resolved: — That the Petition of the Hartford Providence and Fishkills Rail Road Company for permission to lay rails across Sabin street to Dorrance street to the river, be referred to Messrs Sisson Dailey, Greene, Case, Hopkins, Dimond and Kenyon with Aldermen Waterman and Ham, to examine and report thereon.

Passed April 14. 1862.

Approved
Jabez C. Knight Mayor.

Hospital

Resolved: — That the Board of Aldermen be empowered to lease the Marine Hospital" (so called) for the space of one year, upon such terms and conditions as they may deem expedient

Passed April 14. 1862.

Approved
Jabez C. Knight Mayor.

David Whipple Mortgage

Resolved — That the City of Providence by virtue of the power of attorney contained in a mortgage from David Whipple to said City dated October 5th A.D. 1857 of a certain lot of land with the buildings and improvements thereon in said Providence at the south easterly corner of Westminster and Dorrance streets; sell the same according to the terms of said mortgage; a portion of the notes secured thereby with interest thereon being due and unpaid; and the City Treasurer is hereby directed to make, execute, acknowledge and deliver all conveyances necessary to carry such sale into full effect and operation, and that he direct forthwith the preliminary conditions of such sale to be made

Passed April 14. 1862

Approved
Jabez C. Knight Mayor.

Sessions Lot. Marsin R. Hathaway Jonathan Pike

Resolved: — That the City Solicitor be and he is hereby directed in the name and in behalf of the City of Providence, to sue for and recover possession of the lot of land being part of the "Sessions Lot" (so called) leased to Marsin R. Hathaway and now in the possession of Jonathan Pike, for non payment of rent or for breach of the terms or conditions of the lease under which the same is held, as soon at it can be accomplished by process of law.

Passed April 14. 1862

Approved
Jabez C. Knight Mayor.

C. Street.

Resolved: — That the Surveyor of Highways be and he is hereby directed to cause the curbing to be set and the gutters paved on C. Street from Leester to Central Street.

Passed April 14. 1862

Approved Jabez C. Knight Mayor.

Marshall St

Resolved — That the Surveyor of Highways be and he is hereby directed to cause the curbing to be set and gutters paved on that portion of Marshall Street lying between Weigh and Carpenter Street —

Passed April 14. 1862

Approved
Jabez C. Knight Mayor.

Wooden buildings — H. C. Mathewson, Luke Connor, Martin Lavin

The Standing Committee on the Fire Department to whom were referred the several Petitions of Henry C. Mathewson
Do Do
Luke Connor and
Martin Lavin for permission to remove certain wooden buildings, make reports in favor thereof.

Read: whereupon it is Resolved:- that the prayers thereof be severally granted, provided the petitioners give a satisfactory bond to the City Treasurer as required by the 3d section of "An Ordinance in relation to the removal of wooden buildings"

Passed April 14. 1862.

Approved
Jabez C. Knight Mayor.

Ordinance fixing salary of Surveyor of Highways

"An Ordinance in amendment of An Ordinance fixing the salaries of certain officers." fixing the salary of the Surveyor of Highways at $1000.-
(See Book of Ordinances No 2 page 150.)

Passed May 12. 1862.

Approved
Jabez C. Knight Mayor.

Sidewalk on North Main Street

Resolved -
That the Surveyor of Highways be authorized and directed to straight en the curb line of North Main Street from Brecks gangway to a point opposite No 14 on said street, a distance of about eighty feet; and that the City Treasurer pay the sum of fifty dollars to defray the expence of the same out of the appropriation for highways: provided the owners and mortgagees of the land adjoining the same give their written consent.

Passed May 12. 1862

Approved
Jabez C. Knight Mayor.

Fire Well on Back street

Resolved -
That the Surveyor of Highways be hereby authorized to cause the Fire Well on Back Street to be repaired: provided the expense of the same do not exceed the sum of one hundred dollars; to be paid from the appropriation for the Fire Department

Passed May 12. 1862

Approved
Jabez C. Knight Mayor.

Surveyor's Monthly Report

The Surveyor of Highways makes his Monthly Report of work done from April 1 to May 1. 1862.
Number of men employed 56
teams ——— 13 — Amount expended $ 2379.45

Read: whereupon it is ordered that the same be received

Passed May 12. 1862

Approved
Jabez C. Knight Mayor

Chief Engineer's Monthly Report

The Chief Engineer of the Fire Department makes his monthly report of expenses for the month ending May 12. 1862.-
Amount expended ——— $ 382.50.

Read: whereupon it is ordered that the same be received

Passed May 12. 1862

Approved
Jabez C. Knight Mayor.

Harbor Masters Monthly Report

The Harbor Master makes his Monthly report of arrivals and receipts for the months ending April 30. 1862

Amount collected ——— $ 94.00

Read: whereupon it is ordered that the same be received

Passed May 12. 1862

Approved
Jabez C. Knight Mayor.

Annual Report of the Commissioners of N. Burying Grounds

To the Hon City Council of the City of Providence
The Commissioners of the North Burying Grounds Report for the year ending 30. 1862

The grading of Avenues and groves has cost	———	$ 985.42
Trees, Shrubs and other necessary improvements	———	105.83
Repairs of Fences and House	———	11.07
		$ 1102.32
The Superintendent has collected for Rents of Cox & Nichols estates		140.00

Rent of Tomb $ 56.72
Poundage 9.25
A. Potter 3.60 $ 209.57
$ 892.75

For which sum orders have been drawn from time to time upon the City Treasurer. The money has been expended as will appear by the accounts on file, for the improvement and protection of the grounds, avenues and fences.

During the same period the City Treasurer has received for lots sold $ 1243.81
leaving an unexpended balance of ——— $ 351.06

The attention of the Committee having been called to certain encroachments on Sexton Street, they found upon examination that it was a matter not within their Jurisdiction; which fact was communicated in writing to the Mayor.

Providence May 10. 1862

Z. Allen
Henry L. Bowen } Commissioners of the North Burying
Jos. K. Gilmore } Grounds.

Read whereupon it is ordered that the same be received.

Passed May 12. 1862

Approved
Jabez C. Knight Mayor

Ordinance
Salary of Judge of Mn. Court

"An Ordinance in amendment of An Ordinance fixing the Salaries of certain officers." Fixing the salary of the Judge of the Municipal Court at $ 1200.
(See Book of Ordinances No 2. page 150.)

Passed May 12. 1862

Approved
Jabez C. Knight Mayor

Ordinance
Town Meetings for Dexter Donation

"An Ordinance appointing Town Meetings in relation to the Dexter Donation." (See Book of Ordinances No 2 Page 151.)

Passed May 12. 1862.

Approved
Jabez C. Knight Mayor

Hartford Prov & Ft. R. Rd. Co

Rails in streets

Resolved:—

That the following question be and the same hereby is submitted to the electors of the City of Providence qualified to vote for City Councils: viz:

"Shall the Hartford, Providence and Fishkill Rail Road Company be authorized to lay rails from their depot west of Sabin street, through and along Dove and Dorrance streets to the wharves on Dyer street?"

Resolved:—

That the above question shall be printed on one side of the ballots used at such election: one half of said ballots shall contain the word "Yes" on the other side, and the other half the word "No"

Resolved:—

That a special election for the above purpose be ordered on the third Wednesday in June: and that such election when held, shall in all respects be conducted and the ballots sealed up and returned in the same manner as required in the election of City officers.—

Passed May 12. 1862.

Approved
Jabez C. Knight Mayor

Mumford St

Resolved—

That the Surveyor of Highways be and he is hereby directed to cause the curbing to be set and the gutters paved on Mumford street, from Lockwood street to Franklin street

Passed May 12. 1862

Approved
Jabez C. Knight Mayor.

Fountain St

Resolved—

That the Surveyor of Highways be and he is hereby directed to cause the curbing to be set and the gutters paved on Fountain street, from Dean street to the curbing already set near its junction with Carpenter street.

Passed May 12. 1862

Approved
Jabez C. Knight Mayor.

Fountain St Sewer.

Resolved.—

That the Surveyor of Highways be and he is hereby directed to cause the culvert in Fountain street to be continued from its present termination at Dean street to the westerly side of Battey street.

Passed May 12. 1862

Approved Jabez C. Knight Mayor

Well in Knight st.

Resolved.—

That the Surveyor of Highways be and he is hereby directed to cause the pump in the side walk on Knight street to be removed and the well to be filled up or covered over, as he may deem expedient, at the earliest opportunity

Passed May 12. 1862

Approved

Jabez C. Knight Mayor.

S. B. Durfee

Resolved:—

That the City Treasurer be and he is hereby directed to pay to Samuel B. Durfee the sum of two hundred dollars, in full compensation for the use of horses and carriages in the service of the city during the present Municipal year: said sum to be paid from the appropriation for Highways—

Passed May 12. 1862.

Approved

Jabez C. Knight Mayor.

Wooden buildings

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

Thomas Furlong
Henry J. Angell
Jared H. Senckes
Harrison G. Macomber and
James C. Cranston for permission to remove certain wooden buildings make reports in favor thereof.

Read: whereupon it is Resolved That the prayers of said Petitions be severally granted provided the petitioners give satisfactory bonds to the City Treasurer as required by the 3d section of "An Ordinance in relation to the removal of wooden buildings."

Passed May 12. 1862

Approved

Jabez C. Knight Mayor

In Convention June 2. 1862.

This being the day fixed by law for the annual organization of the Municipal Government of the City of Providence; the Mayor, Aldermen and Common Councilmen elect (except absentees) are assembled in the Common Council Chamber at 3 o'clock P.M. viz:

Hon. Jabez C. Knight Mayor.

Aldermen

First Ward	Henry J. Angell
Second "	William H Bowen
Third "	John D. Jones
Fourth "	Daniel Paine
Fifth "	James J. Hoan
Sixth "	Henry F. Grant
Seventh "	John B. Peirce

Common Council.

First Wards

Albert Briggs	George Hunt
Isaac C Sisson	Reuben A Guild

Second Wards

William Binney	Albert Dailey (absent)
James H Coggeshall	William J. Crop.

Third Wards

Oliver A. Washburn Jr	Stephen S. Salisbury
William M. Hale (absent)	Bennett W. Wheeler

Fourth Wards

Philip Case	William Whitaker
Albert L Calder	Samuel G. Currey.

Fifth Wards.

Ebben Simmons	Joseph A Barker
William H Hopkins	Joshua R. Brown

Sixth Wards

John W Francis	William H. Tenner
George W. Payton	Archibald B. Rice

Seventh Wards.

Jacob F Munroe	G. Burroughs Fields
Charles H. Peirce	Henry F. Davis.

Samuel W. Brown City Clerk

Certificates of the elections of Jabez C. Knight Mayor Samuel W. Brown city Clerk and other offices elected by the people are read.

The Oath of office is administered to Hon. Jabez C. Knight Mayor by Albert L. Greene Judge of the Municipal Court, and to the Aldermen, Common Council present and the City Clerk by the Mayor.

The Mayor delivers his inaugural address

The two Boards separate: the Aldermen retire to their chamber.

Surveyors Monthly Report

The Surveyor of Highways makes his Monthly Report of work done from May 1 to June 1. 1862)

Whole number of men employed	60		
" " " teams "	13	Amt expended	$2602.78

Read: whereupon it is ordered that the same be received

Passed June 2. 1862)

Approved

Jabez C. Knight

Mayor.

Harbor Masters Monthly Report

The Harbor Master makes his Monthly Report of arrivals and receipts for month ending May 31. 1862

Amount collected _____ $301.00

Read: whereupon it is ordered that the same be received

Passed June 2. 1862)

Approved

Jabez C. Knight Mayor.

Semi Annual Report of Overseer of Poor.

The Overseer of the Poor presents his Semi-annual Report.

Read: whereupon it is ordered that the same be received

Ordered that the same be printed in the newspapers employed to do the City printing

Passed June 2. 1862)

Approved

Jabez C Knight

Mayor.

Annual Report of Fire Department

The Annual Report of the Board of Engineers of the Fire Department having been this day presented and read: it is ordered that the same be received.

Ordered: That seven hundred and fifty copies thereof be printed in pamphlet form for the use of the City Council, with a list of the names of the firemen for the present Municipal year.

Passed June 2. 1862)

Approved

Jabez C. Knight Mayor.

Annual Report of Superintendent of North Burying Ground.

The Superintendent of the North Burying Ground in conformity with law makes this his Annual Report.

Amount received for interment from June 1/61 to June 1/62)	$511.00
Amount received for sale of lots Superintendents fee	31.00
	$542.00

Providence June 2. 1862. Nathan Smalley Supt

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

Passed June 2. 1862)

Approved. Jabez C. Knight Mayor.

Annual Report of Gauger General

The Gauger General presents his Annual Report of the number of casks gauged for the year ending May 31. 1862.

Whole number of Casks gauged ——— 11.603

Fees ——————— $764.18.

Read: whereupon it is ordered that the same be received

Ordered: That the same be printed in the newspapers employed to do the City Printing

Passed. June 2. 1862.

Approved

Jabez C. Knight Mayor.

Report of Special Committee to Invest Washington Bridge Bonds

To the Hon. City Council

The Committee appointed on the 10th day of March last to invest in some safe and productive Stock, the money paid into the City Treasury to make Washington Bridge free to public travel respectfully

REPORT

That they have purchased with the five thousand dollars, five bonds of the City of Providence for one thousand dollars each, payable in the year 1875 with coupons attached — that upon four of said bonds they paid a premium of four per cent, and upon the other a premium of six per cent making a total amount of premium of $220. The interest since January 1st is $111.67 and commissions $12.50 making the whole amount paid for premiums, interest and commissions $344.17, which has been provided for by obtaining an advance on the coupons due in July and January next and a portion of those due in July 1863, as follows: viz:

150.	Coupons due	July 1. 1862	less 47 days interest	1.17
150.	do	Janj 1. 1863	" 231 " "	5.78
60.	do	July 1. 1863	" 412 " "	4.12
$360.				$11.07
11.07				

$348.93 net total

They have paid the sum of four 76/100 Dollars into the City Treasury per the annexed receipt, which with the $344.17 paid as above, equals the amount received on the coupons, say $348.93.

The committee further report that they have placed the five Bonds in the hands of the City Treasurer as per accompanying receipt.

Providence June 2. 1862

Jabez C. Knight
Wm. Spencer
Hor. Tyler
O. A. Washburn Jr
} Committee

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

Passed June 2. 1862

Approved Jabez C. Knight Mayor

Standing Rules

Resolved

That the same Standing Rules which were on the third day of June A.D. 1861, adopted as the Standing Rules of the City Council for the Municipal Year last past, be and the same are hereby adopted as the Standing Rules of the City Council, for the present Municipal year.

Passed June 2. 1862

Approved

Jabez C. Knight Mayor.

Standing Committees.

Standing Committees of the City Council

Appointed June 2. 1862 on the part of the Common Council for the present municipal year

On Finance

Messrs Albert Dailey — William Whitaker
Oliver C Washburn Jr. — William J. Cross
Alderman Daniel Paine

On Highways

Messrs Wm H. Hopkins — Albert Briggs
Henry S. Davis — Ald. Henry J. Grant.

To Engross Ordinances

Messrs William Binney — Charles H. Peirce
Isaac C. Sisson — Alds. James J. Hamt.

On Education

Messrs William Binney — Albert L. Crosby
Reuben A Guild — George Hunt
Ald. John D. Jones

On the Fire Department

Messrs Jacob B. Vermilye — William W. Veale
William H. Fenner — Ald John B. Peirce

On City Property

Messrs Philip Case — Joshua R. Brown
George W. Carlton — Alds. Henry J. Angell

On Police

Messrs Samuel G. Currey — Stephen S. Salisbury
Joseph C Barker — G. Burroughs Field
Alderman Brown

On North Burial Grounds

Messrs Isaac C. Sisson — Charles H. Peirce
Ebben Simmons — Ald John D. Jones

On Claims.

Messrs James H. Eggleshall — Bennett W. Wheeler
Archibald B. Rice — Ald James J. Ham

In Common Council June 2. 1862

The aforenamed members of this Board having this day been appointed members of this Board of the Standing Committees of the City Council for

the present Municipal Year:- it is Resolved that the aforegoing list be communicated to the Board of Aldermen; in order that an Alderman may be added to each of said Committees.

Read and passed. A.G. Greene Clerk.

In Board of Aldermen same day: Read and the aforenamed Aldermen added.

Samuel W. Brown Clerk

Approved Jabez C. Knight Mayor

Whereas Messrs Dailey, Washburn and Whitaker, have been this day appointed by the Common Council as the Committee on their part for the reduction of the City Debt, for the present Municipal year, pursuant to the requisition contained in the first section of the ordinance entitled "An Ordinance in relation to the City Debt" - It is Resolved: That the names of said Committee be communicated to the Board of Aldermen; - in order that said Board may add an Alderman to said Committee - pursuant to the requisition contained in said section.

In Common Council June 2. 1862

Read and passed.

A.G. Greene Clerk.

In Board of Aldermen same day

Read and Alderman Paine added

Samuel W. Brown Clerk

Approved

Jabez C. Knight Mayor

Address

Resolved:-

That Messrs Coggeshall, Whitaker and Peirce with Alderman Grant be and they are hereby appointed a Committee, to wait upon the Mayor and request him to furnish for publication a copy of the address this day delivered by him to the City Council, and to cause the same to be published in such manner as they may deem expedient.

Passed June 2. 1862.

Approved

Jabez C. Knight Mayor.

Organization to be printed

Resolved -

That the joint committee who were appointed to cause the Mayors address to be printed be and they are hereby directed to cause the Standing Rules of the City Council; the Standing Rules of Order of the Common Council; a list of the Standing Committees of the City Council; a list of the City Officers, and such portions of the record of the Organization of the City Government as they

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

Passed June 2. 1862

Approved

Jabez C. Knight Mayor.

City Printing

Resolved:

That Messrs Guild, Emery, and Barker, with Alderman Hunt be and they are hereby appointed a committee to contract for the city printing for the present Municipal Year.

Passed June 2. 1862

Approved

Jabez C. Knight Mayor.

Treasurer's Bonds

Resolved:-

That Messrs Dailey Washburn and Whitaker with Alderman Paine, be and they are hereby appointed a committee to take a Bond of the City Treasurer for the faithful discharge of the duties of his office for the present municipal year:- Said Bond to be in the sum of thirty thousand dollars

Passed June 2. 1862

Approved

Jabez C. Knight Mayor.

Police Court

Resolved:-

That from the Justices assigned to keep the peace within this City Samuel W. Peckham and Lucius C. Ashley be and they are hereby selected to compose the Police Court of this City during the present municipal year

Passed June 2. 1862.

Approved

Jabez C. Knight Mayor

Fourth of July

Resolved:-

That Messrs Calder, Wheeler and Barker with such as the Board of Aldermen may add be and they are hereby appointed a committee of arrangements for a municipal celebration of the approaching anniversary of American independence

Appropriation

Resolved -

That the sum of five hundred dollars be and the same is hereby

appropriated for defraying the expenses of said celebration, to be paid by the City Treasurer, to the order of said Committee out of any moneys in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated.

Alderman Jones added to said Committee.

Passed June 2, 1862

Approved.

Jabez C. Knight Mayor.

Families of Volunteers

Resolved: — That the sum of one thousand dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated out of any moneys in the City Treasury not otherwise appropriated, for the relief and benefit of the families of volunteers who have been or may be mustered into the service of the United States, and who are at the time of their enlistment residents of this city. Said sum hereby appropriated shall be dispensed and appropriated in such manner, and through such agencies as his Honor the Mayor shall hereafter direct and appoint.

Appropriation

Resolved: — That the City Treasurer shall pay the amount hereby appropriated to his Honor the Mayor on the presentation of his orders therefor —

Passed June 2, 1862

Approved

Jabez C. Knight Mayor

In Convention June 2, 1862

The following City officers are elected, viz:

Judge of the Municipal Court		Albert G. Greene
Clerk of the Municipal Court		Levi Salisbury
City Auditor		John S. Paine
Register of Transfers		Joseph W. Taylor
Clerk of the Market		Thomas W. Hart
Sealer of Weights and Measures		William H. Arnold
City Sergeant		Edward S. Rhodes 2d
City Messenger		Edward S. Rhodes 2d.

Chief Engineer of the Fire Department		Charles H. Dunham
Assistant Engineers		James Street
		Dexter Gorton
Surveyor of Highways		Samuel B. Durfee
Overseer of Bridges		Samuel B. Durfee
Street Commissioners		Josiah Simmons
	Edward Fields	William H. Townsend

Trustees of the Providence Reform School

William S. Grinnell	William W. Bodman
Edwin W. Snow	Charles E. Carpenter
William J. King	Charles Anthony.

Commissioners of the North Burying Grounds

Zachariah Allen	Joseph S. Gilmore
Henry L. Bowen	

Superintendent of the North Burying Ground		Nathan Smalley
Pound Keepers		Hollis Chaffin
	Nathan W. Smalley	Joseph W. Pratt.
Advising Committee on Bridges		Mayor and Aldermen
Overseers of the Hospital		Mayor and Aldermen
Overseer of the City Pumps		Charles H. Dunham.

Committee to superintend the building of Chimneys & placing of Stoves and pipes

Samuel Lewis	Edward Palmer.

Port Wardens		Shubael H. Eady
	Lloyd Brooks	Christopher B. Peirce
City Auctioneer		Francis J. Sheldon
Fence Viewer		Samuel B. Durfee
Undertakers		
	Benj P. Swarts	Horace B. Knowles
	Patrick Barrow	Morris Nichols
	Sylvester B. Bowers	Nathan Smalley
	William O Briggs	Gardner T. Swarts
	George W. Hopkins	William Vose
	John G. Hopkins	William Wallace

Constables

Silas J. Allen	Silas Hemenway	William H. Pullen
Daniel G Briggs	William G. Meserther.	John M Shaw
John B. Barton	Benjamin A Newhall	James C. Sheridan
Samuel Clough	Franklin Olds	James Shelden
Phineas Fairbrother	Daniel F. Potter	Henry C. Tuell
John H Tould	James R. Potter	Lyman Upham
Thomas W. Hart	Jabez J. Potter	George W. Wightman
Thomas W. Maynard	Frederick W. Perry	

Police Constables (without power to serve civil process)

Hiram Allen Jr	John Locklin	Robert B. Sweet
William J. Booth	Albert Law	Thomas J. Sprague
Alden M Brown	Jacob Morgan	Henry E Simmons
Albert M Burgess	Samuel Merry	James H Shaw
William B. Arnold	James W. Munroe	Edwin Snipp
William Foster Jr	John M Knowles	Ethan Southellot
Philip C. Gray	Thomas J. Munroe	John L Worden
Elam H Gates	Joseph W. Watt	Thomas J. Waite
Hiram Hart	George B. Randall	William S. Whitmarsh
Gideon G. Hicks	George G. Richmond	Auburn Willard
Marcellus Ide	William H Rice	Ira R. Wilson
Daniel Joslin	Simeon Sherman	Thomas W. Wescott
Jonathan A Edwards	Nathan Smalley	Robert W. Watson
Ira B Kent	Stephen S. Salisbury	

Packers and Inspectors of Fish — Peleg S. Shearman, George W. Wheeler, George S. Hammond

Inspectors of Pot and Pearl Ashes — Henry H. Burrington, Walter B. Snow

Inspectors of Salaeratus and Bi-carbonate of Soda — Joseph Martin, J. Lilspitt Snow

Inspector of Beef and Pork — Henry M. Kimball

Sealer of Leather — Hiram B. Aylesworth

Viewers of Hoops — Samuel C Eastforth, George S. Hammond, Peleg S. Shearman

Surveyors and Scalers of Wood

William H. Arnold	Daniel Sincoll	Joseph Robinson
Samuel B. Bullocks	Robert Manchester	Clark Steere
Nelson Chace	Darwin R Money	Robert E. Smith 2d
Rowland Evans	Benjamin S. Olney	William H Humber
Marcellus Ide	Benjamin S. Olney Jr	Thomas E White
Ephraim L. Hall	Jabez C. Olney	

Surveyors and Measurers of Stone

William Andrews	Leonard Blodget	Clifton A Hall
		Richard Palmer

Inspectors and Measurers of Carpenters Masons and Painters Work

Jonathan S. Angell	Horace Gray	James Lewis
Stephen C. Arnold	Russell Greene	Robert Manchester
Leonard Blodget	Thomas J. Griffin	Robert Manchester Jr
Cyprus Bisbee	Clifton A. Hall	Richard Palmer
Weston A Bisbee	Isaac N. Wallett	John A. Townsend

Ranger General

Edward G. Farmer

Measurers of Grain, Bran, Salt and Sea Coal

Theodore B Crowell, Ellery Wilson, Joseph Wesley

Weighers of Hay

Edward Hawkins, Benjamin S Olney, Marcellus Ide

Weighers of Cotton

Stephen A. Aplin Jr	John A Foster	Chester H Richmond
Nathan S. Arnold	Nathaniel G. Field	William Russell
Edward W. Brown	Henry A Humphreys	Walter C. Simmons
Francis G. Brownell	Thomas A Randall	Darius S. Skinner
Nathaniel B. Chace	Francis W. Reynolds	Jarvis R. Swan
George A. Church	William H Reynolds	William H Taylor

Weighers of Anthracite Coal

Elvin H Abbott	William H Hopkins	Gorham C Pomeroy
George S. Barton	Benjamin W. Hubbard	Lemuel B. Pope
Isaac W Buck	John A Hartram	Charles Remington
Joseph A Blake	Jacob Manchester	Stephen S. Salisbury
Ephraim Brown	James H. Mumford	Seth Scott
Stephen Burr	George H. Newhall	George A Simmons
Cyrus A Carpenter	Barnard O'Neal	Scott Smith
Henry C Clarke	George B. Peck	Samuel B. Swan
Edward E Darling	Christopher A Peirce	Robert E Smith
Richmond P Everett	Christopher B. Peirce	George S. Sheldon
Samuel A Edmunds	Nathan D. Peirce	Albert Spencer
Vivier E Greene	Williams D. Peirce	James W. Sapt
Henry S. Harris	Ebenezer Peck	John H. Taylor
Seth L Horton	Benjamin Porter	George A Turner
James S. Henderson	Francis B. Peckham	Benjamin Snipp
George H Hall	Stillman Perkins	Henry A Webb
Joseph Hodges	Silas W. Rhinehart	Thomas Whitford
John H Hopkins	Benjamin L Pomeroy	

Stop Cock in water pipe

Resolved —

That the Chief Engineer of the Fire Department be hereby directed to cause a stop cock to be placed in the water pipe leading from the New England Butt Co's Factory, used for fire purposes, so as to retain the water constantly in said pipe

Passed July 14. 1862

Approved Jabez C. Knight Mayor.

Pumps on N Main & Benefit St.

Resolved —

That the Overseer of City Pumps be authorized and directed to cause a new pump to be placed in the well situated at the corner of North Main and Benefit street, provided the expense of the same does not exceed the sum of seventy dollars to be paid for out of the appropriation for pumps and wells.

Passed July 14. 1862

Approved Jabez C. Knight Mayor.

Surveyor's Monthly Report

The Surveyor of Highways makes his Monthly Report of work done from June 1 to July 1. 1862.

Number of men employed 62

" " teams " 13 —— Amount expended $ 2531.32.

The work was done grading curbing paving gutters graveling & building culvert on Fountain street from Dean to Battey st with two new reservoirs in same.

Relaying curbing & paving gutters on Richmond and Benefit streets

Graveling portions of Washington, Franklin, Wickenden, Benevolent, India and Front Sts

Graveling & turnpiking on Benefit street

Cleaning reservoirs, Carting 224 tons paving stone from wharf to place of deposit

Repairing & cleaning streets in general. &c.

Respectfully submitted. Providence July 7. 1862

Samuel B. Dunfee Surveyor.

Read: whereupon it is ordered that the same be received

Passed July 14. 1862.

Approved Jabez C. Knight Mayor.

Chief Engineer's Monthly Report

The Chief Engineer of the Fire Department presents his Monthly Report of Expenditures

Whole expence of the Department for the month ending June 30. 1862 —— $ 7253.10

The Chief Engineer submits in explanation of the foregoing report: that the total amount of $ 6570.25 charged to salaries, was paid for salaries accrued and due prior to the commencement of his term of office: and that of the balance of $ 682.85 charged to incidentals, the whole was paid for charges existing against the

Department when he came into office, except the sum of $ 13.35 which has been incurred by him. These charges have been all certified as correct by the late Chief Engineer before payment. He would further state that some few bills are still outstanding from the past year which he has not been able to get in season for this report.

All of which is respectfully submitted

Chas H. Dunham

Chief Engineer Fire Department.

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

Passed July 14. 1862.

Approved Jabez C. Knight Mayor.

Harbor Master's Monthly Report

The Harbor Master makes his monthly report of arrivals and receipts for month ending June 30, 1862.

Amount collected $ 181.

Respectfully submitted

Daniel Sabin Harbor Master

Read: whereupon it is ordered that the same be received

Passed July 14. 1862

Approved Jabez C. Knight Mayor.

Families of Volunteers

Mayors Office Providence May 12. 1862

To the Hon City Council

Gentlemen

The appropriation made on the 11th of November last for the relief of families of volunteers has been expended and I suggest that a further moderate appropriation be made. The sum of eight thousand dollars has been distributed in small amounts by a system of weekly allowances and has afforded great relief to a large number of needy persons and families.

I present herewith a memorandum of account with the vouchers for the same, and request its reference to a Committee for examination

Jabez C. Knight Mayor

The Standing Committee on Finance to whom on the 12th of May last, was referred the aforegoing communication of the Mayor.—

Report: That they have examined the vouchers of his Hon the Mayor for the sum of eight thousand dollars appropriated for the benefit of the families of volunteers and find the same correct. The receipts are for money paid George B Holmes Esq $ 7115.56

Peck & Salisbury for Coal 884.44 $ 8000.00

Albert Dailey for Comm.

Read: whereupon it is ordered that the same be received

Passed July 14. 1862

Approved Jabez C. Knight Mayor.

Treasurers Bond

The Committee appointed to take a Bond of the City Treasurer, report that they have attended to the same, and deposited the Bond with the City Clerk

Bondsmen, James G. Smith, Robert W. Watson, David Millard & Dexter N. Knight

Albert Dailey for the Committee

Read: whereupon it is ordered that the same be received

Passed July 14. 1862

Approved Jabez C. Knight Mayor.

City Printing

The Committee appointed to contract for the City Printing for the present municipal year

Report that they have contracted with Messrs Knowles, Anthony & Co to do the Job and Book printing for the City of Providence for the year ending on the first Monday in June 1863 upon the usual terms.

That they have contracted with Knowles & Anthony to print in the Providence Daily, Semi-weekly and weekly Journal, for the sum of three hundred dollars ($300) for the year ending as above, the following

"All Ordinances ordained and enacted from time to time by the City Council, all reports ordered to be printed by said City Council, by either branch thereof, or by the School Committee, all notices issued by the Mayor, City Clerk, City Marshal, Superintendent of Health, Board of Assessors, Superintendent of Public Schools, City Treasurer, The notices of the Collector of Taxes, Surveyor of Highways, Street Commissioners, Overseer of the Poor, Board of Engineers of the Fire Department, and also the programme of the Fourth of July.

They have contracted with Cooke & Danielson to print the same in the Providence Daily and weekly evening Press, for the sum of three hundred dollars $300.

They have also contracted with Alfred Anthony to print the same in the Providence Daily Post and the Republican Herald and Post, for the sum of two hundred and seventy five dollars ($275.)

In behalf of the Committee Reuben A. Guild chairman

Read whereupon it is ordered that the same be received

Passed July 14. 1862.

Approved

Jabez C. Knight Mayor.

Fourth of July

The Committee appointed to make arrangements for the 86th anniversary of American independence respectfully Report:

That they have attended to the duties assigned them and expended the amount of the appropriation (five hundred dollars) in the manner and for the purposes which they considered most appropriate to the occasion.

A.L. Carson for the Committee.

Read: whereupon it is ordered that the same be received

Passed July 14. 1862)

Approved Jabez C. Knight Mayor

Rev. A. Woodbury

Resolved: — That the thanks of this body be and they are hereby tendered to the Rev. Augustus Woodbury for the able and eloquent oration delivered by him at the late municipal celebration of the anniversary of American independence

Oration July 4.

Resolved: — That the Committee appointed to make arrangements for that celebration be and they are hereby authorized to request a copy of said oration for publication and to cause five hundred copies of the same to be published in pamphlet form for the use of the City Council

Passed July 14. 1862

Approved

Jabez C. Knight Mayor.

Enlistments of Volunteers

Resolved: —

That Messrs Coggeshall, Taylor and Fields, with Aldermen Angell and Bowen, be appointed a Committee who shall recommend some plan of action to this Council to further the enlistments of men to fill up the regiments now called for, and that said Committee be requested to report to-night, or as soon as expedient

Passed July 14. 1862

Approved Jabez C. Knight Mayor.

$ 60.000 Appropriated for Enlistments of Volunteers.

Whereas: —

In consideration of the exigencies of our country, the President of the United States, acting by the advice of the loyal Governors thereof, has issued his call for 300.000 men, in addition to those already in the military service of the country: and

Whereas: —

It is desirable that this call should be promptly responded to in order that this unjustifiable rebellion may be speedily suppressed, and our peo-

ple relieved of the onerous taxation and countless sacrifices which a state of war involves; and

Whereas:

It is the duty of the City of Providence to do what may be in her power to preserve to Rhode Island the leading position which she has occupied in efforts to maintain the federal government against the unholy and reckless assaults of its enemies: Therefore

Resolved:—

That his Honor the Mayor be authorized to draw from the City Treasury, of moneys not otherwise appropriated, the sum of ($60.000) Sixty thousand dollars, to be expended by him as follows.

One hundred dollars to each and every able bodied person — the whole number not to exceed (600) Six hundred, who shall, within thirty days from the passage of this resolution, enlist in any company or regiment being raised in this city by authority of the Governor of this state, for service under the aforesaid call of the President, as originally issued, or as it may have been or may hereafter be modified by the authority issuing it, to be paid to said person so enlisting in the following manner: to wit:

Twenty five dollars when he shall have passed a surgical examination and have been sworn as provided by law.

Fifteen dollars when his company is mustered into the service of the United States: and the balance (to be paid to his family in his absence if he have a family, or if otherwise to be subject to his written order:) in quarterly instalments of fifteen dollars each, until the whole is paid.

Resolved:—

That in case the Executive of this state should apportion the quota of enlistments as above contemplated among the cities and towns of this state, the money hereby appropriated is to be applied so far as the same may extend, to what may be declared as the quota of the City of Providence.

Passed July 14. 1862.

Approved

Jabez C. Knight Mayor.

Mayors Office Providence July 14. 1862

To the Hon. City Council

Families of Volunteers.

Gentlemen

The appropriation of one thousand dollars made by your honorable body on the second day of June last, for the relief of families of volunteers belonging to this City, is expended, and a further sum is needed to assist the large number of families who depend upon this fund for daily support. I trust the subject will receive such attention at your hands as its importance deserves

Jabez C. Knight Mayor.

Families of Volunteers

Resolved:—

That the sum of two thousand dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated, out of any moneys in the City treasury not otherwise appropriated, for the relief and benefit of the families of volunteers, who have been, or may be mustered into the service of the United States, and who are at the time of their enlistment residents of this city: said sum hereby appropriated, shall be dispensed and appropriated in such manner and through such agencies as his Honor the Mayor shall hereafter direct and appoint.

Resolved:—

That the City Treasurer shall pay the amount hereby appropriated to his Honor the Mayor on the presentation of his order therefor

Passed July 14. 1862.

Approved. Jabez C. Knight Mayor.

Appropriation for Public Schools

Resolved:—

That the sum of three thousand eight hundred dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated for the support of the Public Schools: to be paid out of any moneys in the City treasury, not otherwise appropriated.

Passed July 14. 1862.

Approved Jabez C. Knight Mayor.

Prov. Dispensary

Resolved:—

That the City Treasurer be hereby directed to pay to the Providence Dispensary the sum of two hundred and fifty dollars, for medicines and medical attendance furnished to the poor of the City of Providence during the municipal year ending on the first Monday in June 1862: to be paid for from the appropriation for support of the poor

Passed July 14. 1862.

Approved

Jabez C. Knight Mayor

Suchet Maurran

Water at Washington Bridge

Resolved:—

That the City Treasurer be and he is hereby directed to pay to Suchet Maurran Esq the sum of twenty five dollars in full for his claim for the use of water at Washington Bridge to May 31. 1862.

Passed July 14. 1862.

Approved

Jabez C. Knight Mayor.

Samuel N. Lee

Resolved:— That the City Treasurer be and he hereby is authorized to pay to Samuel N. Lee the sum of five hundred dollars ($500.) in full discharge of all claims against the City of Providence for damages sustained by him on the 19th day of April 1862: said moneys to be paid out of any sums in the Treasury otherwise unappropriated.

Passed July 14. 1862.

Approved Jabez C. Knight Mayor.

Kenyon street

Resolved:— That the Surveyor of Highways be and he is hereby directed to cause the curb stone set and the gutters paved on Kenyon street from Dean to America streets.

Passed July 14. 1862

Approved Jabez C. Knight Mayor.

Hartford Prov & Fishkill R.R. Co

To the Hon. City Council of the City of Providence R.I.

We the undersigned citizens of the City of Providence, would respectfully ask your Honorable body that you appoint a committee to investigate whether the Hartford, Providence and Fishkill Rail Road Co are not debarred from certain privileges which are extended to other Rail Roads terminating here, for the transportation of their freight (such as lumber, coal, iron, stone &c) to and from their freight Station to tide water, and report whether further facilities could not be granted which would inure to the interest of the City pecuniarily as well as increase the business of the City.

Signed William W. Hoppin and 43 others

Read: whereupon it is ordered that the same be received and referred to Messrs Dailey, Whitaker, Hopkins, Briggs, Warburton, Rice and Davis, with Aldermen Brown, to examine and report thereon.

Passed July 14. 1862.

Approved Jabez C. Knight Mayor.

Wooden Buildings
Fletcher Bros & Co
2d African M. Church
Cushel F. Cory

The Standing Committee on the Fire Department to whom were referred the several petitions of Fletcher Bros & Co
Second African Methodist Church, and
Cushel F. Cory
for permission to remove certain wooden buildings, make reports in favor thereof severally——

Read: whereupon it is Resolved: That the prayers of said petitions be severally granted, provided the petitioners give satisfactory bond to the City Treasurer as required by the 3d section of "An Ordinance in relation to the removal of wooden buildings."

Passed July 14. 1862

Approved Jabez C. Knight Mayor.

In Convention July 14 1862

Deputy Gaugers

The Gauger General presents the names of the following persons as Deputy Gaugers for the approval of the City Council: viz
William Burrough
George Greene
Whereupon it is voted that the City Council approve of the same.

The following City Officers are elected:

Police Constables (without power to serve civil process)
Edward P. Church — Isaac A. Austin
Augustus R. Sullman.

Constable — Russell Clapp.

Oliver Wickes

A communication of George H. Maynard & others recommending Oliver Wickes for appointment as Constable is presented, read and laid upon the table.

Bounty to Volunteers — Enlistments — Col T. R. Bliss

The following communication is presented and read:

"Head Quarters 10th Reg R.I.V.
Fort Pennsylvania July 23. 1862.

General

I have the honor to request in behalf of the enlisted men of the 10th R.I.V. that some arrangement be made to enable those who desire to enlist in the Seventh Regiment, to obtain the very generous bounty offered by the City of Providence

I am informed that the bounty will only be paid to those who enlist within thirty days of the passage of the resolutions by the City Council: the term of service of the three months Regiments expires on the 26th day of August 1862, and unless the time during which the bounty is to be given be extended beyond that date, the men of these regiments cannot secure the benefit of it. There are many in the 9th and 10th regiments who will enlist if

they can obtain the bounty offered to others. And justice seems to demand that soldiers now in the service should on re-enlisting be placed on an equal footing with recruits

I am General very respectfully your obedt Servt
D. R. Bliss Col 10th R.I.V.

To General Edward C. Mauran
Adjutant Generals State of R.I. Providence R.I."

"State of Rhode Island
Adjutant Generals Office Providence July 28. 1862.

The within is most respectfully referred to his Honor the Mayor, with a request that some action may be taken upon the same by the City authorities

Edward C. Mauran Adjutant General."

Resolved:

That the foregoing communication be received and referred to Aldermen Angell and Brown with Messrs Coggeshall, Payton and Smith of the Common Council, to examine and report thereon at the next meeting of the City Council

Passed July 28. 1862.

Approved
Jabez C. Knight Mayor.

General Orders 35 — Quota of troops

General Orders No 35: Calling upon each City and Town to furnish its apportioned Quota of Troops, under the requisitions of the President of the United States, is presented and read:

Apportioned quota for the City of Providence Seven hundred (700)

Read July 28. 1862.

Approved
Jabez C. Knight Mayor.

Annual Report of School Committee

Resolved:

That the Annual Report of the School Committee for the year ending on the first Monday in June last, be received.

Passed July 28. 1862

Approved
Jabez C. Knight Mayor.

Edward P. Knowles Wooden Building

The Standing Committee on the Fire Department to whom was referred the Petition of Edward P. Knowles for permission to remove a certain wooden building

make report in favor thereof: whereupon it is

Resolved: That the prayer thereof be granted provided the petitioner give a satisfactory bond to the City Treasurer as required by the 3d section of an Ordinance in relation to the removal of wooden buildings"

Passed July 28. 1862

Approved
Jabez C. Knight Mayor.

Hartford Prov & Fishkill R.R. Co — Rails in streets.

"City of Providence
In Board of Aldermen June 19. 1862

The ballots given in by the qualified electors at the special election held on the 18th instant upon the question,

"Shall the Hartford Providence and Fishkill Railroad Co be authorized to lay rails from their depot west of Fabin street through and along Cove and Dorrance street to the wharves on Dyer street?"

having been duly delivered to the City Clerk are now counted in open board meeting and the following is the result: viz

Wards	Yes	No
1	47	81
2	112	55
3	69	73
4	54	103
5	100	99
6	99	211
7	85	110
Total	yes 566	No 732.

Resolved that the foregoing result upon the Question of laying rails in Cove and Dorrance streets be communicated to the City Councils.

Witness Samuel W. Brown City Clerk"

Read: whereupon it is Resolved that the same be received

Passed July 28. 1862

Approved
Jabez C. Knight Mayor.

Portrait of Hon S. W. Bridgham

Resolved:

That the Standing Committee on City Property be authorized and requested to cause the portrait now hanging in the Common Councils Chamber, of the late Hon Samuel W. Bridgham Mayor, to be repaired and put in perfect order, at an expense not exceeding the sum of fifty dollars, to be paid for on their orders upon the City Treasury out of the appropriation for contingencies

Passed August 11. 1862.

Approved Jabez C. Knight Mayor.

Surveyors Monthly Report

The Surveyor of Highways makes his monthly report of work done from July 1. 1862 to August 1. 1862)

Number of men employed 61. Teams 13. Amount expended $2329.10

The work was done on finishing culvert and graveling Fountain Street & laying six new cross walks on same

Re-laying paving on Washington Street from Exchange Place to Aldrich House

Re-laying curbing and paving gutters on Friendship Street from Eleventh to Plane, also on Plane Street

Grading, curbing, paving gutter & graveling Mumford Street

Graveling Prairie Avenue, Burgess & portion of Knight Street

Laying two cross walks on Friendship Street

Cleaning Reservoir, Carting paving Stones, and Repairing & cleaning Streets in general.

Respectfully submitted

Samuel B. Dungee Surveyor.

Read: Whereupon it is ordered that the same be received.

Passed August 11. 1862.

Approved

Jabez C. Knight Mayor.

Harbor Masters Monthly Report

The Harbor Master makes his Monthly Report of arrivals and receipts for month ending July 31. 1862.

Number of arrivals subject to one dollar tax 211.—

Respectfully submitted

Daniel Joslin Harbor Master

Read: whereupon it is ordered that the same be received

Passed August 11. 1862

Approved

Jabez C. Knight Mayor.

Monthly Report of Chief Engineer

The Chief Engineer of the Fire Department makes his Report for month ending July 31. 1862) Amount expended $288.92)

The Chief Engineer submits in explanation of the foregoing report, that of the whole amount of $288.92 charged to Incidentals, $116.43 was for bills accrued prior to his term of office. All of which is respectfully submitted

Charles H. Dunham Chief Fire Dpt.

Read: Whereupon it is ordered that the same be received.

Passed August 11. 1862.

Approved.

Jabez C. Knight Mayor.

Harbor Excavations

Resolved:—

That Messrs Hopkins, Case and Crop, with Alderman Brown, be and they are hereby appointed a committee for the purpose of expending the money received from the Harbor Master as already appropriated by ordinance

Passed August 11. 1862

Approved

Jabez C Knight Mayor.

Bounty to Volunteers

Resolved:

That the bounty of one hundred dollars voted by the City Council at their regular meeting July 14. 1862. shall be paid to all who are received as part of the quota for the city of Providence, whether they enlisted prior or subsequent to the passage of the Resolutions for payment of said bounty, and that payment shall be made in manner and time as set forth in said Resolutions

Resolved:

That if any person shall desert or be dishonorably discharged having any part of this bounty unpaid, that he shall forfeit all claim to further payment, and that any orders given by him shall be null and void.

Passed August 11. 1862.

Approved

Jabez C. Knight Mayor.

Do

To the Hon City Council of the City of Providence

The Subscribers believing that a more generous bounty than has yet been offered will speedily fill up our quota, a fact already abundantly proved in many of the towns of this State: believing also that such a measure would be much more acceptable to all our citizens than the proposed draft; and believing furthermore that our tax payers would most cheerfully bear the burden of extra tax, a burden shared proportionally by all, would respectfully pray your honorable body to offer a bounty of $500. each to the three years, and a bounty of $300. each to the nine months volunteers, to a sufficient number of men to meet the demand of the General Government upon this State

(Signed) Thomas M. Clark, James G. Smith and 82 others.

To the Hon City Council of the City of Providence.

Do

The Subscribers believing that a more generous bounty than has yet been offered will speedily fill up our quota, a fact already abundantly proved in many of the towns of this state; believing also that such a measure would be much more acceptable to all our citizens than the proposed draft and believing furthermore that our tax payers would most cheerfully bear the burden of extra tax, a burden shared proportionally by all: would most respectfully pray your hon-

orable body to offer a bounty of $500. each to a number of men sufficient to meet the demand of the general government upon Rhode Island.

(Signed) Welcome Angell and 47 others.

To the Hon. City Council of the City of Providence

We the undersigned tax payers of the City of Providence, would respectfully ask your Hon. body to increase the bounty paid to each volunteer to the sum of five hundred dollars, to be paid under such regulations as your honors may deem proper. Your petitioners would represent that under the present bounty paid by this city, our citizens are enlisting in the several towns of the State, which offer greater inducements, and in some instances even are enlisting in the neighboring States. In order to prevent this and encourage a hearty response to the call of the President from this city your petitioners would respectfully ask your honors to grant the prayer of the petition.

And as in duty bound will ever pray.

Providence Aug 1862.

(Signed,) Joshua Williams and 52 others

Resolved:

That the petitions of Thomas W. Clarke and others, Welcome Angell and others, - and Joshua Williams and others, for increase of bounty to volunteers be severally received; and that the same be referred to Mayor Doggett, Alderman Paxton and Guild with such as the Board of Aldermen may add, to examine and report thereon

Alderman Angell and Brown added.

Passed August 11. 1862.

Approved.

Jabez C. Knight Mayor.

Taxes Remitted

Resolved:

That the taxes assessed against certain persons as named in the two annexed lists amounting to the sum of Four hundred and fifty 14/100 Dollars, be and the same are hereby cancelled and declared null and void: and the City Treasurer is hereby directed to credit the Collector of Taxes with the amount of the same, together with the interest on said several items.

Passed August 11. 1862.

Approved

Jabez C. Knight Mayor.

List of Soldiers in the Army, Taxed in 1861 for Personal Property

Arnold William		1.16
Bucklin James P.	1860 and 1861	2.28
Carr Thomas H.		1.16
Blacke James H.	1860 & 1861	2.28
		$ 6.88

	Fernando.	6.88	
Darling Artemas A		1.16	
Farrington Preston W		1.16	
Greenleaf George		1.16	
Ham George W. Jr.		1.16	
Jenckes Henry C.		28.00	
Lapham Charles	1860 and 1861	2.28	
Manton Walter B	1860 and 1861	5.70	
Metcalf Edwin		2.90	
Prentice Franks		1.74	
Ranson Richmond A	1860 and 1861	2.28	
Spooner William A		1.16	
Spaulding Thomas H		1.16	
Smith Charles F.		1.16	
Sherman Alfred H.		1.16	
Sherman George W. Jr	1860 and 1861	11.40	
Sherman William H		1.16	
Steere Williams H. P.	1860	2.80	74.42

List of Taxes annulled for reasons given by Collector

Angell Edwin J.	cannot be found	1.16	
Anthony Eliza G.	taxed twice	23.20	
Arnold Caleb Jr	no means	1.74	
Arnold George J. (Son of Caleb)	non resident	1.16	
Angell Prudence	error, not to be found	11.60	
Brown Elisha W. clerk	non resident	1.16	
Barton George J.	Besides is taxed in Johnston	1.16	
Babcock Wm B	" in New York	17.40	
David T. Burr	Cannot find	2.90	
Burke Daniel B	Besides at Apponaug	3.48	
Brown Bela	Non resident	1.74	
Bligh Thomas	Gone to Ireland	11.60	
Crapo William W.	No property; in the Army: resides in N.B.	17.40	
Calder Edwin	is taxed as Heir of William Calder	1.16	
Chace William W	is taxed resides in W. Prov	5.80	
Cook Elias S.	Deceased, no property	6.96	
Cory William H. Painter	Has neither real or personal property	8.70	
Church Eben G	Besides at E Greenwich	1.16	
Caswell Albert	Non resident	1.74	
Chapin Walter B 1860 & 1861	Has no means - resident of Wickford	16.90	
Daugaday John H	Cannot find	1.16	
Dupee Wanton	Non resident	1.16	
Davis Wm G.	Resident of California	1.16	
Gage Solomon	Removed from the City	5.80	
Gladding Abraham S.	Deceased - no property	1.74	
Gardiner Henry W. Guardian to Wm H Phillips	Ass settled at Probate Court, no property	23.20	
Gilmore Benj F.	Resident of Hartford Conn	2.32	
Hoppe Thomas	No means. Made an assignment	11.60	
	Fernando	$ 186.26	$ 74.42

	Forwarded	186.26	74.42
Goulett Horace	Cannot find	2.90	
Houghton Arnold B	Do	1.16	
Horton Hiram	Do	1.74	
Hodden Pardon W	Resident of Chicago	11.60	
Harris Wm H painter	Insane at the Hospital	1.74	
Hinds Frederick B	Non Resident	2.90	
Joslin Joseph A.D.	Has taken poor debtors oath	3.48	
Low Charles F	Resides in Iowa	1.16	
Lawton George F	Non resident	2.90	
Matheweson Charles B A	No means	1.74	
Mathews William	" " or business	1.16	
Monroe George W.	Non resident	8.70	
Mowry William	Do	2.90	
Nolan James J	Cannot find	1.74	
Nugent Patricke 1860-1861	Error in assessment	3.42	
Pearce Sarah Guardian 1860	Assessed by mistake as having property	28.00	
Do Do " 1861	" " " " "	29.00	
Rhodes George H (jeweller) 1860 1861	Unable to pay 840 - 5.60	14.20	
Snow Benj F	Non resident Conn	1.16	
Sweet John C	Do Mass	1.74	
Shaw Abiquil J. McShaw admr	No property	17.40	
Stebbins Edward	Resident of Fall River	5.80	
Tiffany Edward P.	" " Chicago	2.90	
Talcott Edwin	Non resident	5.80	
Tidemb Enoch J.	Represented as non resident	5.80	
Warren John G.	Non resident for 3 years	11.60	
Wixon Samuel	Resides at Cape Cod	1.74	
Winchester Charles W	Non resident	1.16	
Whitman Benj F.	Resides at Chicago	11.60	
Binns Robert	Error of assessors	2.32	
			$375.72
			$450.14

The Standing Committee on Police, to whom on the 4th instant was referred a Communication of the Governor in relation to absentees from their regiments make report that they recommend that the same be referred to the Mayor in accordance with the order of the War Department, a copy of which is annexed to this report, that he may take such action in the case as may be deemed necessary.

Absentees absent from Regiments

Com of Governor

Samuel G Ennis Chairman

Read: whereupon it is ordered that said report be received and adopted.

Passed August 18. 1862

Approved

Jabez C. Knight Mayor.

(For Communication of Governor, see Records of Board of Aldermen No 4 page 422)

Pumps at junction of Weigh & Cranston St

Resolved:

That the Overseer of City pumps be authorized and directed to cause a new pump to be placed in the street at the junction of Weigh and Cranston streets, at an expense not exceeding the sum of seventy dollars, to be paid for out of the appropriation for pumps and wells.

Passed August 18. 1862.

Approved

Jabez C. Knight Mayor.

Bounty to Volunteers

To the Hon City Council of the City of Providence

We the undersigned, tax payers of the City of Providence, would hereby ask your Honors to cause a bounty of Five Hundred Dollars to be paid to each volunteer for the war, and a bounty of Three Hundred Dollars to those who volunteer in regiments to fill the call of the President for three hundred thousand men for nine months - believing that this course will cause a response to be made by this city worthy of the patriotism which our people have hitherto shown

Providence August 14. 1862

(Signed) Gardner Pierce and 486 others
Almira Manton and 417 others
Jacob Manchester and 14 others
Benjamin W Lapham and 7 others
James Wood and 15 others

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Report of Committee on payment of increased bounty to Volunteers

The Committee to whom was referred the various petitions relative to an increase of bounty by the City of Providence, (on the 11th instant) present the following as their Report.—

They have given the subject much thought, and have availed themselves of such sources of information as were within their reach, by inquiries of military men and others more intimately acquainted with enlistments.

With regard to the legal right of the Council to offer and pay such bounties as may be thought proper, there can be no question. The peril of the nation, the want of earnest able men would justify extreme legislation. The fact that the various towns of the state have adopted this course, which they would not have done without having in some way the right so to act, would have great weight with the Committee: but all doubt is removed on this point by the clear and explicit opinion of the able City Solicitor.

The question therefore is relieved from one of the objections made to the bounty which was voted at the regular meeting on the evening of the 14th of July last. But other unsurmountable objections meet the Committee at the outset

The apportionment of the State, and consequently of the City has not been clearly defined. It is said Rhode Island has already in the field more than her proportional part of the army of the Union, and that any excess in

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be credited to her and be deducted from the number required under the recent call of the President of the United States. We think such will be the decision: at all events, such is the opinion of the men whose official position would entitle them to be accurately informed. The following order seems to sustain this view

"Ordered – 8th. That in filling all requisitions for militia, the quotas of the several "States will be apportioned by the Governors among the several counties, and where practi-" "cable among the subdivisions of counties, so that allowance shall be made to such" "counties and subdivisions of counties for all volunteers heretofore furnished by them," "and mustered into the service of the United States, and whose stipulated term of" "service shall not have expired

E. M. Stanton Secretary of War"

The Committee therefore are at a loss to know how many men are to be obtained and how much money will be required

But a greater objection lies in the fact that we are ignorant on another point. It is this: If a man resides in any town or city, attracted by the large bounty offered by another town or city, enlists where he is not a resident when the allotment is made, will he be considered as part of the quota of the town or city where he resides, where he has voted, where his family perhaps are left to be provided for during his absence, or as part of the quota of the place where he enlists? This is a question of great importance, and one which the committee of themselves, are unable to decide.

We are credibly informed that this question with others will be settled by the orders from the Department at Washington; and that the man will be reckoned as part of the quota of the place wherein he resides, without any regard to the place of his enlistment.

In order that this matter may be understood, suppose the town of Charlestown offers a bounty of $1000 each, and ten men go there from Westerly to enlist: will these ten men be considered as part of the quota of Charlestown or of Westerly? The common received (and perhaps correct) opinion is that they will be credited and received as part of the quota of Charlestown; but we are ably informed that such would not be the fact, but that they would be a part of the allotment of Westerly, where they resided and from whence they came. Therefore the town of Charlestown would have expended her money in vain.

It may be said that in this the Committee are wrong. If so, they can only reply that they obtained their information from men whose opinion should on these subjects be considered most authoritative, and who ought not to be in error. Such we are informed is the decision in Massachusetts. If a man, for instance, goes to the City of Boston from the town of Taunton and enlists he is credited to the town of Taunton, and considered part of her quota. The Committee regard this as a proper decision.

Take an illustration. Suppose there are in the town of Coventry only fifty men between the ages of 18 and 45 capable of military duty, and that all of these men attracted by the large bounty offered by the City of Providence, come here and enlist, and that they should be accepted as part of the quota of this City. Now, we ask could the town of Coventry furnish its quota of men required? All its able bodied men are already gone. The have enlisted elsewhere.

Until these questions are authoritatively settled it seems to this Committee

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entirely unsafe for the City to increase its bounty, unless the citizens are prepared to incur the risk of expending their money for the benefit of others. Let us know our real position with all its surroundings before we act.

One of the Petitions requested the payment of a bounty of $300 to the nine months' men. There is a doubt if these men can be obtained in any other way than by draft. That is whether volunteers will be accepted in lieu of conscripts. The Governors of some states have written to Washington for advice on this point. Governor Andrew of Massachusetts seems to think they will be accepted; but in his proclamation he earnestly entreats the towns to give no bounties to the nine months' men. It is at present a doubtful point.

The following Order dated August 14th would seem to imply that the draft was imperative:

"4th The draft for the 300,000 militia called for by the President" "will be made on Wednesday the 5th day of September between the hours of 9 o'clock a" "m and 5 p m, and continue from day to day between the same hours until com-" "pleted."

Yet another consideration. When is the work of a town completed? Suppose one town fails to furnish any men, where will the draft to supply the deficiency be made? Will it be from the State at large or from the delinquent town? To illustrate. Suppose the quota required of the whole State to be 2400 men. That all the towns in the State except for instance Newport, have provided their quotas, amounting to 2000 men, and that Newport has provided none. Will the remaining 400 be drafted from the City of Newport alone or from the entire State? We are informed, from the State at large.

There are other objections to this system of excessive bounties which must be present to the mind of every thoughtful man. Have they accomplished the purpose intended? The towns of no State have voted them more liberally than this. Yet the quota of every other New England State is either full, or will soon be furnished – of volunteers. The cry from the army is, send us men voluntarily if you can, involuntarily if you must, but send us no more mercenaries. All agree, even those most anxious for the payment of large bounties: that they do not appeal to the nobler principles of our natures but to our avarice rather than to our patriotism: that they have placed the cities and towns of our loyal State in positions antagonistic to each other. Men are gathered in bands and hawked about from town to town offering their "patriotism" for sale to the highest bidder. Men whom age exempted and whose feebleness unfitted them for the labors of the battle field: mere boys whose slight frames hardened in some instances by scarcely sixteen summers, if we can believe the correspondents of the papers, already encumber the army. Would they have been there had not these excessive bounties attracted their avarice? It was not thus that this glorious government of ours was won, and it is not by appeals to such passions that this noble victory, this maintenance of its power, is to be gained. Men must go to this conflict from a higher sense of duty, a more manly motive, or they cannot feel or estimate the importance of the work in which they are engaged.

The State of Rhode Island is as loyal as any in the Union. She will do her duty and her whole duty in this crisis. The last to enter the Union, she will remain by it as long as it endures; and the City of Providence will not be a laggard in any way for its preservation, or the maintenance of

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its laws. If it is necessary she will pour out her money as water: she will give her noblest and bravest in the last battle, as generously, as freely, as she gave them in the first conflict. It is from no sordid spirit that she grants not these petitions: and let the citizens ever remember, that we the representatives of their wishes, will vote for a liberal expenditure when we can safely do so, and we or they are satisfied that the object can thus be gained which is so earnestly desired by every patriotic heart.

The Committee therefore in view of these facts, do not feel warranted in recommending the granting of the prayer of these petitioners, but unanimously recommend the passage of the accompanying resolution

For the Committee

James H. Eggerhall Chairman

Resolved: That Messrs with such as the Board of Aldermen may add, be and they are hereby appointed a Committee to confer with his Excellency the Governor: with a view to the accurate determination of the questions contained in the report this day made to the City Council and for authoritative information on such other necessary points as may arise

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Communication of the Mayor.

Mayor's Office Providence August 18. 1862

To the Hon City Council

Gentlemen Under the Resolutions which were passed on the 14th of July last, giving a bounty of one hundred dollars to every person enlisting in this city, about two hundred recruits have been received, and as the time was limited in the resolutions and expired on the 13th instant, I recommend that it be extended.

Families of Volunteers

I also recommend that a liberal appropriation be made for the relief of the families of those enlisting or who may be drafted from this city, and who have their residence here at the time of such enlistment or draft.

Jabez C. Knight Mayor.

Resolved:

That the several Petitions of
Amasa Manton and others
Gardner Peirce and others
Jacob Manchester and others
Benjamin N. Stephens and others and
James Wood and others, for increased bounties to volunteers, this day presented to the City Council, be severally received, and that the same together with the Report on the same subject this day made to the City Council, be referred to (Messrs Burry, Dailey, Salisbury, Guild, Brown, Clayton and Field, with Aldermen Grant and Hearn to examine and report thereon.

Resolved: That the Communication from the Mayor on the same subject, this day made to the City Council be referred to the same Committee.

Passed August 18. 1862

Approved

Jabez C. Knight Mayor.

Dorrance St Docks.

Ordered:—

That the Standing Committee on Highways, to whom on the 14th of April last was referred the petition of Edward Pearce and others in relation to the mud in the Dorrance Street Docks — make report at the next meeting of the City Council

Passed August 18. 1862.

Approved

Jabez C. Knight Mayor.

Providence Monday Aug 25. 1862

To the Hon City Council

Report of Com on Bounty to Volunteers.

The joint Special Committee to whom (on the 18th instant) was referred the various petitions relative to a bounty of three and five hundred dollars to volunteers, and also the recommendations of his Hon the Mayor, relative to the extension of the bounty of one hundred dollars, and the relief of the families of volunteers, or of men who may be drafted into the service, submit the following report.

In regard to future provision for the relief of the families of volunteers, your Committee are unanimously of the opinion that the system already inaugurated by this Council, and efficiently carried out by his Honor the Mayor, through the praiseworthy efforts and personal supervision of Mr. George B. Holmes, is most judicious and economical. They therefore recommend that liberal appropriations for this object be made as heretofore from month to month in accordance with the recommendations of the Committee on Finance.

In regard to the chief business upon which this committee is required to report, the General Assembly this day convened, will it is presumed, take some definite action. What this action may be, it is not the province of this Council to decide, or with it in any way whatever to interfere. Our concern is to know what is the quota of men required for the coming draft in this city, and to provide therefor. The following is believed to be a plain and accurate statement of the facts pertaining to the whole question.

In the first place, it may be remarked that our quota cannot be definately ascertained, until the enrollment for the State which is now in progress, shall have been completed, inasmuch as it will be based upon this enrollment and not upon our population. The enrolled militia of the State for the year 1861, numbers according to the last annual report of the adjutant General 20.283. The enrollment for Providence numbers 5947 or about 2/7 of the whole. It is presumed that this relative proportion of City and State will not be changed materially by the new enrollment. The difficult point to be at present determined is the number of men

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to be drafted from this State on the coming month. The following facts and statements obtained mostly from His Excellency the Governor, and from the Adjutant General have a clear bearing upon this question.

On the 15th of April 1861 the President of the United States issued a proclamation calling upon the States to furnish 75.000 men to serve for a period of three months. Rhode Island nobly and promptly responded by sending to Washington 1310 men. thoroughly equipped and furnished for the service. This is 632 more than her just proportion, basing our estimates upon the declared quota of 2712 for the three years volunteers. The second call was for 500,000 men for three years or the war. The proportion for Rhode Island was 4520. She has sent up to Jany 1, including recruits up to this date Aug 25. 6239, being an excess of 1719. The third call was for men for three months to defend Washington against the threatened raid of Jackson. Regardless of what other States might in this emergency do Rhode Island as at the first, promptly responded to the call of the War Department and sent 1820 men into the service, part of whom are reported to be on their way home. Have the number of these last three months men actually received into service by the department, been apportioned among the States, our excess on this third call would be not less than 1500. To sum up in brief; Rhode Island in answer to the first three calls has sent into the service 9369 men, or nearly one half of her entire enrolled militia, making a total of 3851 over and above her just proportion. In addition there have been upwards of 1500 recruited in this State for regiments belonging elsewhere, and the United States Navy.

The fourth call of the President was for 300.000 men for three years. For this the quota of Rhode Island is 2712. This quota has not yet been filled, the Seventh Regiment and Battery H. which are now in camp numbering together only 1011. The deficiency therefore, according to the figures of the Adjutant General is 1701. The fifth and last call is for a draft of 300,000 men for nine months. For this our quota is the same as the last, according to a letter of August 15, addressed from the War Department at Washington to the Adjutant General. This would make the quota for Providence not far from 775, to which must be added her share of the deficiency of 1701 on the previous call. But Rhode Island in answer to the call for one half a million of men for three years has already sent 1719 over and above her just proportion. We may therefore reasonably infer that the balance in our favor of 18, together with our surplus of 2132 three months men, will be credited to us by the War Department, thus reducing the draft for this state to 2000 or less. This would be in accordance with the plainest teachings of common sense, and strict justice. That the Government at Washington ought to do this, is in accordance with the expressed convictions of our highest civil and military authorities.

In regard to the draft your Committee would call attention to the following order issued by his Excellency the Governor, in relation to the regulations for the same in this State.

"VII. While the enrollment is progressing and before the draft has been "made, volunteers for nine months service may be enlisted in any town or city, and "the number of such volunteers will be deducted from the quota of the town or city "by which they are furnished, but no volunteers will be credited to the quota of any "other town than the one in which he is enrolled. The names of all persons who "may volunteer, must be reported to the Commissioner for the district within which the "town from which such volunteer comes is situated on or before the first day of Septem"ber next."

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This it will be seen puts an effectual check to the evils growing out of excessive bounties and competition between the respective towns, by crediting every volunteer to the town in which he is enrolled. It also provides that volunteers be accepted in lieu of the draft, provided a number sufficient to make up the quota of any town or city, shall report their names to the Commissioner on or before the 1st day of September next. Believing a draft to be repugnant to the views and feelings of a great majority of our citizens, as is evident from the various petitions now under consideration, your Committee counsel such action on the part of this body, as shall induce men to volunteer so as to obviate the necessity of an actual draft in this City. They therefore in conclusion recommend the passage of the accompanying Resolutions

For the Committee

Reuben A. Guild. Chairman.

Do Appropriation

Resolved;

That the sum of Seventy five thousand dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated for the payment of bounties to Volunteers out of any money in the City Treasury not otherwise appropriated

Resolved;

That the City Treasurer be and he is hereby directed to pay to each volunteer who shall enlist for the three years service, on or before the first day of September next a bounty of one hundred dollars; said bounty to be paid immediately after he shall have been accepted by the military authorities of the United States as a part of this City's quota of the three hundred thousand volunteers called for by the President of the United States on the second day of July 1862; also that the sum of twenty five dollars per month be paid on his order, to his family if he have a family and if not, to his own order, during the first twelve months of his service, provided that he do not in the meanwhile desert or be dishonorably discharged.

Resolved;

That the City Treasurer be and he is hereby directed to pay on the order of each nine months volunteer or drafted soldier, to his family if he have a family, and if not, to his own order, during said nine months service, the sum of twenty five dollars per month, provided he do not in the mean while desert or be dishonorably discharged.

City Bonds

(Continued Page 506.)

Resolved;

That Messrs Guild, Cumy and Dailey, with Aldermen Angell and Grant, be appointed a Committee to make application to the General Assembly now in session, for the passage of an act authorising the City of Providence to issue Bonds for a loan not exceeding the sum of Five Hundred thousand dollars, to meet the exigencies growing out of the present civil war.

Passed August 25, 1862.

Approved

Jabez C. Knight Mayor

Families of Volunteers

Resolved.—

That the sum of Fifteen Hundred Dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated for the relief of the families of volunteers, the same to be expended under the advice and direction of His Hon the Mayor.

Passed August 25. 1862.

Approved.
Jabez C. Knight Mayor

Cove Lands

Resolved.—

That permission be given to the Quarter Master General of the State of Rhode Island to use such portion of the land filled in by the City west of the Cove Park, as may be necessary for the use of the Government of the United States for barracks or other military purposes, until revoked by the City Council.

Passed August 25. 1862.

Approved
Jabez C. Knight Mayor.

Wm E. Richmond

To the Hon City Council of the City of Providence

Respectfully suggests the subscriber William E. Richmond of said City; That the boundary line between the School House Lot on Carpenter Street, and the subscribers land adjoining is not at right angles with the street, and might be revised and altered to a right angle to great advantage to both parties. He therefore requests a reference of the subject matter to the appropriate Committee to examine and report thereon.

(Signed) W. E. Richmond

School House Lot Carpenter Street

The Standing Committee on City Property to whom was referred the communication of William E. Richmond Esq August 11.

Report: That they have had an interview with Mr. Richmond and that he claims that the line of the School House Lot as laid out by Mr Haines in 1850 is erroneous, and that he Mr Richmond claims about twelve feet more on Carpenter street than the plat of the city now gives him. The deed of the lot given to the City by Dexter Peirce in 1850 gives the line Southerly on Carpenter Street about 120 feet more or less. Mr Richmond claims from the Billibridge Plat so called, which gives a given number of feet on the line of Carpenter Street, and which if allowed would leave the City about 108, instead of 120 feet on the line of Carpenter Street. Until the line is established, your Committee will be unable to make any recommendations in regard to an exchange of land between Mr. Richmond and the City. Your Committee would therefore recommend the passage of the following Resolution

(Signed) F. Case for the committee

Resolved:—

That the City Surveyor (if assented to by Mr. Richmond) be directed to survey at the mutual expence of the parties interested, the School House Lot on Carpenter Street; and report the result to the City Council.

Passed August 25. 1862.

Approved
Jabez C. Knight Mayor.

Communication of Mayor.

Recruiting Offices

Mayors Office

Providence September 8. 1862.

To the Hon City Council

Gentlemen The enclosed Resolution was passed at the "War Meeting" this afternoon and I recommend that a Committee be appointed who shall have power to cause recruiting offices to be established in the various wards of this city, or otherwise as may be considered expedient: and to cooperate with any citizens who may be disposed to aid in filling the quota of troops from this city called for by the President of the United States

Jabez C. Knight Mayor.

"Resolved: That the City Council be requested to establish recruiting rendezvous" "rous in this city and that the Mayor be authorized to communicate this res-" "olution to that body at their meeting to be held this evening"

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Resolved:

That Aldermen Jones and Peirce, with Messrs Sisson, Croft, Wade, Calder, Barker, Turpin and Drowne be and they are hereby appointed a Committee to cause a recruiting office for the enlistment of volunteers for the United States Service, to be opened in each Ward of this City, or otherwise, as they may deem expedient: and to co-operate with any citizens who may be disposed to aid in causing the City's quota of troops called for from this State by the President of the United States, to be filled up

Passed September 8. 1862

Approved
Jabez C. Knight Mayor.

Surveyors Monthly Report

The Surveyor of Highways makes his Monthly Report of Work done from August 1 to September 1. 1862.

Number of men employed 60 Teams 13. Amount expended $ 2647.27

The work was done grading, laying curbing paving gutters gravelling, and new crop walk on Drumond Street.

Re-laying curbing and paving gutters on Claverick, Clifford, Chestnut Bassett and George Streets:

Gravelling on Clifford, Pine, Benefit, Benevolent, Brown and George Streets:

Repairs on Friendship Street:

Re-laying curbing on George street, Grading Prospect alley from Prospect to Brown streets and relaying gutter on same Laying two cross walks on High street at the junction of Summer Street

Carting 330 tons of paving stone from wharf to place of deposit. Cleaning streets &c

Respectfully submitted

Samuel B Dupee Surveyor.

Read: whereupon it is ordered that the same be received

Passed September 8, 1862

Approved

Jabez C. Knight Mayor.

Chief Engineers Monthly Report

The Chief Engineer of the Fire Department presents his Monthly Report of Expenditures for the month ending August 31. 1862. Amt expended $363.30

Read: whereupon it is ordered that the same be received

Passed September 8, 1862.

Approved

Jabez C. Knight Mayor.

Harbor Masters Monthly Report

The Harbor Master presents his Monthly Report of arrivals and receipts for month ending August 31. 1862 Amount received $262.00

Read whereupon it is ordered that the same be received

Passed September 8. 1862.

Approved

Jabez C. Knight Mayor.

City Bonds

The Joint Special Committee appointed to make application to the General Assembly for the passage of an Act authorising the City of Providence to issue bonds for a loan not exceeding the sum of three hundred thousand dollars, to meet the exigences growing out of the present civil war, respectfully report that they have attended to the duty assigned them. An Act as aforesaid drawn up by the City Solicitor was passed by the General Assembly during its recent session in this City

In behalf of the Committee.

Reuben A. Guild Chairman

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

Passed September 8. 1862

Approved

Jabez C. Knight Mayor

Bounty to Volunteers

The City Treasurer makes Report

That he has in accordance with the Resolution of the City Council passed August 25, 1862, paid to enlisted volunteers for the City's quota of the three hundred thousand troops under the call of July 2d

fifty one at $100 each	$5100.
And given orders on the Treasury for $25 per month 12 Months	15300.
	$20.400

Respectfully submitted

Maximus W. Gardiner City Treasurer

Read: whereupon it is ordered that the same be received

Passed September 8. 1862

Approved

Jabez C. Knight Mayor.

Appropriation Ordinance

"An Ordinance making appropriations for the support of the government of the City for the financial year ending on the thirtieth day of September A.D. 1863."

(See Book of Ordinances No 2. page 152.)

Passed September 8. 1862

Approved

Jabez C. Knight Mayor.

Appropriation

Resolved:- That the sum of one hundred and seventy one dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated for Assessors Plats and street lines in addition to the sum already appropriated

Passed September 8. 1862

Approved

Jabez C. Knight Mayor.

Volunteers

Resolution annulled

Resolved:- That the Resolution which passed the City Council at its meeting on the 25th of August last authorising and directing the City Treasurer to pay to the family upon the order or if he has no family upon his own order, to each nine months volunteer or drafted man, the sum of twenty five dollars per month, be and the same is hereby annulled.

Passed September 8. 1862

Approved

Jabez C. Knight Mayor.

Families of Volunteers

Resolved: That Messrs. Guild, Field, Payton, with Alderman Ham, be and they are hereby appointed a special Committee, to report at the next meeting of the Council what further legislation is necessary for the support of the families of the volunteers from this city, and to report some practical method of distributing the appropriations made by the City Council, that shall come more immediately under the control and supervision of the City Council.

Passed September 8. 1862

Approved.
Jabez C. Knight Mayor.

To the Hon City Council of the City of Providence

We the undersigned, tax payers of the City of Providence would respectfully ask your Hon Body to cause a bounty of four dollars to be paid weekly to each and

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every volunteer or drafted men who may enlist to fill the quota for the call of the President of the United States for men to serve nine months

(Signed) Cardon Angell and 64 others
S. A Winsor and 13 others

Resolved: That the several Petitions of Cardon Angell and others and S. A. Winsor and others praying that a bounty of four dollars per week be paid to volunteers and drafted men; this day presented to the City Council, be received and that the same be referred to Messrs Guild, Field and Payton, with Alderman Ham, to examine and report thereon

Passed September 8. 1862.

Approved
Jabez C. Knight Mayor

Bounty assumed by the State of RI

Resolved: That the City Treasurer be and he is hereby directed to make application to the General Treasurer of the State in conformity with the act passed at the August session of the General Assembly 1862 entitled "an Act to provide for a uniform bounty to be paid by the State to volunteers and for other purposes", for the payment of the bounty of three hundred dollars, and the bounty of one hundred dollars, assumed by the State to be paid to those towns which have appropriated these sums to be paid to volunteers so enlisting.

Passed September 8. 1862

Approved.
Jabez C. Knight Mayor.

Appropriation Dorrance street Dock.

Resolved: That the sum of two hundred dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated for the purpose of removing the filth from the upper end of the Dorrance street dock, carried in from the Dorrance Street culvert. To be paid out of any money not otherwise appropriated

Passed September 8. 1862

Approved
Jabez C. Knight Mayor.

Fabrin Street Sewer

Resolved: That the Surveyor of Highways (acting under the advice and directions of the Standing Committee on Highways, be and he hereby is directed to enlarge the Fabrin street culvert in Cove Street to the same capacity of the main culvert.

Passed September 8. 1862)

Approved
Jabez C. Knight Mayor.

Knight St.

Resolved: That the Surveyor of Highways be and he is hereby directed to cause Knight street to be graded and turnpiked from Atwell's avenue to a point South of Ring street so as to take the water from Cranston and Ring streets to Atwell's Avenue: provided the owners of the adjoining lands consent.

Passed September 8. 1862)

Approved
Jabez C. Knight Mayor.

Taxes Remitted

P. B. Mumford Heirs

Resolved: That the City Treasurer be and he is hereby directed to credit the Collector of Taxes with the sum of $216.80 with interest thereon, from the time of his settlement with the city of the tax assessed in the year 1859, being the amount erroneously assessed upon the estate of the late Samuel B. Mumford: and also that one of the assessments made upon the estate of the late Samuel B. Mumford in the year 1861 amounting to the sum of $147.90 be and the same is hereby cancelled, and the City Treasurer is directed to credit the Collector of Taxes with that amount in the settlement of his account for that year.

Passed September 8. 1862)

Approved
Jabez C. Knight Mayor.

COLORED PAPER

Wm Vose

The Standing Committee on the Fire Department, to whom was referred the Petition of William Vose, for permission to remove a certain wooden building; make report in favor thereof: whereupon it is

Wooden Building

Resolved: That the prayer of said petition be granted, provided the petitioner give a satisfactory Bond to the City Treasurer as required by the 3d section of "An Ordinance in relation to the removal of wooden buildings"

Passed September 8. 1862.

Approved,
Jabez C. Knight Mayor.

To the Hon City Council of the City of Providence

Report of Comm on Relief of the Families of Volunteers

The Joint Special Committee appointed at the last meeting of the City Council to take into consideration the propriety of making further provision for the support of the families of volunteers, and to devise some practical method of disbursing appropriations for said object, so that they may come more directly under the supervision and control of the City Council, respectfully submit the following

— Report. —

The petitions presented to the Council and referred to this Committee at the aforesaid meeting, include only the volunteers and drafted men for the nine months service, with the object doubtless, of promoting immediate enlistments throughout the City. So also with the Resolutions adopted by our fellow citizens at a war meeting held in the Academy of Music on Wednesday last, to the effect that this council be requested to appropriate for the support of the families of volunteers, a sum not exceeding four dollars per week. Whatever be the legislation of the City Council on this subject, it must evidently be in this direction, inasmuch as the recent action of the General Assembly prohibits the cities and towns from making provision other than for the families and dependents of our United States Soldiers

The following is the Act making provision for the families and dependents of those men who may be mustered into the service of the United States, passed by the State Legislature at its session held in this city commencing August 26. 1862

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS.
In General Assemby, August Session, 1862.

AN ACT in addition to Title VII, Chapter 30, of the Revised Statutes, "Of the powers of and of suits by and against Towns":

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

Section 1. Hereafter the several towns are authorized to appropriate and raise money for the purpose of rendering assistance to the families and dependents of those who may be mustered into the service of the United States from this State, to serve under any of the calls which have been heretofore made, or which may hereafter be made upon this State, by the President of the United States, to an amount not exceeding four dollars per week to the family of any one man.

Sec. 2. Nothing in the preceding section contained shall be construed to affect any contract to render aid to his family, which has heretofore been made by any town with any person who, before the passage of this act, has enlisted in the service of the United States.

Sec. 3. The act passed at the August session, A. D., 1861, being Chapter 389, of the Revised Statutes, is hereby repealed.

A true copy—witness:
JOHN R. BARTLETT, Secretary of State.

This Act, it will be observed, refers only to those men who may hereafter be mustered into the army, without including those who had already enlisted previous to the passage. There is nothing however in this, or any other Act of the General Assembly, which, in the opinion of your Committee, or of the City Solicitor, prevents the City Council from making legal provision for the aid and support of the families of those men who have enlisted since the commencement of the war, and

who, at the time of their enlistment, had their residence in Providence. Any Legislation looking forward to the future, without regard to the families and dependents of those men, who, with small bounties from the State, and without any city bounties whatever, have endured hardships, and risked life, in their and our country's defence, would be manifestly cruel as well as unjust. It is time that the support of so large a number of families and dependents will impose upon tax payers a severe and heavy burden; but the time has come when severe and heavy burdens must be borne. The war has reached a crisis, and assumed proportions hardly deemed possible or even possible at its commencement. We are fighting now in self defence; not only for a national existence, but for all that renders existence of any value. Our work requires the organizing of men and sending them forth to battle, and the outpouring of treasure without stint or limit, until this rebellion shall be crushed out, and every thought of Secession buried in a grave from which there shall be no resurrection.

Your Committee in conclusion recommend the appropriation of one hundred thousand dollars, for the aid and relief of the families and dependents of volunteers and drafted soldiers, the same to be applied and distributed in accordance with the accompanying Resolutions which are herewith submitted.

In behalf of the Committee:
Reuben A. Field Chairman.

Providence September 15th 1862.

Resolved: —

Appropriation

1 That the City Treasurer, acting under the advice and direction of the Standing Committee on Finance, be and he is hereby authorized and instructed to borrow, either by issuing Bonds, or otherwise, the sum of One hundred thousand dollars, and that said sum be and the same is hereby appropriated for

City Bonds

the aid and relief of the families and dependents of those men who have been, or who may hereafter be mustered into the volunteer service of the United States, for three years, for nine months, or for the war, belonging to, or having their residence in the City of Providence at the time of their enlistment; also for the aid and relief of the families and dependents of those men, belonging to or having their residence in Providence, who may hereafter be drafted into the service of the United States.

Resolved: —

2. That the aforesaid appropriation of One hundred thousand dollars be applied in the following sums and manner: viz:

(See page 526)

To the families and dependents of those men who have enlisted for three years or the war, consisting of a wife, a child, or a single dependent the sum of two dollars per week

To the families and dependents as aforesaid, consisting of a wife and child, two children, or two dependents the sum of three dollars per week

To the families and dependents as aforesaid, consisting of a wife and two children, three or more children, or three or more dependents, the sum of four dollars per week

To the families and dependents of those men who may hereafter enlist for the three years or the war, and who shall be accepted as a part of the city's

Please Note: Document(s)
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Wm Vero

The Standing Committee on the Fire Department, to whom was referred the Petition of William Vero, for permission to remove a certain wooden building; make report in favor thereof: whereupon it is

Wooden Building

Resolved: That the Prayer of said petition be granted, provided the petitioner give a satisfactory Bond to the City Treasurer as required by the 3d Section of "An Ordinance in relation to the removal of wooden buildings"

Passed September 8. 1862)

Approved.
Jabez C. Knight Mayor.

To the Hon City Council of the City of Providence

Report of Comm on Relief of the Families of Volunteers

The Joint Special Committee appointed at the last meeting of the City Council to take into consideration the propriety of making further provision for the support of the families of volunteers, and to devise some practical methods of disbursing appropriations for said object, so that they may come more directly under the supervision and control of the City Council, respectfully submit the following

—Report.—

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who, at the time of their enlistment, had their residence in Providence. Any Legislation looking forward to the future, without regard to the families and dependents of those men, who, with small bounties from the State, and without any city bounties whatever, have endured hardships, and risked life, in their and our country's defence, would be manifestly cruel as well as unjust. It is true that the support of so large a number of families and dependents will impose upon tax payers a severe and heavy burden; but the time has come when severe and heavy burdens must be borne. The war has reached a crisis, and assumed proportions hardly deemed probable or even possible at its commencement. We are fighting now in self defence: not only for a national existence, but for all that renders existence of any value. Our work requires the organizing of men and sending them forth to battle, and the outpouring of treasure, without stay or stint, until this rebellion shall be crushed out, and every thought of secession buried in a grave from which there shall be no resurrection.

Your Committee in conclusion recommend the appropriation of one hundred thousand dollars, for the aid and relief of the families and dependents of volunteers and drafted soldiers, the same to be applied and disbursed in accordance with the accompanying Resolutions which are herewith submitted.

In behalf of the Committee:
Reuben A. Ireland Chairman.

Providence September 15th 1862

Resolved:—

Appropriation

City Bonds

1 That the City Treasurer, acting under the advice and direction of the Standing Committee on Finance, be and he is hereby authorized and instructed to borrow, either by issuing Bonds, or otherwise, the sum of One hundred thousand dollars, and that said sum be and the same is hereby appropriated for the aid and relief of the families and dependents of those men who have been, or who may hereafter be mustered into the volunteer service of the United States, for three years, for nine months, or for the war, belonging to, or having their residence in the City of Providence at the time of their enlistment; also for the aid and relief of the families and dependents of those men, belonging to or having their residence in Providence, who may hereafter be drafted into the service of the United States.

Resolved:—

2. That the aforesaid appropriation of One hundred thousand dollars be applied in the following sums and manner: viz:

See page 526

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To the families and dependents as aforesaid, consisting of a wife and two children, three or more children, or three or more dependents, the sum of four dollars per week

To the families and dependents of those men who may hereafter enlist for the three years or the war, and who shall be accepted as a part of the city's

quota of the three hundred thousand men called for by the President of the United States July 2. 1862, the sum of four dollars per week.

To the families and dependents of those men who have enlisted, or who may hereafter enlist for the nine months service, and who shall be accepted as a part of the Citys quota, the sum of four dollars per week during said service.

The families and dependents of sick or wounded soldiers, or of those who have died, or who may die in the service, not to be excluded from the benefit of the foregoing provisions.

Families already provided for by the bounties offered by the City Council on the 25th of August 1862 not to be included in the foregoing provisions.

Committee of Relief

Resolved:—

3. That Messrs Guild, Knop, Washburn, Curry, Barker, Payton and Field and Alderman Paine, be and they are hereby appointed a Committee of Relief, authorized and empowered to hire an office room and furnish the same at the Citys expense; to decide upon all applications for relief; to adopt rules and regulations for the effectual carrying out of the provisions of the foregoing Resolutions, and in general to have the oversight and management of the business pertaining to the aid and relief of the families and dependents of volunteers and drafted Soldiers.

Relief Clerks

Resolved—

4. That the aforesaid Relief Committee be and they are hereby authorized and empowered to appoint a Relief Clerks, whose duty it shall be, acting under the advice and direction of said Committee, to keep a complete rool book of all volunteers and drafted soldiers belonging to Providence, with the dates of enlistment or draft, together with all the information that can be procured for identification; to receive all applications for relief, furnishing blanks to applicants, and assisting them in making their petitions; to pay out the weekly sums authorized as aforesaid, keeping correct accounts thereof in books provided for this purpose; and in general to perform such duties as may be assigned him from time to time by the said Committee. He shall make a monthly return to the City Council, stating the amount of his receipts and disbursements. For the faithful performance of his duties, he shall be required to give Bonds to the amount of twenty five hundred dollars, satisfactory to the Committee on Finance

Resolved—

5. That the aforesaid appropriation for the aid and relief of the families of volunteers, shall be subject only to the draft of the Chairman of said Relief Committee, countersigned by the Mayor; and said Committee is hereby authorized and directed to draw from time to time upon the City treasurer, for such amounts as may be required for the weekly disbursements of the aforesaid Relief Clerks.

Resolved.—

6. That the aforesaid Relief Clerks be allowed for his services, a compensation of sixty dollars per month, said compensation to commence from this date, September 15th; and that the same, together with the necessary expenses of rent, printing, Stationery &c. be paid out of the aforesaid appropriation for the re-

lief of the families of volunteers.

Resolved—

That the foregoing Resolutions take effect on and after the first day of October 1862.

Passed September 15. 1862.

Approved

Jabez C. Knight Mayor.

Recruiting offices

To the Hon the City Council

Your Committee appointed on the 8th instant "to open Recruiting Offices and superintend enlisting" beg leave to report that they have opened such offices in the several wards, and have appointed the following recruiting officers to take charge of them.

First Ward	Philip C. Gray	Theodore Rutherford
Second do	William H. Eldridge	Robert E. Low
Third do	William H. Ayer	James C. Hill
Fourth do	C. F. Phillips	Nicholas H. Major
Fifth do	Wm E. Taber Jr	William A. James
Sixth do	Wm A. Darling	C. H. Alexander
Seventh do	J. Wm Rose	John E. Bradford.

Your Committee have agreed to pay the above officers one dollars and a half per day each for their services, and have authorized other expenses such as the fitting up of tents and hiring a room in the First Ward, where no other suitable location could be obtained; all which expenditures your hon body is respectfully requested to sanction

For the Committee

William H. Wade chairman.

Read: whereupon it is ordered that the same be received

Passed September 15. 1862.

Approved.

Jabez C. Knight Mayor.

City Funds

Resolved:

That the City treasurer, acting under the advice of the Standing Committee on Finance, be and he is hereby authorised to make such arrangement with any Bank or Banks as they may judge best, to receive on deposit the monies of the City

Passed September 15. 1862.

Approved

Jabez C. Knight Mayor.

War Meetings for Enlistments

Resolved: That the City Treasurer be authorized to pay upon the orders of the Mayor, the sum of four hundred and fifty dollars, for defraying the expenses of Sunday public meetings held for "the promotion of enlistments in this City," and that the same be paid out of the appropriation for contingencies.

Passed September 22. 1862.

Approved. Jabez C. Knight Mayor.

Families of Volunteers

Whereas:- by the Resolutions of the City Council passed September 15th 1862, provision was made, among other things, for the assistance of the families and dependents of such persons as should be, after such time, enlisted from this City in the service of the United States, for the term of three years, and for the assistance of the families and dependents of such persons as have been, or should be enlisted for the nine months call recently made by the President of the United States: and

Whereas:- It was the intention of the Council that the families and dependents of persons as aforesaid, forming a part of the City's Quotas, should be assisted to the extent of four dollars per week during such terms of service, wherever such families or dependents may reside, therefore

Resolved: That the Relief Committee be and they are hereby authorized and instructed to pay to the families and dependents of the classes above named in the foregoing preamble, the sum of four dollars per week during their terms of service, (provided they do not in the mean while desert or be dishonorably discharged) wherever the families and dependents of such persons may reside at the time of such enlistment.

Passed September 22. 1862.

Approved. Jabez C. Knight Mayor.

Recruiting Officers

J. H. Kennedick
Z. B. Smith

Resolved:- That Messrs Joseph H. Kennedick and Z. B. Smith be added to the number of Recruiting Officers, authorized by vote of the Council on the 15th instant: and that they be allowed the same compensation as is allowed to said officers, for the time that they have been, or may be employed in recruiting to fill the City's Quota of troops.

Passed September 22. 1862

Approved. Jabez C. Knight Mayor.

Surveyor's Monthly Report

The Surveyor of Highways makes his monthly report of work done from Sept 1 to Oct 1. 1862.

Number of men employed 63. — No of teams 13 — Amount expended $267.91

The work was done grading, curbing, paving gutters & laying two cross walks on Kinnyon street. — Curbing and paving gutters on a portion of America and Exchange streets — Gravelling on College, Benefit, Charles Field, Power, Pine, Richmond, Broadway, Federal and Elm Streets. — Repairing Prague street — Curbing and paving Atoms gangway from Weybosset to Dyer street. — Hauling 102 tons paving from wharf to place of deposit — Cleaning reservoirs — Laying cross walks on Broadway, Exchange and Federal streets. — Repairing streets in general.

Respectfully submitted

Providence October 10. 1862 Samuel B. Dungee Surveyor

Read: Whereupon it is ordered that the same be received.

Passed October 13. 1862

Approved. Jabez C. Knight Mayor.

Chief Engineer's Monthly Report

The Chief Engineer of the Fire Department presents his Monthly Report of expenditures for month ending September 30. 1862. Amount expended $ 704.44

Read: whereupon it is ordered that the same be received

Passed October 13. 1862

Approved Jabez C. Knight Mayor.

Hawkers Master's Monthly Report

The Hawker Master presents his Monthly report of arrests and receipts for month ending September 30. 1862. Amount received $ 213.—

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

Passed October 13. 1862

Approved Jabez C. Knight Mayor.

Report of Trustees of Sinking Fund

Providence Oct 13. 1862.

The undersigned Trustees of the Sinking Fund of the City of Providence appointed in conformity with the Act of the General Assembly at their May session 1855 make the following report of the condition of said Funds.

They hold 64 Bonds of the City of Providence payable in 1885 at 6 per cent, with coupons attached $ 1000. each } $ 64.000

Over

Brought forward.	$ 64.000.00
They hold two Bonds. City of Providence issued to Hartford Prov. & Fishkill R.R. Co payable in 1876 at 6 p/c with coupons	2,000.–
They hold 5 Registered Bonds U.S. 6 p/c 1881 (Change from coupons)	17,000.–
" " 9 U.S. 7 3/10 Treasury Notes 3 yrs from August 1861	17,000.–
" " Cash ($ 10.000 recd from City Oct 10. 1862)	10.137.20
	$ 101.137.20

Amos D. Smith
Amasa Mountin
Henry Anthony } Trustees of Sinking Fund City of Providence

To the Hon City Council
City of Providence R.I. }

Read; whereupon it is ordered that the same be received.
Passed October 13. 1862.

Approved
Jabez B Knight Mayor.

Report of the Trustees of Sinking Fund Hartford Prov. & Fishkill R.R. Co

To the Hon. City Council of the City of Providence)

The undersigned Trustees of the Sinking Fund of the Hartford Providence and Fishkill Rail Road Company in Providence make the following Report. They have

27 Bonds of the City of Providence payable 1885. and one payable in 1876. for $1000. each }	$ 28.000.00
4 Registered Bonds U.S 6 per ct payable in 1881 (changed from coupon bonds) }	8.000.00
13 U.S. Treasury Notes 7 3/10 per ct	12.500.00
	$ 48.500.00

The one per ct on Jnt 1858 due this fund is still unpaid

Amos D Smith
Amasa Mountin
Maurinus W. Gardiner } Trustees Sinking fund H.P. & F. R.R. Co. in Providence

Read; whereupon it is ordered that the same be received
Passed October 13. 1862.

Approved
Jabez B. Knight Mayor.

Deposit of City Funds

American Banks

The Standing Committee on Finance Report that the City Treasurer by and with their advice has made arrangement with the American Banks for the keeping the city money on deposit at the rate of 4/5 per cent on and after the 1st day of October 1863.
A. Dailey for Com.

Read: whereupon it is ordered that the same be received.
Approved Jabez B. Knight Mayor } Passed October 13. 1862

General Orders.

Quota of troops

General Orders No 45 from the Adjutant Generals Office; fixing the quota of troops in the several towns in the State under the calls of the President of the United States dated July 2. and August 4th 1862. is read in both boards of the City Council. (Quota of the City of Providence 1791)

Webb Monument Association

Upon the Petition of the Webb Monument Association it is

Resolved; That the City Treasurer be and he is hereby directed to convey by deed to the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Free and accepted Masons of the State of Rhode Island, and his successors in said office, the circular lot in the North Burial Ground, whereon the monument of Thomas Smith Webb now stands.

Resolved.

That the Resolution heretofore passed by the City Council directing a deed of said lot to be made to the "Webb Monument association" be and the same is hereby rescinded

Passed October 13. 1862

Approved
Jabez B. Knight Mayor.

Grand Lodge of R.I.

North Burial Grounds

Steam Boiler Explosion

Whereas, on the 6th instant, a serious calamity occurred in this city by the explosion of a steam boiler at the planing works of Silas A. Sweet & Co. on Potter Street, thereby causing the deaths of two of our citizens, severely wounding others, destroying a large amount of property, and at the same time fearfully endangering the lives and property of a large number of our citizens in their homes, and in the public thoroughfares of the City: therefore

Resolved:—

That it is the sense of the Council that an investigation should be had as to the cause or causes of said explosion, and of such facts as may be elicited in connection therewith; and that Messrs Briggs, Simmons & Washburn, with Alderman Hearn, be a Committee to make such investigations, and report at the next meeting of the Council.

Passed October 13. 1862.

Approved
Jabez B. Knight Mayor.

Wooden building

John D Cranston

The Standing Committee on the Fire Department to whom was referred the petition of John D Cranston for permission to remove a certain wooden building, make report in favor thereof: whereupon it is

Resolved: That the prayer

of said petition be granted, provided the petitioner give a satisfactory bond to the City Treasurer as required by the 3d Section of "An Ordinance in relation to the removal of wooden buildings."

Passed October 13. 1862

Approved
Jabez C. Knight Mayor.

Pumps & Wells

Resolved:

That the Chief Engineer of the Fire Department, acting under the advice of the Mayor, be authorized to cause a new pump to be placed in the well at the junction of Weigh and Brandon streets; and in such other wells belonging to the City as they consider expedient and advisable, provided the expense does not exceed the sum of Seventy dollars for each pump; to be paid for out of the appropriation for pumps and wells

Passed November 10. 1862

Approved
Jabez C Knight Mayor

Resolved:

Water Closets in Market House

That the City Marshal be hereby authorized to cause the water closet in the Market House to be remodeled and put in proper condition at an expense not exceeding Seventy five dollars, to be paid from the appropriation for repairs of public buildings

Passed November 10. 1862

Approved
Jabez C. Knight Mayor.

Sewer from Back Street to river

Resolved:—

That the Surveyor of Highways be and he is hereby directed to cause a Sewer with sand catcher to be built from Back street to the Mashassuck River through the lane at the north end of Fletcher Bros & Co's works, whenever the owners of the adjoining lands shall have paid into the City Treasury one dollar per foot for the whole length of said sewer.

Passed November 10. 1862

Approved
Jabez C. Knight Mayor.

Surveyor's Monthly Report

The Surveyor of Highways makes his Monthly Report of work done from October 1. to November 1. 1862.—

Number of men employed 65. ____ Number of teams 13. ____ Amt expended $ 2738.49.
The work was done on ____

Continuation of Sabin st sewer from Union street to the brook ____

Setting curbstone and paving gutters in Gaspee street. Laying new crop walks from Gaspee street to brook street ____

Repairing pavement in Washington street: graveling Pitman and other streets. Repairs on the same. graveling Star, Church, North Court, South Court, Thomas, Congdon, Angell, South, Richmond and Pine streets, also repairing done in Bowen & Clifford streets. Paving Friendship street the width of Richmond st. Laying six new crop walks in Jefferson street, one in Common street. three in Mulberry st. One in Davis st and three in State street. Work done in Knight street, cleaning out reservoirs. Carting 167 tons of paving stone from wharf to place of deposit. Repairing and cleaning streets in general.

Respectfully submitted. Providence November 8th 1862.
Samuel B. Draper Surveyor.

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

Passed November 10. 1862.

Approved
Jabez C Knight Mayor.

Chief Engineer's Monthly Report

The Chief Engineer of the Fire Department makes his Monthly Report of Expend- for month ending October 31. 1862 Amount expended $ 446.97 ——

Read: whereupon it is ordered that the same be received
Passed November 10. 1862

Approved
Jabez C Knight Mayor.

Harbor Master's Monthly Report

The Harbor Master makes his Monthly Report of arrivals and receipts for the month ending October 31. 1862 Amount received — $ 332.00

Read: whereupon it is ordered that the same be received
Passed November 10. 1862

Approved
Jabez C Knight
Mayor.

Report of Relief Committee

To the Hon the City Council

The Committee of Relief respectfully present the following brief statement of their proceedings during the past month.

Report of Relief Committee

In accordance with the Resolutions under which they were appointed, they have hired a commodious office in Pratt's Hall so called, on Weybosset street, at a rent of one hundred and fifty dollars per annum, and furnished the same in a suitable manner. They have also secured the services of Mr Joseph H. Knight as Relief Clerk at a compensation of sixty dollars per month. His account of receipts and disbursements for the month ending October 31. accompanies this report. —— From this it will appear that the number of applicants to whom weekly payments have been made is nearly six hundred (580 of whom 220 are allowed $2 per week ; 145 $3 per week and 215 $4 per week)

The care and responsibility involved in the payment of a weekly allowance to so large a number of families and dependants, will be best appreciated by those who are familiar with the details and embarrassments belonging to this kind of work. The Committee have engaged in their labors with zeal and energy, devoting thereto in some instances, the larger portion of their time. They have been greatly assisted by the Relief Clerk, whose experience in this business during the past year had well qualified him to enter at once, and with success upon his arduous duties. To the judicious counsels and hearty co-operation of Mr Wightman, the efficient Overseer of the Poor, the Committee are greatly indebted, and they deem themselves happy in being able thus to bear testimony to the value of his services.

In regard to their modes of proceedure, they can be best learned from the pamphlet herewith enclosed, which contains the Resolutions passed by the City Council, together with the brief regulations which the Committee have adopted for their guidance. That the Committee may err in judgment, and in some instances be imposed upon by false statements is of course to be expected. It is their wish however and earnest endeavour to be in all cases strict and impartial, and so to dispense the noble charities with which they are entrusted, as to advance the best interests of the City and promote the happiness and well being of those whose lawful protectors and supports are now engaged in our country's defence, endangering their lives in the camp and upon the field of battle.

In behalf of the Committee

Reuben A. Guild. Chairman

Providence Nov. 10th 1862.

Read: whereupon it is ordered that the same be received; Ordered: That the same be printed in the newspapers employed to do the City printing

Passed November 10. 1862

Approved

Jabez C. Knight Mayor

Report of Relief Clerks

The Relief Clerk presents the following Report of Receipts and Disbursements for the month ending Oct 31. 1862

Receipts

Amount received from the City Treasurer as per draft of the Chairman of the Committee of relief	$ 10.000

Disbursements First Class

Amt expended in weekly payments of two dollars	$ 1754.00
" " " " " " three "	1680.00
" " " " " " four "	3380.00
Total amount expended	$ 6814.00
Number of applicants paid as above 580	
Balance on hand	$ 3186.00
	$ 10.000.00

Respectfully submitted Providence Nov 10. 1862.

Jos H. Knight Relief Clerk

Read: whereupon it is ordered that the same be received. Ordered That the same be printed in the newspapers employed to do the City printing

Passed November 10. 1862.

Approved

Jabez C. Knight Mayor.

Bond of Relief Clerk

The Bond of the Relief Clerk is presented and read: whereupon it is ordered that the same be deposited in the office of the City Treasurer

In Common Council Passed Oct 13. 1862

In Board of Aldermen Passed November 10. 1862

Approved

Jabez C. Knight Mayor

Knight street.

Resolved:

That the Surveyor of Highways be and he is hereby directed to cause the curb stone to be set and the gutters (with some three hundred feet of Knight Street) paved, from Atwells Avenue to Broadway.

Passed November 10. 1862

Approved

Jabez C. Knight Mayor.

Albert Briggs & C. B. Downe

Upon the several petitions of Albert Briggs and Christopher C Brown for permission to remove certain wooden buildings it is —

Wooden Buildings

Resolved that the prayers of said petitions be severally granted, provided the petitioners give satisfactory bonds to the City Treasurer as required by the 3d sec of an Ordinance in relation to the removal of wooden buildings

Passed November 10. 1862.

Approved

Jabez C. Knight Mayor.

Mayor's Office, Providence November 24. 1862.

To the Honourable City Council

Gentlemen

Communication of the Mayor

Herewith I present a communication from the City Treasurer which was received by me on the 22d6 instant. Upon a partial examination of his books and accounts I find a discrepancy existing which with the assistance of the Treasurer and the Auditor I am unable to explain or understand, and I recommend that a committee be appointed with power to employ an experienced accountant if necessary to make a thorough investigation and report the results to your honourable body

Jabez C. Knight Mayor.

It is Resolved by the City Council as follows —

Joint Special Comm. to investigate accounts of the City Treasurer

1. That the communication of his Honor the Mayor, and the statement of the City Auditor presented at this meeting be referred to a Joint Special Committee, consisting of Messrs Binney, Boggenhall, and Whitaker, with Alderman Paine.

2. That said Committee be and they hereby are authorized and directed to examine into the accounts of the City Treasurer and to report an exact statement of the same to this Council at as early a date as practicable

3. That for this purpose the said Committee shall have free access to all the books accounts, vouchers and papers of the City Treasury and may employ at the expense of the City a competent accountant to act under their supervision in the investigation and statement of said accounts

Passed November 24. 1862.

Approved Jabez C. Knight
Mayor.

Report of Com. on accounts of City Treasurer

The Special Committee on the Accounts of the City Treasurer, ask leave to make the following partial report.

In accordance with the Resolution appointing them, they employed an accountant who at once commenced an examination of the Treasurer's books and accounts, under the supervision of the Committee That examination is still being carried on, but so far as it has gone, it has revealed a deficiency in the City Treasury which is confessed by the Treasurer to be the result of his own wrongful acts.

They therefore recommend that Marinus W. Gardiner be removed from the office of City Treasurer for misconduct.

Upon the completion of the examination the Committee will present a final report in detail. For the Committee Wm Binney Chairman

Read whereupon it is ordered that the same be received.

Approved Passed December 1. 1862.

Jabez C. Knight Mayor.

Removal of City Treasurer

Resolved:

That Marinus W. Gardiner be and he hereby is removed from the office of City Treasurer for misconduct.

In Common Council December 1. 1862

Read and passed (all the members present voting in the affirmative) A G Greene Clerk

In Board of Aldermen, same day

Read and concurred (all the members voting in the affirmative Samuel W. Brown Clerk

Approved December 1. 1862.

Jabez C. Knight Mayor.

M. W. Gardiner

Resolved:

That the City Solicitor, acting under the advice of the Special committee appointed to investigate the accounts of Marinus W. Gardiner, late City Treasurer, be and he is hereby ordered to commence such proceedings against him as said committee shall direct

Passed December 1. 1862

Approved,

Jabez C. Knight Mayor.

In Convention December 1. 1862

The following persons are nominated as candidates for the office of City Treasurer. viz:

Sullivan Tenner — Abrah W Goddard

Henry A Webb — Joseph C Peckham

Lewis A Sherman

Whereupon on motion of Mr Binney it is

Resolved:

That Messrs Boggenhall, Francis and Alderman Paine, be and they hereby are appointed a Committee to nominate a suitable candidate for the office of City Treasurer for the remainder of the present municipal year; and that they report to this Council whenever it may next meet in Convention

(Approved Jabez C. Knight Mayor)

The following City Officers are elected.

Weigher of Cotton — John H. Kinyon

Police Constables with power to serve Civil process

William H Gale

Samuel S. Brown

James S. Wilson.

In Convention December 2. 1862.

The Special Committee who were on the first instant, appointed to nominate a suitable candidate for City Treasurer make verbal report recommending the following persons: viz:

Joseph B. Peckham — Sothina Spooner
Henry J. Beckwith — Henry A. Webb

A Communication of John K. Lester and 37 others recommending Sullivan Fenner for the office of City Treasurer is presented and read.

City Treasurer Elected.

The Convention proceed to ballot for City Treasurer with the following result. Whole number of votes cast 32. Necessary for a choice 17.

	First Ballot	Second Ballot	Third Ballot
Joseph B. Peckham	8	14	24
Henry J. Beckwith	5	4	2
Sothina Spooner	3	1	0
Henry A Webb	2	1	1
Sullivan Fenner	6	5	3
Abrah W. Godding	8	7	2

Whereupon Joseph B. Peckham is declared duly elected City Treasurer for the remainder of the present municipal year

Trustee of Sinking Fund Hart. & P. R.R. Co

The Resignation of Maximus W. Gardiner Trustee of the Sinking Fund of the Hartford & Fishkill R.R. Co is presented read and accepted.

Joseph B. Peckham is elected Trustee of the Sinking Fund to redeem the City Bonds issued to the Hartford Prov. & Fishkill R.R. Co. in place of Maximus W. Gardiner resigned.

Treasurer's Bonds

Resolved:

That Messrs Dailey, Washburn, Whitaker and Cross, with such as the Board of Aldermen add, (Alderman Paine added) be and they are hereby appointed a Committee to take a Bond from Joseph B. Peckham, this day elected City Treasurer, for the faithful discharge of the duties of his office, for the present municipal year: and that said Bond be for the sum of thirty thousand Dollars

Passed December 2. 1862.

Approved
Jabez C. Knight Mayor.

Joseph Wheaton

Resolved:

That the joint Standing Committee on City Property be directed to inquire into the subject of a dispute between the City and Joseph Wheaton, in regard to the line of land on Sexton street, and report the facts to the City Council.

Passed December 2. 1862.

Approved Jabez C Knight Mayor.

Board of Aldermen requested to receive Pond Street and Winslow Place

Resolved.

That the Board of Aldermen be and they are hereby requested to receive Pond Street from Fenner Street to land of Michael Bailey and others: and Winslow Place from Pond to Broad streets, and declare the same public highways, whenever said Bailey and others shall convey to the City a strip of land six feet in width from the present termination of Pond Street to Winslow Place, to be forever kept open for a public highway.

Passed December 8. 1862

Approved December 11. 1862
Jabez C Knight Mayor.

Surveyor's Monthly Report.

The Surveyor of Highways makes his Monthly Report of work done from Nov 1. 1862 to Dec 1. 1862.

Number of men employed 69 — Teams 16 — Amount expended $ 236.77 —

The work was done Relaying curbstones, paving gutters and grovelling Elm, Chestnut, Snow and Chapel Streets ——— Grading Setting curbing and paving gutters in a portion of Knight Street —— Grovelling Planet, Byron and Bennet Place: laying new crossing in Elm street. ——— Building Sewer in Meeting Street So from Back Street to the River. —— Cleaning Cesspools; repairing and cleaning streets generally.

Respectfully submitted Providence Dec 4. 1862
Samuel B. Dunbar Surveyor.

Read: whereupon it is ordered that the same be received

Passed December 8. 1862

Approved December 11. 1862
Jabez C. Knight Mayor.

Chief Engineer's Monthly Report

The Chief Engineer of the Fire Department makes his Monthly Report of Expenditures

Expence of the Department for Month ending Nov 30 1862 —— $ 375.45

Read: whereupon it is ordered that the same be received

Passed December 8. 1862

Approved December 11. 1862
Jabez C. Knight Mayor.

Harbor Master's Monthly Report

The Harbor Master makes his Monthly Report of arrivals and receipts for the month ending November 30. 1862. Amount received —— $ 218.00.

Read: whereupon it is ordered that the same be received

Passed December 8. 1862

Approved December 11. 1862
Jabez C Knight Mayor.

Relief Clerk's Monthly Report.

The Relief Clerk presents his Monthly Report of Receipts and Disbursements for the month ending November 30 1862.

Receipts

Amt received from City Treasurer as per drafts of Chairman of Committee of Relief	$ 7500.	
Balance on hand from last report	3186.	$ 10.686.
Disbursements First Class		
Amt expended in weekly payments of $ 2.	$ 3116.	
" " " " " $ 3.	2038.	
" " " " " $ 4.	3588.	
Total amount expended	8942.	
Balance on hand	1744	$ 10.686

Respectfully submitted Providence Dec 8. 1862.

Jos H. Knight Relief Clerks

Read: whereupon it is ordered that the same be received. Ordered that the same be printed in the newspapers employed to do the City Printing

Passed December 8. 1862

Approved December 11. 1862

Jabez C Knight Mayor.

Semi Annual Report of the Overseer of the Poor.

Office of the Overseer of the Poor

Providence December 8. 1862.

To the Hon City Council

Gentlemen, The undersigned herewith submits his semi-annual Report, and would state the operations of his office have been as follows.

In the Six months ending Nov 30. 1862. 1463 orders were given as follows

For Groceries, Coal &c	1380	amounting to	$ 1416.11
" Cash	83		737.20
Amounting in the whole to			$ 2153.31

Of the foregoing orders for Supplies 443 were by direction of the Board of Aldermen: 538 by direction of his Honor the Mayor, and 390 by self

Of the Cash orders given 57 were by direction of the Board of Aldermen and amounted to $ 572.90 one by direction of his honor the Mayor and amounting to $ 4. and 25 by self and amounting to $ 160.30

Respectfully submitted Geo W. Wightman Overseer of the Poor

Read: whereupon it is ordered that the same be received. Ordered that the same be printed in the newspapers employed to do the City Printing

Passed December 8. 1862

Approved December 11. 1862

Jabez C. Knight

Mayor.

Report of Board on Recruiting

To the Hon City Council

The Joint Special Committee appointed on the 8th of September to superintend recruiting, beg leave to present their final report.

Your Committee opened recruiting Stations in the several wards, and at the rooms of the Young Mens Christian Association, employing two recruiting officers at each station at a salary of one dollar and a half per day each. They have authorized the payment of bills as follows

For pay of Recruiting officers	$ 634.50
For Rent, flaming Tents, Lights Stationery, advertising &c	237.77
Total	$ 872.27

Respectfully submitted, for the Committee

Wm M. Wale Chairman

Read: whereupon it is ordered that the same be received

Passed December 8. 1862

Approved December 11. 1862

Jabez C. Knight Mayor.

Report of Committee to investigate Steam boiler explosion

To the Hon City Council.

The Committee appointed October 13th to investigate the causes of explosion of the steam boiler which occurred on the 6th October at the planing works of Silas A. Sweet &Co on Potter street, beg leave to present the following as their report.—

Your Committee found from search examination of the premises as they were able to make (a week or more having elapsed since the disaster) that the explosion was one of great force and destructive tendency

The engineer Mr. John Walton, who we understand had the entire care of the engine and boilers at these works, lost his life by the explosion, therefore whatever of interest to this inquiry he might have been able to disclose must be forever sealed from us. The Committee are happy to record the testimony of Mr Sweet, the proprietor in his own words relative to the estimate in which Mr Walton was held by him, viz: "that he considered him a capable, careful engineer, and a faithful man in all his duties"

The boiler one of that description known in this vicinity as the "Corliss flue boiler" was literally torn in peices. It had in that section directly above and most exposed to the fire, a fusible plug (so called) which was doubtless placed there "as a safeguard in case of low water" and excessive heat and pressure in the boiler. This plug was found in its place and condition, apparently undisturbed by the explosion

This boiler had been in use at these works since March 12, 1860 and is said to have been previously used elsewhere from one to two years

It was found that certain parts of said boiler were very thin and apparently inadequate to sustain the pressure required for operating their works, said to be eighty pounds per inch.

We further learned that this boiler had been cleaned and passed inspection on the 1st day of September 1862, with certificate allowing its use at the above named pressure.

There were two boilers, both being of the same description, required in the operation of these works. They were set side by side with a partition wall between them so as to allow of their being used separately or together as occasion required. Each boiler had a brick wall extending lengthwise from front to rear under its centre and forming a return flue to the chimney. It was in that part of the exploded boiler which appeared to have rested upon this wall, that the extreme thinness above spoken of was found.

The fuel used under these boilers was mostly shavings and brought by the fireman from the machines which produced them; the balance being coal.

The water was said to be good quality, and without tendency to scale upon the surface of the boiler.

It was also ascertained that each boiler received its supply of water through its own separate screw valve and independent of the other. These valves were found to be closed when taken from the ruins after the explosion.

Therefore in view of the foregoing and other facts presented to your Committee they have to submit

First. That in their opinion the explosion of said boiler was caused by a deficiency of water.

Second. That the means of determining the quantity and condition of the water in said boiler were insufficient to insure safety.

Third. That the means of detecting the danger caused by an insufficiency of water in the boiler were quite imperfect and unreliable.

Fourth. That the manner in which said boiler was set, was very defective, inasmuch as it precluded the possibility of a proper inspection.

In Conclusion your committee would submit, in view of the foregoing considerations, and the increasing demand for the location of boilers in the city whether there should not be some further legislation had to ensure the safety of our citizens.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

Albert Briggs for the Committee

Read: whereupon it is ordered that the same be received. Ordered that the same be printed in the newspapers employed to do the city printing.

Passed December 8. 1862

Approved December 11. 1862

Jabez C. Knight Mayor.

Joseph Wheelden

The Committee on City Property who were directed by the City Council Dec 2d. to inquire into the subject of a dispute between the city and Joseph Wheelden in regard to the line of land on Sexton Street, Report:—

That the land in question was in litigation for some years it being understood by Mr Burgess then Mayor of the city, and others that upon a decision of the question involved the title to other lands in the neighborhood depended A verdict was obtained against Mr. Wheelden, whereupon he claimed a new trial under the statute, but before the case was reached, the counsel for the city were informed that the case had been adjusted, and nothing has been done about it since.

The Committee learn that the case was contested at much expense to the city and from the information given them, are of opinion that the matter should be referred to the City Solicitor for him to report such action as he shall deem proper.

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Phillip Case for the Committee.

Resolved:—

That the subject of dispute in regard to the line of land between the City and Joseph Wheelden be referred to the City Solicitor to report such action as he may deem proper.

Passed December 8. 1862

Approved December 11. 1862.

Jabez C. Knight Mayor.

City Currency

The Standing Committee on Finance to whom was referred the petition of Hartwell Richards &c. and others, requesting the City to issue currency of fractional parts of a dollar, beg leave to present the accompanying Resolution as the result of their deliberations and respectfully ask its passage.

The Committee deem it a sufficient reason for the passage of the resolution that they believe that long before the city could complete arrangements for the issue of the currency as requested by your petitioners, the United States postal currency will be in circulation in quantities sufficient to meet the requirements of the community.

For the Committee

Albert Dailey Chairman.

Resolved:—

That it is inexpedient for this city to issue currency of the fractional parts of a dollar.

Passed December 8. 1862

Approved December 11. 1862.

Jabez C. Knight Mayor.

City Treasurer
City Auditor

Resolved:—

That the Standing Committee to Engross Ordinances by and with the advice of the City Solicitor be requested to report such Ordinances as they may deem advisable, defining and specifying the duties of the City Treasurer and City Auditor.

Passed December 8. 1862

Approved December 11. 1862

Jabez C. Knight Mayor.

Coupons on City Bonds

Resolved:

That the City Treasurer be and he hereby is ordered to cancel by

stamping or other efficient means, all coupons upon Bonds issued by the City of Providence so soon as the same shall have been respectively paid; and also to cancel all paid coupons now in the office and custody of the City Treasurer, if any such exist uncancelled.

Passed December 8. 1862.

Approved December 11. 1862.
Jabez C. Knight Mayor.

Bond of the Relief Clerk

Resolved:

That the Relief Committee be requested to report to this Council, whether in their opinion the Bonds of the Relief Clerk are sufficient in amount.

Passed December 8. 1862.

Approved December 11. 1862.
Jabez C. Knight Mayor

Washington Bridge Fund.

Resolved:—

That the Standing Committee on Finance be and they are hereby requested to report to the Council the condition of the fund raised for the repair of Washington Bridge, and what is the form in which said fund stands on the City Treasurers account.

Passed December 8. 1862.

Approved December. 11. 1862.
Jabez C. Knight Mayor.

Washington Bridge Toll House

Resolved:—

That the Standing Committee on City Property be directed to cause certain repairs to be made on the house located on Washington Bridge, known as the toll gate house, providing the expense does not exceed the sum of ten dollars, and the same be paid out of the appropriation for repairs of public buildings.

Passed December 8. 1862.

Approved December 11. 1862.
Jabez C. Knight Mayor.

O. Rawson. — Wooden building

Upon the petition of Orville Rawson for permission to remove a certain wooden building from the N.W. corner of Dean and Carpenter streets, about one foot nearer Dean street. It is

Resolved:—

That the prayer of said petition be granted provided the petitioner give a satisfactory Bond to the City Treasurer as required by the 3d section of the Ordinance in relation to the removal of wooden buildings.

Passed December 8. 1862

Approved December 11. 1862
Jabez C. Knight Mayor.

Bond of City Treasurer

The Joint Special Committee to take a Bond of the City Treasurer respectfully report.

That they have performed the duty assigned them and have taken a bond of Hon Joseph C. Peckham the City Treasurer in the sum of thirty thousand dollars, with Messrs Samuel Boyd Tobey, Moses B. Jenkins, Rufus Waterman, Horatio N. Slater, Gilbert Congdon and George L. Collins as sureties

For the committee Albert Dailey Chairman

Read, whereupon it is ordered that the same be received

Passed December 17. 1862

Approved December 19, 1862.
Jabez C. Knight Mayor.

Report of Relief Committee on Bonds of the Relief Clerk

To the Hon. City Council.

The Committee of Relief to whom was referred the Resolution passed December 8th respecting the Bonds of the Relief Clerk, respectfully

Report: that in their judgment they are amply sufficient for the purposes required. In this connection they beg leave to submit a brief statement of their mode of conducting the important business entrusted to their charge.

And first in regard to applications.

There are made at the office between the hours of 9 and 3. The applicants are required to give information respecting the age, residence, relationship &c of themselves and also of the soldiers whom they represent. Said applications are then given to the ward committee who call upon the families, and in various ways seek to verify the statements made at the office. At the weekly meetings of the committee they are severally reported upon, and all doubtful cases thoroughly discussed. The Secretary affixes his Signature to each, giving the date and amount of allowance. In case of an unfavorable report, the reason is stated in writing and the application is placed in file. The second class applications relating to the nine months men, numbering in all nine hundred & ninety, are carefully compared with the original books of Commissioner Leppitt, which he has kindly placed at the disposal of the committee. Ample means are thus afforded for verifying with comparative ease the real, and for detecting and rejecting the false. No family can receive the bounty of four dollars per week, unless the name of the soldier whom they represent is found recorded on said books. With the three years men who have enlisted since Sept 15. as a part of the quota of Providence the case is different. Here the committee have no Commissioners Book, or any record whatever to show who have been accepted as a part of said quota. Their only guide is the information to be obtained at the office of the Adjutant General. Many of the Soldiers supposed to have enlisted for Providence, find that their names through the connivance of some recruiting party or agent, have been credited to some other town. Again not a few who enlisted elsewhere present, through their families and dependents, a claim for the bounty of four dollars per week offered by this City. Before therefore the committee can pay said bounty to the family of any three years soldier, it is necessary to examine at the Office of the Adjutant General, not only the enlistment papers of said soldier, but also the returns from the various towns which have reported their respective quotas. The necessity of making this thorough examination in every case will be apparent to all as well as the dif-

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difficulties and embarrassments attending such an examination.

Secondly: in regard to Disbursements.

There are paid to the first class of applicants weekly on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays. To the second class they are paid once in two weeks on Thursdays, Fridays & Saturdays Each applicant is furnished with a pass book, similar to those used by Saving's Banks, giving the day of payment and a number corresponding to one on the Disbursement Book of the Relief Clerk. On each book is entered the date of payment and the amount. The Disbursement Book is so arranged, that any one can tell exactly how much money has been paid out from the office since it was first opened. The Relief Clerk is thus enabled to balance his cash book from day to day, with readiness and ease, and the Committee are enabled to ascertain for themselves, as they do, the correctness of the Monthly Statement made to the City Council.

In conclusion, it may be added, that all bills for rent, office hire, Salary of Relief Clerk printing, advertising and Stationery &c are allowed in Committee, and checks for the same are drawn by the Chairman on the City Treasurer in favor of the member from the Fifth Ward, who pays said bills and places them on file. Checks for the weekly disbursements are drawn in favor of the Relief Clerk. Each check is countersigned by his Honor the Mayor, and the amount when paid is deposited in the American Bank, and credited to the account of Joseph H. Hoyt Relief Clerk. The Clerk of said Bank calls each morning at the office and leaves what funds may be needful for the disbursements of the day, Mr. Hoyt giving therefor his checks. As the amount of disbursements per day will not probably in the future, exceed one thousand dollars, there need not necessarily be large deposits at the bank. Hence the Committee are unanimously of the opinion that the bonds already given by the Relief Clerk, amounting to twenty five hundred dollars, are all that can reasonably be expected or required. As a further security it may be stated that the bank has instructions from the Committee not to pay any check or checks of the Relief Clerk exceeding in amount fifteen hundred dollars for any one day, without first conferring with the Chairman thereof. The proceedings of the Committee are carefully recorded by the Secretary, and are open to the inspection of the public. Seventeen meetings have thus far been held, at which all the members comprising nearly one fourth of the entire City Council have a few instances only excepted, been present. These statements are made simply that the tax payers of the City and the community generally may be fully assured that the large expenditure required by the exigences of the present war for the aid of the families and dependents of volunteers, has received and will receive on the part of this Committee, that careful attention and personal supervision which its great importance demands.

In behalf of the Committee of Relief

Reuben A Guild Chairman

Pro. Dec 17. 1862.

Resolved: whereupon it is ordered that the same be received. Ordered that the same be printed in the newspapers employed to do the City printing

Passed December 17. 1862

Approved December 19. 1862

Jabez C. Knight Mayor

Ordinance Fire Department

An Ordinance in amendment of an Ordinance entitled "An Ordinance organising a Fire Department."

(See Book of Ordinances No 2 page 154)

Passed December 17. 1862

Approved December 19. 1862

Jabez C. Knight Mayor

Births, Marriages, Deaths &c

City Registrar

Resolved:— That the City Clerk be authorized and directed to transfer and deliver the records of Births, Marriages, Deaths and interments, now in his office, to the City Registrar; and that said records be hereafter kept in the office of the City Registrar.

Passed December 17. 1862.

Approved December 19. 1862.

Jabez C. Knight Mayor

Joseph P. Hoskins

Tax Remitted

Resolved:— That the City Treasurer be and he is hereby directed to pay to Joseph P. Hoskins the sum of eighty seven 75/100 Dollars, the said sum being in remission of tax improperly assessed against him in the year 1862: provided it shall appear to the Treasurer upon the certificate of the Collector of Taxes that said sum has been paid into the City Treasury. If it shall appear to the City Treasurer that said sum has not been paid into the Treasury, then he shall credit the Collector of Taxes with the amount so unpaid and the Collector of Taxes shall deduct the amount hereby remitted from the tax of said Joseph P. Hoskins

Passed December 17. 1862

Approved December 19. 1862

Jabez C. Knight Mayor

Engine House No 2.

Resolved: That the Committee on City Property be and they are hereby authorised to cause such repairs as they may deem proper to be made on the house of Engine No 2: provided the expense thereof does not exceed the sum of thirty dollars: to be paid from the appropriation for repairs of public buildings.

In Board of Aldermen Dec 17. 1862 Passed

In Common Council Dec 22. 1862 Passed

Approved December 23. 1862

Jabez C. Knight Mayor

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Report of Joint Com. on Treasurer's Accounts.

The joint Special Committee appointed to examine the accounts of the late City Treasurer make their second partial report.

(See printed report opposite page)

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

Ordered: That the same, together with the accompanying statements be printed in the newspapers employed to do the City Printing.

Passed December 22, 1862.

Approved December 23 1862
Jabez C. Knight Mayor

M. W. Gardiner

Resolved:—

First That Marinus W. Gardiner late City Treasurer, did while acting in that capacity, defraud the City Treasury of the sum of $ 12.088 72/100, between the first day of June A.D. 1862, and the day of his removal from office: and did thereby violate the conditions of a certain bond in the sum of $ 30.000. entered into by himself and other parties, to indemnify the City of Providence against the results of such conduct.

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Second: That the City Solicitor be and he hereby is authorized and directed on behalf of the City of Providence to communicate with Messrs James G. Smith, Robert H. Watson David Millard and Dexter W. Knight the parties jointly and severally liable under said bond, and to request them to respond to their obligations thereunder, to the extent of the aforesaid sum of $ 12.088.72 with interest thereon from the day of Mr Gardiners removal from office.

Third That said City Solicitor be requested to report the result of such application, to this Council at its next meeting.

Passed December 22. 1862

Approved December 23. 1862
Jabez C. Knight Mayor.

Volunteers & their Families

Resolved:

That so much of the Resolutions passed by the City Council Sept 15th as authorizes or provides for the payment of four dollars per week to the families and dependents of those men who may hereafter enlist for three years or the war, and who shall be accepted as a part of the City's quota of the three hundred thousand men called for by the President of the United States July 2d 1862, be and the same is hereby annulled.

Town of Relief

Resolved: That the Committee of Relief be and they are hereby instructed not to pay the sum of four dollars per week to the families and dependents of any volunteer for three years or the war, who shall enlist after this present date Dec. 22d.

Passed December 22, 1862.

Approved December 23, 1862
Jabez C. Knight Mayor.

CITY OF PROVIDENCE.

Report of the Joint Special Committee Appointed by the City Council to Investigate the Accounts of the Late City Treasurer—Printed by Order of the City Council, December 23, 1862.

The joint special committee appointed to examine the accounts of the late City Treasurer, ask leave to present the following, as a second partial report:

On the twenty-fifth day of November last, Mr. James A. Rhodes, who had been engaged by the committee, as accountant, under the authority conferred by the resolution of the City Council appointing them, commenced his examination of the City Treasurer's accounts. Mr. Gardiner was permitted by the committee to be present during this examination, and was furnished with every facility for explaining his accounts, and every item of them, whenever he chose to do so, or wherever the books did not furnish a clear explanation in themselves. He was so present on repeated occasions, and commenced by denying that there was any intentional defalcation. He persisted in this denial with diminishing firmness as the scrutiny proceeded, and before it closed he had abandoned it altogether. For the purposes of this report, however, the committee treat his denial and his confession as equally unimportant, and rely upon their accountant's "statement" which accompanies this report, is marked (A), and is made part hereof.

This "statement" commences with June 1st, 1862, and is carried up to the time of Mr. Gardiner's removal from office; and it exhibits the deficiency for that period as $12,088 72. The examination has been thorough and exhaustive. In making it, a great deal of work has been done, which is not brought into this "statement," but is available for the yearly periods prior to June 1st, 1862, of which similar statements will be made, and when complete, will be furnished to the Council. In the course of that work Mr. Rhodes has gone through, along with Mr. Gardiner, a thorough examination and comparison of every check drawn and every cash entry made by Mr. Gardiner since September 30, 1860, (over 7000 in number,) and has examined and verified every voucher in his possession, from June 1, 1862.

Having selected this latter date as a proper start point for the present "statement," he began with the cash on hand to the Treasurer's credit in the American Bank at that date as an undoubted and correct debit for his account. Every receipt by the Treasurer since that date, including those deposited by him to the credit of the city, although not charged to himself in his books, and those neither charged nor deposited by him, have been charged to him in this "statement;" and every expenditure for the city, whether credited or not by him in his books, has been credited here. He is also charged with a check, No. 7065, which purported to have been issued, but has thus far never been presented; and also with a sum of $569 50, paid by the State of Rhode Island to the "Butler Hospital," which, in the Treasurer's manner of keeping the Hospital account, must be charged to him, in order to make that account correct.

As to this item, the committee desire to make the following remark: When the Superintendent of "Butler Hospital" presented his bill to the city, it was made out for a sum which included the amount due from the State also. This was certified by the Overseer of the Poor as "correct" for the net sum due from the city only; but the gross total has been credited by the Treasurer to himself, while the State's portion has not been charged to himself, which it evidently ought to have been. His books would thus show him to have expended for the city some $500 more than he in fact had done. When asked to explain this, Mr. Gardiner declined to do so, but when further asked where the money had gone, he replied that he supposed it had gone where the rest had. In the case of the Vermont Asylum, to which both the State and city make similar payments, the State's contribution has not appeared in his books, on either side of the account, which proves that Mr. Gardiner knew how such acounts should be kept.

The "statement" then shows three methods of defalcation practiced by Mr. Gardiner since June 1st, 1862.

1. By omitting to deposit his cash receipts to the credit of the city.
2. By false entries.
3. By overdraft at bank.

As to the first. It may or may not be known to the Council that the Treasurer can receive money from any source, which, under the system pursued by him, it would be practicably impossible to follow. Such, however, is the fact. Payments of various kinds have been made to him by individuals, for which, to be sure, he probable gave a receipt; but that receipt was, of course, the property of the particular debtor, and being a satisfactory protection to him, would not be likely to create in him any interest, or awaken any curiosity as to the application of his payment. Money thus received could be kept by the Treasurer apart from other funds, and not charged in his accounts, and in a very short time it would escape all scrutiny. The amount in any one year may have been large or small. The committee cannot now follow it. It could come from several sources, such as fees for entering drains, rents, &c.; but whether large or small, such misappropriation of a single dollar ought to be made impossible.

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In order to see what had been the course in earlier administrations, the committee turned back in the same book, with the following results: They found that from September 12, 1855 to September 22, Mayor Smith gave to the Treasurer five checks, amounting to $125,000, and received no Auditor's return until September 26, 1855, and that from October 1, 1855 to October 11, he gave him three checks amounting to $75,000, with no Auditor's return until Oct. 20. From October 1 to November 12, 1856 the Treasurer received $126,202 88-100, and on November 12 the Auditor's returns amounted to $105,068 90-100, showing presumed balance in hands of Treasurer of $21,131 98 100. Yet Mayor Smith gave him on November 14 $50,000, making $71,131 98-100 in hands of Treasurer, without any Auditor's return until November 25.

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In conclusion, the committee would recommend the passage of the accompanying resolution, marked D.

For the committee,

WM. BINNEY, Chairman.

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Nov. 5.	To Check on City of Providence account, No. 165,	25,000 00	
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20.	To overdraft at American Bank per order of Mayor to pay teachers in public schools,		4,576 78
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6.	To sundry receipts since September 30 per Cash Book and not deposited by him in Bank to credit of the City,		1,115 92
	To sundry receipts not entered on Cash Book or deposited by him in Bank to the credit of the City, viz.		
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3.	To Rent of M. Flynn,	10 00	8,000
15.	Amount paid by the State to Butler Hospital for quarter ending September 30, 1862, and not credited the city this date,		569 50
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1862.	Cr.	
Nov. 20.	By total amount of payments made by him for account of the city from June 1, 1862, to date,	$226,567 18
	Cash found in safe and delivered to new City Treasurer,	13 94
	Balance,	12,088 72
		$238,669 70

To Balance due, $12,088 72

JAMES A. RHODES.

Providence, December 20th, 1862.

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Jan. 9.	25,000	5,292 40
Feby. 3.	25,000	2,566 69
March 4.	25,000	2,411 82
11.	25,000	1 353 48
April 22.	25,000	5,721 03
May 10.	25,000	4,061 04
June 9.	25,000	7,643 27
July 12.	25,000	19,519 92
	25,000	2,971 02
Aug. 11.	25,000	7,932 15
Sept 9.	25,000	22,916 61
26.	25,000	17,207 66
Oct. 17.	25,000	36,591 70
21.	25,000	"
Nov. 5.	25,000	1,027 65
20.		4,576 78

*Amount to the credit of the Treasurer, $12,203 87.

C.

Date.	Amounts charged City Treasurer.	Auditor's Returns.	Balances in hands of City Treasurer, per Mayor's Book, when new checks were given.
1861.			
Balance,	4,555 91		
Oct. 1.	25,000 00		
11.	25,000 00		
Nov. 9.		40,946 64	13 902 27
27.	25 000 00	4,884 60	34,824 67
Dec. 31.	25,000 00		
31.	25,000 00		
1862			
Jan. 9.	25,000 00	116,759 25	17,779 92
14.			
Feb. 7.	25 000 00		
Mch. 4.	25,000 00		
11.	25 0 0 00		
10.		56,735 98	11,074 96
April 28.	25,000 00		
May 10.	25,000 00		
June 9.	25,000 00		
12.		88,712 65	22,821 30
July 12.	25,000 00		
23.	25,000 00		
Aug. 11.		60,065 13	12,253 07
Sept. 8.	25,000 00		
25.	25,000 00		
29.		65,476 56	21,784 51
Oct. 16.	25,000 00		
15.		35,046 24	
20.		7,057 17	4,053 10
22.	25,000 00		
Nov. 3.		9,001 16	20,051 94
5.	25,000 00		

A true copy—witness:

SAMUEL W. BROWN, City Clerk.

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Report of Joint Committee on Treasurer's Accounts.

The joint Special Committee appointed to examine the accounts of the late City Treasurer make their Second partial report.

(See printed report opposite page)

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

Ordered: That the same, together with the accompanying statements be printed in the newspapers employed to do the City Printing.

Passed December 22, 1862.

Approved December 23 1862
Jabez C. Knight Mayor

M. W. Gardiner

Resolved:—

First that Marcenus W. Gardiner late City Treasurer, did while acting in that capacity, defraud the City Treasury of the sum of $ 12,088 72/100, between the first day of June A.D. 1862, and the day of his removal from office: and did thereby violate the conditions of a certain bond in the sum of $ 30,000. entered into by himself and other parties, to indemnify the City of Providence against the results of such conduct.

Treasurer's Bond

Second: That the City Solicitor be and he hereby is authorized and directed on behalf of the City of Providence to communicate with Messrs James G. Smith Robert H. Watson David Millard and Dexter D. Knight the parties jointly and severally liable under said bond, and to request them to respond to their obligations thereunder, to the extent of the aforesaid sums of $ 12,088.72 with interest thereon from the day of Mr Gardiner's removal from office.

Third That said City Solicitor be requested to report the result of such application to this Council at its next meeting.

Passed December 22. 1862

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Volunteers & their Families

Resolved:

That so much of the Resolutions passed by the City Council Sept 15th as authorizes or provides for the payment of four dollars per week "to the families and dependents of those men who may hereafter enlist for three years or the war, and who shall be accepted as a part of the City's quota of the three hundred thousand men called for by the President of the United States July 2d 1862. be and the same is hereby annulled.

Town of Relief

Resolved That the Committee of Relief be and they are hereby instructed not to pay the sum of four dollars per week to the families and dependents of any volunteer for three years or the war, who shall enlist after this present date. Dec. 22 d.

Passed December 22, 1862.

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CITY OF PROVIDENCE.

Report of the Joint Special Committee Appointed by the City Council to Investigate the Accounts of the Late City Treasurer—Printed by Order of the City Council, December 22, 1862.

The joint special committee appointed to examine the accounts of the late City Treasurer, ask leave to present the following, as a second partial report:

On the twenty-fifth day of November last, Mr. James A. Rhodes, who had been engaged by the committee, as accountant, under the authority conferred by the resolution of the City Council appointing them, commenced his examination of the City Treasurer's accounts. Mr. Gardiner was permitted by the committee to be present during this examination, and was furnished with every facility for explaining his accounts, and every item of them, whenever he chose to do so, or wherever the books did not furnish a clear explanation in themselves. He was so present on repeated occasions, and commenced by denying that there was any intentional defalcation. He persisted in this denial with diminishing firmness as the scrutiny proceeded, and before it closed he had abandoned it altogether. For the purposes of this report, however, the committee treat his denial and his confession as equally unimportant, and rely upon their accountant's "statement" which accompanies this report, is marked (A), and is made part hereof.

This "statement" commences with June 1st, 1862, and is carried up to the time of Mr. Gardiner's removal from office; and it exhibits the deficiency for that period as $12,088 72. The examination has been thorough and exhaustive. In making it, a great deal of work has been done, which is not brought into this "statement," but is available for the yearly periods prior to June 1st, 1862, of which similar statements will be made, and when complete, will be furnished to the Council. In the course of that work Mr. Rhodes has gone through, along with Mr. Gardiner, a thorough examination and comparison of every check drawn and every cash entry made by Mr. Gardiner since September 30, 1860, (over 7000 in number,) and has examined and verified every voucher in his possession, from June 1, 1862.

Having selected this latter date as a proper start point for the present "statement," he began with the cash on hand to the Treasurer's credit in the American Bank at that date as an undoubted and correct debit for his account. Every receipt by the Treasurer since that date, including those deposited by him to the credit of the city, although not charged to himself in his books, and those neither charged nor deposited by him, have been charged to him in this "statement;" and every expenditure for the city, whether credited or not by him in his books, has been credited here. He is also charged with a check, No. 7065, which purported to have been issued, but has thus far never been presented; and also with a sum of $560 50, paid by the State of Rhode Island to the "Butler Hospital," which, in the Treasurer's manner of keeping the Hospital account, must be charged to him, in order to make that account correct.

As to this item, the committee desire to make the following remark: When the Superintendent of "Butler Hospital" presented his bill to the city, it was made out for a sum which included the amount due from the State also. This was certified by the Overseer of the Poor as "correct" for the net sum due from the city only; but the gross total has been credited by the Treasurer to himself, while the State's portion has not been charged to himself, which it evidently ought to have been. His books would thus show him to have expended for the city some $500 more than he in fact had done. When asked to explain this, Mr. Gardiner declined to do so, but when further asked where the money had gone, he replied that he supposed it had gone where the rest had. In the case of the Vermont Asylum, to which both the State and city make similar payments, the State's contribution has not appeared in his books, on either side of the account, which proves that Mr. Gardiner knew how such accounts should be kept.

The "statement" then shows three methods of defalcation practiced by Mr. Gardiner since June 1st, 1862.

1. By omitting to deposit his cash receipts to the credit of the city.
2. By false entries.
3. By overdraft as bank.

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May 10.	25,000	4,061 64
June 9.	25,000	7,643 27
July 12.	25,000	12,119 99
25.	25,000	2,671 02
Aug. 11.	25,000	7,925 13
Sept 8.	25,000	22,576 63
25.	25,000	17,307 66
Oct. 17.	25,000	36,591 70
21.	25,000	*
Nov. 5.	25,000	1,027 66
20.		4,876 78

*Amount to the credit of the Treasurer, $12,209 97.

C.

Date.	Amounts charged City Treasurer.	Auditor's Returns.	Balances in hands of City Treasurer, per Mayor's Book, when new checks were given.
1861.			
Balance,	4,555 91		
Oct. 1.	25,00 00		
11.	25,000 00		
Nov. 7.	25,000 00	40,846 64	13 9 9 57
27.	25,000 00	4,924 60	34,821 57
Dec. 31.	25,000 00		
21.	25,000 00		
1862			
Jan. 9.	25,000 00	116,758 55	17,779 03
14.	25,000 00		
Feb. 4.	25,000 00		
Mch. 11.	25,0 0 00	86,735 06	11,076 03
10.			
April 23.	25,000 00		
May 10.	25,000 00		
June 9.	25,000 00	89,713 65	22,821 39
12.			
July 12.	25,000 00		
23.	25,000 00	60,888 13	12,293 07
Aug. 11.			
Sept. 8.	25,000 00		
25.	25,000 00	65,476 56	21,758 51
29.			
Oct. 25.	25,000 00		
16.		53,668 24	
21.		7,667 17	6,083 10
22.	25,000 00		
Nov. 3.		9,001 16	20,081 94
5.	25,000 00		

A true copy—witness:

SAMUEL W. BROWN, City Clerk.

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City Auditor

Resolved That the Committee on the accounts of the City Treasurer be instructed to investigate the method in which the City Auditor has attended to the duties of his office

Passed December 22. 1862

Approved December 23. 1862
Jabez C. Knight Mayor.

Report of Comm of Conference on War Bonds

The Committee of Conference of the two boards of the City Council, to whom were referred the disagreeing votes of the bill to authorize a loan of $300.000. recommend to the Common Council to recede from its votes disagreeing to the amendments of the Board of Aldermen and to concur therein

James S. Ham, Confree on the part of the Board of Aldermen.
Albert Briggs
Jas H. Boggenhall
Wm H. Hopkins
A. B. Rice
Jacob L. Munroe
} Confrees on the part of the Common Council.

The undersigned dissent from the recommendation of the majority of the Committee of Conference and recommend to the Common Council to adhere to its votes disagreeing to the amendments of the Board of Aldermen

O. A. Washburn Jr
Wm. Whitaker.

Read: whereupon it is ordered that the same be received

Passed December 29. 1862

Approved same day Jabez C. Knight Mayor.

War Bonds

An Ordinance for the issue and sale of Bonds of the City of Providence, and the establishment of a Sinking Fund for the payment thereof under and by virtue of an act entitled "An act authorizing the City of Providence to raise money for the existing Civil War". (See Book of Ordinances No 2. page. 154.)

Passed December 29. 1862.

Approved same day
Jabez C. Knight
Mayor.

Washington Bridge Funds

To the Hon. City Council of the City of Providence

The Committee to examine the accounts of Washington Bridge Funds would respectfully report that they find the account closed May 10. 1862 as per report of Committee of Washington Bridge Funds.

There will be no income till July 1863 on bonds, the coupons having been anticipated

The Bridge is charged since account was closed as follows.

1862	June 23	Cash	repairs	$ 17.00	
	July 12	"	"	90.00	
	19	"	"	25.00	$ 132.00
			Cr.		
1862		By Balance	paid by Sundries	4.76	
	June 7		Bonds	10.00	
	Sept 4 + 22		"	20.00	
	Nov 3.		"	10.00	44.76
		Balance due by Bridge			87.24
					$ 132.00

Albert Dailey for Committee

Read: whereupon it is Ordered that the same be received

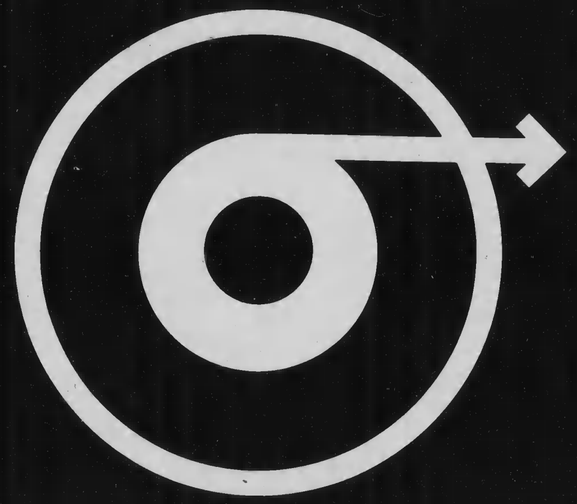
Passed December 29. 1862

Approved same day

Zebez C Knight Mayor

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LOCALITY OF RECORD

PROVIDENCE COUNTY

RHODE ISLAND

TITLE OF RECORD

CITY COUNCIL RECORDS

PROJECT NUMBER

R-I 04020

ROLL NUMBER

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