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John McCann

Compensation for injuries.

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The Standing Committee on Claims to whom on the 12th day of April last, was referred a petition of John McCann for compensation for injuries on South Main Street, make Report and recommend the passage of the accompanying resolution: which Report is received, and the following resolution is thereupon read and passed, viz:—

Resolved.

That the City Treasurer be and he is hereby directed to pay to John McCann the sum of One thousand dollars, whenever said McCann shall make and execute a full discharge to the City of Providence for all claims for damages to him, caused by the running away of a horse belonging to the City on the 9th day of February A. D. 1869.

(Concurred)

(Approved)

A. R. Tourtellotte,

John B. Fenner

John B. Sanford

Claims for damages

Broad St. Pump.

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Said Committee to whom were referred Petitions of Alma R. Tourtellotte (Nov. 9, 1868) John B. Sanford (Jan. 25, '69) and John B. Fenner (Nov. 23, '68) for remuneration for injuries sustained by the caring in of the pumps on Broad Street, make Report and recommend the passage of the accompanying resolution: which Report is received, and the following resolution is read and passed, viz:

Resolved.

That in order to settle the several

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claims arising out of the falling in of the pumps on Broad Street, the City Treasurer be and he is hereby directed to pay the several claimants as follows: (provided they severally make and execute satisfactory releases for all claims growing out of the aforesaid accident.)

- To Alma R. Tombkott, Administratrix of the Estate of David C. Tombkott, One thousand dollars,
- To John B. Fenner, Sixteen hundred dollars,
- To John B. Sanford Two thousand dollars.

(Concurred)

(Approved)

Moving Buildings.

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

- Edward Donohue
- Allen Chase, and
- Thurston & Ripley,

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

(Concurred)

(Approved)

The Standing Committee on Highways to whom was referred a petition of C. R. Goddard to thus

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Do.

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Barnes Street. for the reception of Barnes Street from Prospect Street to Hope Street, and for paving the gutters and setting the curbstones thereon, make Report and recommend the passage of the accompanying resolutions: which Report is received, and the following resolutions are thereupon read and passed:

Do.

Resolved,

Reception of.

That the Board of Aldermen &c, and they are hereby requested to receive Barnes Street from Prospect Street to Hope Street, as defined on a plat of the estate of the late Mrs Joanna Barnes, recorded in book of plats No. one, page thirty, and declare the same a public highway.

(Concurred)

(Approved)

Do.

Resolved,

Curbing &c. of.

That the Surveyor of Highways &c, and he is hereby directed to cause the curbing to be set, and the gutters paved on Barnes Street from Prospect Street to Hope Street.

(Concurred)

Public Square

Congdon Street.

The Standing Committee on City Property to whom on the 26th day of April last was recommended the communication of Isaac Hall relative

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(Concurred)

Public Square

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The Standing Committee on City Property to whom on the 26th day of April last was recommended the communication of Isaac Hale relative

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to gift of land on Congdon Street for Park, with instructions, make Report pursuant thereto, which Report having been read, it is ordered that the same be received.

(Concurred,)
(Approved.)

Resolved,

That the gift of land on Congdon Street by Isaac Hale and others for a public square, be and the same is hereby accepted, and that the City Solicitor be instructed to prepare the necessary papers for the acceptance of the same.

(Concurred)
(Approved)

Prospect Park accepted.

T.M. Clark et als.

Town House Lot for Public Library

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The Standing Committee on City Property, to whom on the 12th day of April last was referred a petition of Thomas M. Clark et al's to set apart Town House lot for Public Library make Report and recommend that the petitioners have leave to withdraw which Report is received, and thereupon it is ordered that said petitioners have leave to withdraw.

Termination of lease, Town House Lot.

Said Committee make Report recommending the passage of the accompanying resolution terminating the lease of the Town House Lot, so called, which Report is received and

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The following resolution is thereupon read and passed, viz:

Resolved,

That the lease of a portion of the town house lot, so called, made to Edward J. Mallett on the eighth day of February A.D. 1867 be terminated on the eighth day of August A.D. 1869.

Resolved,

That the City Clerk be and he is hereby directed to forward a certified copy of the foregoing resolution to said Edward J. Mallett forthwith.

(Concurred)
(Approved)

Seats for High
Bridgman Schools.

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The Standing Committee on Education to whom at the last meeting was referred a draft resolution to procure seats for the High School and Bridgman school, make Report and recommend the passage of the same: which Report is received, and the following Resolution is thereupon read and passed:

Resolved,

That the Standing Committee on City Property be and they are hereby authorized to procure such a number of seats for the High and Bridgman schools as they may deem necessary, the expense thereof to be charged to the appropriation for Public

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Schools.

Public Park.

Resolutions for ap-
pointment of Commis-
sioners of estimate
and assessment

The Joint Special Committee on the Public Park, make Report and recommend the passage of the accompanying Resolutions: which Report is received, and the following Resolutions are thereupon read and passed, viz:-

Resolved.

That it is desirable and necessary for the public convenience to lay out a Public Park in this city, the limits of which are defined as follows: Commencing at a point on the Easterly side of Eddy street seven hundred and seventy five feet Northwely from the dividing line between the town of Braintree and the city of Providence and thence running Easterly on a line parallel with and seven hundred and seventy five feet distant from said dividing line to the river; thence Northwely and by various courses and distances bounding on the river to the Southwely termination of the west harbor line at Sasapas Point; thence Northwely with said harbor line until it intersects the range of the center line of the old road bed of the Stonington railroad as located between Eddy street and Broad street, and thence South Westwely with said center line range

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to the shore at low water mark; thence South Westwely in a straight line to a point on the Southwely line of said old road bed about seven hundred and twenty feet Easterly from Eddy street, being the north Easterly course of a lot of land belonging to William Foster, and thence South Westwely with the dividing line between said Foster's land and the old road bed aforesaid to Eddy street, and thence Southwely bounding Westwely on Eddy street to the place of beginning

And whereas, certain real estate will be required for said public park and the City Council cannot agree with the owners of said real estate for the price thereof.

Resolved.

That the City Solicitor 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 Chapter 813 of the Statutes, entitled "An Act to authorize the City of Providence to establish a Public Park in said City"; 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

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aforsaid, that said Commissioners shall apportion and assess one quarter of the loss and damage thereof upon the persons and estates benefited thereby in the ratio of the benefits conferred.

Resolved,

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

(Concurred)

(Approved)

No. Burying Ground

Receipts & Expenditures.

The Annual Report of the Commissioners of the North Burying Ground, of "Receipts and Expenditures", is presented, read and received.

(Concurred)

(Approved)

Ibid

Trust Funds.

The Annual Report of said Commissioners of the "Trust Funds", is presented, read and received.

(Concurred)

(Approved)

Ibid

Income of Trust Funds.

The Annual Report of said Commissioners, of Income and Expenditures from Trust Funds,

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is presented, read and received.

(Concurred)

(Approved)

Resolved,

Resolution to print
Alphabetical Lists
Births, Deaths &c.

That the City Registrar be authorized and directed to publish in pamphlet form, uniform with previous years, four hundred copies of the "Alphabetical Lists of the Names of Persons Deceased, Born and Married in the City of Providence during the year 1868."

(Concurred)

(Approved)

Report on additional appropriations.

A communication from the joint Committee on Highways, asking for further appropriations, accompanied by a draft resolution, is presented, read and re-committed to said Committee.

Remission of Tax

E.M. Chaffee

200.

A petition of Edwin M. Chaffee for Remission of Tax is presented, received and referred to the Standing Committee on Claims.

Hon. Wm. Binney

Resolution of Thanks.

Resolved,

That the thanks of this Council are due and are hereby tendered to the Hon. William Binney for the able and

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impartial manner in which he has discharged the duties imposed upon him as its presiding officer.

Resolution to continue unfinished business

Resolved,

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

Adjourn sine die.

The Common Council adjourn sine die.

Members present.

Present - all the members, except Messrs Johnson, Shaw, J. T. Snow and Sprague.

J. M. Addeeman
Clerk.

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Organization
of the City Government
of the City of Providence for the
Year commencing on the First Monday in
June 1869.

Monday June 7th 1869.

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

A Farewell address by Hon. Thomas A. Doyle is read.

Hon. Geo. I. Clarke
engaged as Mayor.

The certificate of the election of Hon. George Leonard Clarke, as Mayor, is read; and the oath prescribed by Law is administered to him by Hon. Thomas A. Doyle.

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

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

Roll of the
Common Council

From the First Ward

Smith S. Sweet,
Alfred Metcalf,
Stillman White,
Stephen Cook.

From the Second Ward.

William Binney,
Frank Mauran,
James H. Armington,
Stephen Waterman.

From the Third Ward.

Benjamin A. Lapham
Zachariah Chaffee
John B. Anthony
James Shaw, Jr.

From the Fourth Ward.

Albert L. Calder,
Abner J. Barnaby,
William H. Fenner,
John L. Draper

From the Fifth Ward.

Henry A. Cory,
William Spencer,

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Alson W. Aldrich,
Oliver F. Dutcher.

From the Sixth Ward.

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

From the Seventh Ward

Alpen W. Fish
Samuel S. Harris
Joseph J. Snow
John H. Solin.

From the Eighth Ward.

Jonathan L. Spencer,
Alfred A. Harrington,
Raymond G. Place,
Henry W. Gardner.

From the Ninth Ward.

Francis M. Smith
William V. Dabell
Henry J. Root
Gideon Bradford.

Prayer is offered by Rev. Arthur May
Knapp.

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City Clerk.

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

Mayor's Address.

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

Election of City Officers.

The City Council proceed to the election of City Officers for the present Municipal Year, and having completed the same with the exception of Assessor of Taxes, in place of George W. Stam, deceased, Trustees of the Reform School, Sealer of Weights & Measures, Inspector of Kerosene, and Inspector of Milk, which are passed for the present, the two Boards separate.

The members elect of the Common Council are called to order by the Clerk, J. M. Addeman.

President elected

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

Clerk elected.

Joshua M. Addeman is elected Clerk of the Common Council for the present Municipal year, and is engaged by the Mayor in the presence of the Board of Aldermen.

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Standing Rules of Order.

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

Standing Rules

Resolved.

City Council.

That the Standing Rules of the City Council, adopted for the government of the last City Council, be and the same are hereby adopted as the Standing Rules of the City Council for the present Municipal Year.

(Concurred)

(Approved)

Joint Standing Committees.

Pursuant to the City Ordinances, the following Joint Standing Committees are appointed, viz:—

On Finance.

Mrs Sprague

Sweet

Chaffin

W. Spencer

} Ald. Knight

On Highways.

Mrs Book

Durfee

Sabra

Waterman

} Ald. Braxton

On Education.

Mrs Balder

Harris

Rice

Place

} Ald. Burrington

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On the Fire Department

Mesrs Armington
White
Fenner
Bradford } Ald. Hopkins

On City Property, Mesrs Fisk
Anthony
Cory
Root } Ald. Earle.

On Police, Mesrs McKeef,
Barnaby,
Harrington,
Joslin. } Ald. Coggeshall

On Ordinances, Mesrs Lapham
J. L. Spencer
Draper
Snow } Ald. Jew.

On Claims, Mesrs F. M. Smith
Shaw
C. S. Smith
Dutcher } Ald. Snow

On Printing, Mesrs Calder
Gardner
Aldrich
Bradford } Ald. Burrington.

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On the South Burying Ground.

Mesrs Barnaby
Cook
Aldrich } Ald. Earle

On the Harbor, Mesrs Mauran
Anthony
Gardner } Ald. Jew

On Railroads, Mesrs Mauran
C. S. Smith
Sweet } Ald. Brayton.

Committee on pub-
lishing Mayor's Address.

Resolved

That Mesrs Calder, Gardner,
Aldrich and Bradford, with such as the
Board of Aldermen may add, &c, 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.
(Concurred and Ald. Burgess added)

(Approved)

City Manual.

Resolved

That the Joint Committee, who
were appointed to cause the Mayor's Address
to be printed, &c, and they are hereby directed

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to cause

The Standing Rules of the City Council,

The Standing Rules of Order of the Common Council,

A List of the Standing Committees of the City Council,

A List of the City Officers,

and such portions of the Record of the organization of the City Government, as they may deem expedient, to be printed in pamphlet form, for the use of the City Council, - under the general title of the "City Manual."

(Concurred)

(Approved)

City Printing

65.

Resolved,

That Messrs Calder, Gardner, Aldrich and Bradford, with such as the Board of Aldermen may add, be, and they are hereby appointed a committee to contract for the City Printing for the present Municipal Year.

(Concurred and Ald. Burgess added)

(Approved)

No. of City Documents

to be printed.

Resolved,

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

(Concurred)

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Bond of

City Treasurer.

Resolved,

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

(Concurred)

(Approved)

Committee to expend

Budgeting money.

Resolved,

That Messrs Mauran, C. S. Smith and Sweet on the part of the Common Council, with such as the Board of Aldermen may add, be, and they are hereby appointed a committee for the purpose of expending the money received from the Harbor Master, as already appropriated by Ordinance.

(Concurred)

(Approved)

Committee on cele-

bration - 4th of July.

Resolved,

That Messrs Dutcher, Root and Draper, with such as the Board of Aldermen may add, be, and they hereby are appointed a committee of arrangements for a Municipal celebration of the approaching anniversary of American Independence.

Resolved,

That the sum of three thousand

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dollars &c, and the same is hereby appropriated for the purpose of defraying the expenses of said celebration, - to be paid by the City Treasurer to the order of said Committee out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated.

(Concurred)
(Approved)

Police Court.

A Resolution in the words following is presented and read, viz: -

Resolved,

That from the Justices assigned to keep the peace within the City Francis A. Daniels and William W. Douglas be and they are hereby selected to compose the Police Court during the present municipal year.

Thereupon it is moved to amend said Resolution by striking out the names of Francis A. Daniels and William W. Douglas, and inserting in lieu thereof the names of Stephen Essex and Francis A. Daniels; upon which motion the Ayes and Nays are ordered, as follows, viz: -

Ayes

| | |
|---------------|--------------|
| Suprs Aldrich | Suprs Chafee |
| Barnaby | Cook |
| Bradford | Cory |
| Calder | Daboll |

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|--------------|---------------|
| Suprs Draper | Suprs Rice |
| Durfee | Rool |
| Dutcher | C. S. Smith |
| Fenner | F. M. Smith |
| Fisk | Snow |
| Harrington | J. L. Spencer |
| Harris | W. Spencer |
| Joslin | Sprague |
| Latham | Swet |
| Place | White. |

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Nays.

| | |
|-----------------|--------------|
| Suprs President | Suprs Mauran |
| Anthony | Metcalf |
| Armington | Shaw |
| Gardner | Waterman |

Said amendment therefore prevails, and the Resolution as amended is thereupon read and passed.

(Concurred)
(Approved)

Day of celebration of Fourth of July.

Resolved.

That the Municipal celebration of the Anniversary of American Independence take place on the Fifth day of July next.

(Concurred)
(Approved)

Resolved.

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Mayor's Portrait.

295.

That Messrs Shaw, Calder and Cory 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 Treasurer for such sum as may be necessary to carry this resolution into effect.

(Concurred)

(Approved)

Committee of Accounts

Reduction of City Debt passed.

The election of the Committee of Accounts on the part of the Common Council, is postponed till the next meeting; and the appointment of the Committee for the Reduction of the City Debt is passed for the present.

Annual Report

School Committee.

The Annual Report of the School Committee is presented and 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

The foregoing order is returned from the Board of Aldermen with their concu-

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ance therein with the following amendments:

Add the words "and including a list of the graduates of the High School."

Strike out the words "seven hundred and fifty;" and substitute the words "one thousand."

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

(Approved)

Annual Report of Fire Department.

The Annual Report of the Board of Engineers of the Fire Department is presented, read and received.

(Concurred)

(Approved)

Semi-annual Report of Overseer of Poor.

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

(Concurred)

(Approved)

Annual Report

Supt. N. B. Ground.

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

(Concurred)

(Approved)

Annual Report of

Trustees Sinking Fund.

The Annual Report of the Trustees of the Sinking Fund for the redemption of

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The 5 per cent City Bonds payable in 1893 is presented, read and received.

(Concurred)
(Approved)

Quartermaster-General's Report.

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

(Concurred)
(Approved)

Annual Report of

Trustees Prov. Reform School.

The Annual Report of the Trustees of the Providence Reform School is presented, read, received and ordered to be printed for the use of the City Council.

(Concurred)
(Approved)

City Treasurer's Mo. Report.

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

(Concurred)
(Approved)

Surveyor of Highways.

Mo. Report

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

(Concurred)
(Approved)

Harbor Master's

do.

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

(Concurred)
(Approved)

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Harbor Dredging.

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

(Concurred)
(Approved)

Mo. Report of Chief

Engineer, Fire Dept.

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

(Concurred)
(Approved)

Committee to publish

Reports.

Resolved.

That the Joint Committee, who were appointed to cause the Mayor's address to be printed, be and they are hereby authorized to cause the following Reports to be printed in pamphlet form for the use of the City Council, viz: -

The Annual Report of the Quartermaster-General.

The Annual Report of the Commissioners of the North Burying Ground;

The Annual Report of the Superintendent of the North Burying Ground,

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

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

(Concurred)
(Approved)

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Encroachments on
City Property.Resolved.

That in view of threatened encroachments upon some of our most valuable city property, the Chief of Police be hereby directed to be especially vigilant in preventing said encroachments, and that His Honor the Mayor be requested to take such measures as in his judgment will most effectually protect the interests of the city therein; and that the Chief of Police be instructed to follow as his guide the Report of the Standing Committee on Highways on the subject of encroachments made to the City Council.

(Concurred)

Maintenance of English
Sparrows in Cove Park.Resolved.

That the sum of One Hundred Dollars, or so much thereof as may be needed, be and the same is hereby appropriated, to be expended under the direction of the Committee on City Property, in the purchase and maintenance on the Cove Park of ten pairs of English Sparrows, as protectors of the trees; said amount to be charged to the appropriation for Public Grounds.

(Concurred)

(Approved)

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Ordinance to carry
out provisions of
Water Act.Resolved.

That the Standing Committee on Ordinances be directed to prepare and report such Ordinance as shall in their judgment be best adapted to carry into effect the provisions of an Act passed by the General Assembly, entitled An Act to supply the City of Providence with pure water.

(Concurred)

(Approved)

C.W. Atwood -

Raising Building.

27.

A petition of C. W. Atwood for permission to raise a one story wooden building is presented, received and referred to the Standing Committee on the Fire Dept.

Brook Street

39.

A petition of J. Carter Brown 2nd and others for laying out and improving Brook Street is presented, received and laid on the table temporarily.

Res. of Adjournment.

Resolved.

That when the Common Council adjourn this day, it adjourn till Monday the 14th inst at 8 o'clock p.m. and that the Hon. Board of Aldermen be invited to join the Common Council at that time in Convention for the election of Water Commissioners and such other

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business as may properly come before them.

The foregoing invitation is accepted by the Board of Aldermen.

Adjourn.

Pursuant to the foregoing resolution the Common Council adjourn to Monday June 14, 1869 at 8 o'clock p. m.

Present - all the members.

J. M. Addunau
Clerk.

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Common Council - June 14, 1869.

The Common Council met pursuant to adjournment, the President in the chair and
Quorum present a quorum present.

Record Read. The Record of the last meeting is read and approved.

Mayor's Message. A Message from the Mayor in the words following is presented and read, viz:
Repairs on School Houses, etc. Mayor's Office

Prvidence June 14, 1869.

Gentlemen of the City Council

I am requested by the Executive Board of the School Committee to lay before you the necessity of some immediate action in regard to certain school houses, in order that arrangements may be made to have the work done during the ensuing summer vacation.

The School Committee voted in February last to petition the City Council for an appropriation sufficient to enlarge and improve the Benefit Street Grammar School House, so as to furnish suitable accommodations for the several schools now occupying the building.

The present accommodations are altogether

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inadequate to the number of children who desire to attend that school. It is estimated that an appropriation of twenty thousand dollars will be required for this purpose.

The Graham Street School House was badly injured by fire and requires to be repaired and enlarged, and the Committee estimate that an appropriation of five thousand dollars will be needed for this purpose.

The Committee also ask that an appropriation of six hundred dollars be made for the purpose of sustaining three or more schools, to be kept during the summer vacation.

The Heating apparatus in the Brigham School building, which has been in operation about twelve years, is now worn out and it will require an appropriation of about three thousand dollars to put in new furnaces.

The Committee have also voted that it be to sell the Potter's Avenue building and to erect a new building similar to the Warren Street School House in its stead; and that the Greenwich Street building be enlarged. It is estimated that these two improvements will require an appropriation of about thirteen thousand dollars.

It is supposed that the Potter's Avenue building and land will sell for about three thousand dollars, which will make the actual cost of the proposed improvements about ten

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thousand dollars on these two buildings.

I respectfully ask your favorable action upon these several recommendations of the School Committee.

George L. Clarke
Mayor.

Message referred.

Resolved.

That the Message of His Honor the Mayor, relative to repairs on School Houses, this day presented to the City Council, be and the same is hereby referred to the Standing Committee on Education.

(Concurred)

(Approved)

Said Committee to whom was referred the foregoing Message, make Report and recommend the passage of the accompanying resolutions: which Report is received, and the following Resolutions are thereupon read and passed, viz:—

Brigham School.

Resolved,

Heating apparatus.

That the Superintendent of Public Buildings, under the advice of the Joint Committee on Education, be hereby directed to place a new heating apparatus in the Brigham School, at an expense of not more than three thousand dollars, to be paid from the appropriation for Public Schools.

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(Concurred)

(Approved)

Vacation Schools.

Resolved.

That the School Committee be and they are hereby authorized to expend the sum of six hundred dollars in establishing and maintaining three or more vacation schools; said sum to be paid from the appropriation for Public Schools.

(Concurred)

(Approved)

Graham St. School.

Resolved.

That the sum of Five thousand dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated for the purpose of repairing and enlarging the Graham Street Primary ^{and Intermediate} School House, the same to be expended under the advice of the Joint Committee on Education, by the Superintendent of Public Buildings, and paid out of the appropriation for Public Schools.

(Concurred)

(Approved)

Purchase of land

Resolved.

Thayer St. School

That the Standing Committee on City Property be and they are hereby authorized to buy for the city a lot of land lying north west of the Thayer Street Grammar School lot - and measuring thirty feet on Charles Field

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that and extending north of uniform width 184 feet more or less to the north line of said Thayer Street Grammar School lot, provided that the same can be bought for a sum not exceeding thirty three hundred dollars, which sum is hereby appropriated, to be paid from the appropriation for Public Schools.

(Concurred)

(Approved)

City Documents.

Resolved.

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

The foregoing resolution having passed the Board of Aldermen, it is resolved that the Common Council do concur therein.

(Approved)

Red Bridge.

Resolved.

That so much of the address of His Honor the Mayor as refers to the Red Bridge be and the same is hereby referred to the Board of Aldermen with power to take such action in reference to the proposed sale of the Bridge and the franchises of the corporation owning

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said bridge, as to them may seem best for the interests of the city.

(Concurred),
(Approved)

Resolved.

That so much of the Mayor's Address as relates to matter of the Thayer Street Primary and Intermediate School and drainage of Thayer street; also that in reference to doing Highway work by contract, &c and the same is hereby referred to the joint Standing Committee on Highways to examine and report thereon.

Resolved.

That so much of the Mayor's Address as relates to land belonging to the city bordering on Saukunk River, &c and the same is hereby referred to the joint Standing Committee on City Property to examine and report thereon.

Resolved.

That so much of the Mayor's Address as relates to the matter of connecting the Police Stations by telegraph &c and the same is hereby referred to the joint Standing Committee on Police to examine and report thereon.

(Concurred),
(Approved)

Thayer St Primary the School and Drainage of Thayer St.

City's Land on Saukunk River.

Police Telegraph.

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Resolved.

That the sum of three hundred dollars out of the appropriation for salaries be and the same is hereby appropriated in addition to former appropriation for assistance in the office of the Register of Transfers, provided that no portion of said sum shall be drawn except the order therefor be approved by the Mayor.

(Concurred),
(Approved)

Resolved.

That the joint Special Committee on the Point Street Bridge be and they are hereby instructed to report to this Council their plans and specifications for said bridge, before contracting for the same.

(Concurred),
(Approved)

Resolved.

That His Honor the Mayor and the Board of Aldermen be invited to join the Common Council ^{in Convention} for the election of City officers and the transaction of such business as may properly come before them.

The foregoing invitation being accepted, the two Boards join

Appropriation for office of Register of Transfers.

Point Street Bridge.

Invitation to join in Convention.

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In Convention.

In Convention
City Officers elected.

Samuel C. Hidden is elected an Assessor of Taxes.

George A. Cole is elected Inspector of Horses.

Dr. Oliver C. Piggie is elected Inspector of milk.

Samuel M. Hartshorn is elected Sealer of Weights & Measures.

Orin Sweet, David C. Moore and Michael Craddock are elected City Constables.

Robert Sherman and Amos Potter are confirmed as Deputy Quagers.

The two Boards separate

Stokes & Leonard et als

Refrigerator Store House

115.

A Memorial of Stokes & Leonard et als for Refrigerator Store House is presented and received, whereupon it is

Resolved.

That the petition of Stokes & Leonard, this day presented to the City Council for permission to erect a Refrigerator Store House over the Public Waters at the foot of Exchange Place, be and the same is hereby referred to a joint Special Committee consisting of Messrs Cory, Mauran and Cook on the part of the Common Council, with such as the

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Board of Aldermen may add, to examine and report thereon.

(Concurred and Ald. Carter & Jew added)

(Approved)

Committee of Accounts.

Messrs Alfred Miteath

Zachariah Chafee

John B. Anthony

Henry A. Cory, and

Wilson W. Aldrich

are elected by ballot as members on the part of the Common Council of the Joint Committee of Accounts.

(Aldermen Burges and Snow are elected as members of said Committee on the part of the Board of Aldermen)

(Approved)

Committee for Reduction of the City Debt.

Mr. Stephen Waterman is appointed as the member, on the part of the Common Council, ^{of the Committee} for the Reduction of the City Debt.

Ordinance to provide for election of Water Commissioners.

27.

47.

The Standing Committee on Ordinances, who were instructed at the last meeting to draw an ordinance for carrying out the provisions of the Act to supply the City of Providence with pure water, make Report by Bill entitled An Ordinance to provide for the election of Water Commissioners, under Chapters 640 and 784, relative to supplying the

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City of Providence with pure water;" which Report is received. Said Bill is read, and thereupon it is ordered that the further consideration thereof be postponed; that said Bill be laid on the table and printed for the use of the city council.

Ordinance providing for purchase of Supplies.

A Bill entitled "An Ordinance providing for the purchase of supplies for the several departments and Institutions of the City" is presented, and referred to the Standing Committee on Ordinances.

Said Committee thereupon make Report, recommending the passage of the same; which Report is received, and said Bill is thereupon read and passed.

In B. & C. - 20

Ordinance relative to Sale and Inspection of Milk. 148.

Resolved.

That the Standing Committee on Ordinances be and they are hereby instructed to prepare and report an Ordinance to carry into effect "An Act in relation to the sale and inspection of milk;" being Chap. 647 of the Public Laws.

Resolved.

That the Surveyor of Highways, acting under the direction of the Committee

Surveyor of Highways to report work previously ordered and unfinished.

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on Highways, be and he is hereby directed to report at the next meeting of the Council what work on highways previously ordered by the Council is still unfinished, and how much if any has been performed by, or is now under contract.

Friendship Street

Extension of

11.

A Resolution (from the Board of Aldermen) relative to the extension of Friendship Street, and electing to make said improvement, is sent down for concurrence, and is read; whereupon it is ordered that the consideration of said resolution be postponed and that the same be referred to the Standing Committee on Highways.

Brook Street

Laying out &c.

27.

78.

The petition of J. Carter Brown 2^d et al for laying out and improving Brook Street, which at the last meeting was received and laid on the table, is taken from the table and thereupon it is

Resolved.

That the petition of John Carter Brown 2^d et al for the laying out of Brook Street, and the subject of extending the lay out of Brook Street to Meeting Street, be referred to the Committee on Highways, with instructions to report at the next meeting of the Council the length of time it will take, and the probable cost, if the

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prayer of the petition be granted and the work be performed by contract.

C.R. Goddard,

Raising Buildings,
49.

Moving Buildings.

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57.

A petition of Charlotte R. Goddard for permission to raise building, and

Petitions of

John Oldfield,

Nancy L. Sumner,

Oroill A. Hodges, &

Arnold P. Mathewson,

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

Thayer Street

Petitions of G. C. Carrington et al. to open & extend Thayer street from Angell to Keene streets,

Chestnut Street

and of Geo. B. Holmes et al. for paving Chestnut St. between Bassett & Elm streets, are severally presented, received and referred to the Standing Committee on Highways.

Ordinance relative to muzzling of Dogs. Repeal of

A petition of Mr Foster Jr. et al. to repeal the Ordinance relative to muzzling dogs is presented, received and referred to the Standing Committee on Ordinances.

Adjourn.

The Common Council adjourn to Monday June 28th 1869 at 8 o'clock p.m.

Present. all the members, except Messrs Arrington & Harrington.

J. Anderson, Clerk

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Common Council June 28, 1869.

The Common Council met pursuant to adjournment - the President in the chair and a quorum present.

Quorum present.

Record Read.

The Record of the last meeting is read and approved.

Mayor's Message

Point St. Bridge

A Message is received from his Honor the Mayor, communicating an opinion of the City Solicitor relative to the authority of the Committee on the Point Street Bridge to cause said Bridge to be erected, notwithstanding the fact that their terms of office as members of the City Council expired on the first Monday of June instant. (Said opinion being favorable to such authority.)

Friendship Street

Extension of.

39.

The Standing Committee on Highways, to whom at the last meeting was referred a Resolution (from the Board of Aldermen, relative to the extension of Friendship Street, make Report and recommend that the Common Council concur in the passage of the same: which Report is received, and said Resolutions, in the words following are thereupon read and passed in concurrence, viz: -

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Friendship Street.

(continued)

Whereas, the Commissioners of estimate and assessment in the matter of extending Friendship street from its termination near Orange street to Dyer street, who were appointed by the Supreme Court at the October term thereof A. D. 1868 for the County of Providence, under the 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 on the 5th day of June 1869. Now therefore, within thirty days after the making of said report to said Court.

Resolved,

That the City Council hereby elect to make said improvement.

(Approved)

Highway to be laid

out from Atwell's Avenue

to Harris Avenue.

Said Committee to whom was referred by the Board of Aldermen a petition of L. Brayton et al. Trustees for lay out of street, make Report and recommend the passage of the accompanying resolution: which Report is received and the following resolution is thereupon read and passed, viz:-

Resolved,

That the City Treasurer be, and he is hereby ordered to pay out of any money not otherwise appropriated the sum of one thousand nine hundred dollars, to the order

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of Lodwick Brayton and Cyrus Harris, Trustees, whenever (within ninety days from July 1. 1869) they shall convey to the City of Providence for a public highway, a certain strip of land extending from Atwell's Avenue and Dean street to Harris Avenue of a uniform width of fifty ^{feet}, said street 900 feet long; and shall cause said highway or proposed street to be graded, the curbstones set and gutters paved, with provision for a proper discharge of the water falling thereon and passing over the same from adjoining streets, said work of construction to be completed to the satisfaction of the Surveyor of Highways, reference being had for a farther description of said strip of land to the plat accompanying this resolution

(Concurred)

(Approved)

Courtland St.

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Said Committee to whom on the 26th day of April last was referred a petition of Mr. A. Chapman et al. for reception of Courtland Street;

Williams St.

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also, a petition of Albert Warr. et al. for the reception and grading of Williams Street (April 12. 1869);

Eddy Street.

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also, on the 19th of October last, a communication from E. M. Aldrich relative to the

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condition of Eddy street;

Knight Street.

also, by the Board of Aldermen on the 1st day of March last, a petition of Paine & Sackett et al for extension of Knight street;

Asylum Street.

also, by said Board on the 15th of March last, a petition of C. C. & H. M. Taber for grading and drainage of Asylum street;

Mumford Street.

also, on the 11th day of January last, a petition of John Pearson et al. for the extension of Mumford street;

Pat. Farley et al.

also, by the Board of Aldermen on the

Increase of pay.

5th day of April last, a petition of Patrick Farley and others for increase of pay; make Reports and recommended that the petitioners have leave to withdraw; which Reports are received, and thereupon it is ordered that the petitioners severally have leave to withdraw.

Pine Street.

Said Committee to whom on the 12th day of April last was referred a petition of Lewis P. Mead & others for the extension of Pine street to Custom House street;

Extension of 265.

Governor St.

opening of.

also, on the 26th day of April last, a petition of Elijah Telden & others for the opening of Governor street; make Reports and recommend that the petitioners severally have leave to withdraw; which Reports, having been read, it is ordered that the same be re-committed to said Committee;

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Martin St. Drain.

Said Committee to whom was recommended by the Board of Aldermen on the 14th day of April last a resolution to reconstruct the Martin street Drain, make Report that they found there existed an absolute necessity for drainage of the surplus water at once, and directed the Surveyor of Highways to open the old drain, which accomplished that object; which Report is received, and said resolution is thereupon indefinitely postponed.

Sewer from Lockwood to Pearl Sts.

Said Committee to whom on the 29th of March last was referred a draft resolution for building sewer from Lockwood street to Pearl street, make Report that in their opinion it is inexpedient to build the same; which Report is received, and thereupon said resolution is laid on the table.

Stokes & Leonard

Refrigerator Store House.

36.

The Special Committee, to whom at the last meeting was referred a petition of Stokes & Leonard et al for a permission to erect a Refrigerator Store House over the public market at the foot of Exchange Place; make Report and recommend the passage of the accompanying resolutions; which Report is received, and thereupon it is ordered that said resolutions (granting the

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prayer of said petition, be indefinitely postponed.

Cust of Stone Wall on

A draft resolution of inquiry into the

Harbor line & Cove lands

cost of a stone wall on the Harbor Line, and in front of the Cove Lands on the Narragansett River, is presented, read and referred to the Standing Committee on Highways.

100.

Smithfield Turnpike Co.

Petition of

77.

The Smithfield Turnpike Co. for \$100

to make their road free;

Jos. Capwell - petition for damages. 184.

of Joseph Capwell for damages for overflow of water on Martin street;

John Dady et als. Petition for relief. 81.

of John Dady et als. for relief of overflow of water on Gano Street;

Cross-Walks on Westminster Street.

of Benjamin Hoppin et others for cross-walk on Westminster street opposite Walnut St.

Cross-walks on East St.

of Geo. C. Darvapat et others for cross-walk on East street at John street.

75.

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

Knight St. Police Station.

A draft resolution to build addition to the Knight Street Police Station, is presented, read and referred to the Standing Committee on Police.

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Petitions of

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R.H. Ives. 120.

R.H. Ives for purchase of land, and

J.S. Lincoln et als.

of J.S. Lincoln and others for use of

Use of Ward Room.

64.

ward room in 2^d Ward for exhibition of pictures, etc.

are presented, received and referred to the Standing Committee on City Property.

Thos. Jackson

A petition of Thomas Jackson for permission to raise building is presented,

Raising Building.

56.

received and referred to the Standing Committee on the Fire Department.

Remission of Tax.

Petitions of

A.B.H. Pike.

Albert B.H. Pike for refunding of

57.

tax; of

S.L. Sherman et als.

S.L. Sherman and Wm Olney, for remis-

60.

sion of personal property tax assessed against James A. Smith; of

Martin L. Cary.

Martin L. Cary for remission of

59.

tax,

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

Ordinance for election of Water Comrs.

37.

52.

The bill entitled "An Ordinance to provide for the election of Water Commissioners under Chapters 640 and 784 of the Public Laws, relative to supplying the city of Providence with pure water," which at the last meeting was laid on the

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lath, is taken from the lath, read and re-committed to the Standing Committee on Ordinances, with instructions to report at the next meeting, and in print.

Special Order.

The consideration of said Ordinance is made the special order for the next meeting of the Common Council.

Floating Debt.

Resolved.

Funding of.

That so much of the address of His Honor the Mayor as relates to the Funding of the present floating debt of the City & and the same is hereby referred to the Standing Committee for the reduction of the City Debt to consider the expediency of such action and report thereon.

(Concurred)

(Approved)

Tax Ordinance.

55.

Resolved.

That the Standing Committee on Finance & and they are hereby instructed to prepare and report an Ordinance at the next meeting of the Council providing for the assessment and collection of a tax upon the real and personal estate in the city of Providence

(Concurred)

(Approved)

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Fourth of July

Resolved.

Additional Appropriation

That the sum of five hundred dollars be and is hereby added to the appropriation for the celebration of our National Anniversary of American Independence, the same to be paid out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated.

(Concurred)

(Approved)

Highway Work

Report on.

38

The Surveyor of Highways, in pursuance of instructions passed at the last meeting of the Common Council to report what work on Highways previously ordered by the Council is still unfinished, and how much if any has been performed by, or is now under contract, makes Report: which Report having been read, it is ordered that the same be received and communicated to the Hon. Board of Aldermen.

Ordered that the same be printed in pamphlet form for the use of the City Council.

(Concurred)

(Approved)

C.W. Atwood

Raising Buildings

37.

The Standing Committee on the Fire Department, to whom on the 7th day of June inst. was referred a petition of C.W. Atwood for permission to raise a wooden building; and on the 14th inst. a petition of

C.R. Goddard

Do.
49.

Charlotte R. Goddard for permission

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to raise a wooden building, make Reports severally recommending that the prayers of said petitions be granted; which Reports are received and resolutions in accordance therewith are thereupon read and passed,

(Concurred,
(Approved)

Moving Buildings.

Said Committee to whom at the last meeting were referred petitions of

John Oldfield

A. P. Mathewson

Orville A. Hodges

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

(Concurred as to all except that of O. A. Hodges, which is non-concurred.)
Approved.

Highway Department.

Additional Appropriation

of Highways asking for additional appropriation for the Highway Department, is received and ordered to be communicated to the Hon. Board of Aldermen.

Adjourn.

The Common Council adjourns to Monday

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July 12. 1869, at 8 o'clock p. m.

Members present.

Present, all the members, except Messrs Mauran, Root and Sprague. 3

J. M. Addeman
Clerk

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The Common Council meet pursuant to adjournment - the President in the chair and

Quorum present. a quorum present.

Record Read.

The Record of the last meeting is read and approved.

City Auditor.

Estimate of receipts

A communication from the City Auditor, being an estimate of the amount of receipts and expenditures of the city, for the fiscal year, ending September 30th 1870, is presented, read and received.

(Concurred,
(Approved)

Mo. Report of

City Treasurer.

The monthly report of the City Treasurer is presented, read and received.

(Concurred,
(Approved)

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

(Concurred)

(Approved)

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

(Concurred)

(Approved)

Mo. Report of Surveyor of Highways. The monthly report of the Surveyor of Highways is presented, read and received.

(Concurred)

(Approved)

Ordinance in relation to Water Commissioners and Water Works.

47.

72.

The Standing Committee on Ordinances, to whom at the last meeting was recommitted a bill entitled "An Ordinance to provide for the election of Water Commissioners under Chapters 640 and 784 of the Public Laws, relative to supplying the city of Providence with pure water," make report by printed bill entitled "An Ordinance in relation to Water Commissioners and Water Works recommending the passage thereof, which report is received, and said Bill is read. Sections 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, and 7, are passed with sundry amendments.

In Section 8, it is moved to fill the blank relative to the salary of the President of said

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Board with the words "five thousand dollars," which motion is lost.

It is then moved to fill said blank with the words "four thousand dollars," upon which motion the ayes and nays are ordered, as follows, viz

Ayes. Messrs Bradford, Calder, Cook, Fennur, Fisk, and F. M. Smith. 6

Nays. Messrs Aldrich, Anthony, Armington, Barnaby, Chafee, Daboll, Draper, Duffe, Dutcher, Gardner, Harrington, Harris, Joslin, Lapham, Mauran, Metcalf, Place, Rice, Root, Shaw, C. S. Smith, Snow, J. L. Spencer, W. Spencer, Sprague, Sweet, Waterman. 27.

Said motion is therefore lost.

It is then moved to fill said blank with the words "Forty eight hundred dollars," upon which motion the ayes and nays are ordered as follows, viz:-

Ayes. Messrs President, Anthony, Armington, Calder, Chafee, Fennur, Gardner, Lapham, Mauran, Metcalf, Rice, Shaw, F. M. Smith, Sprague, Sweet, Waterman. 16

Nays. Messrs Aldrich, Barnaby, Bradford, Cook, Daboll, Draper, Duffe, Dutcher, Harrington, Harris, Joslin, Place, Root, C. S. Smith, Snow, J. L. Spencer, W. Spencer. 17

Which motion is therefore lost.

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Water Act. continued.

It is then moved to fill said blank with the words "Forty five hundred dollars", upon which motion the ayes and nays are ordered, as follows, viz:—

Ayes. Messrs President, Anthony, Armington, Calder, Chafe, Fenner, Gardner, Lapham, Mauran, Metcalf, Rice, Shaw, F. M. Smith, Sprague, Sweet, Waterman, 16.

Nays. Messrs Aldrich, Barnaby, Bradford, Cook, Daboll, Draper, Duffer, Dutcher, Harrington, Harris, Joslin, Place, Root, C. S. Smith, Snow, J. L. Spencer, W. Spencer, 17

Said motion is therefore lost.

The vote relative to filling said blank with the words "four thousand dollars" is then reconsidered, and it is moved to fill said blank with said words: upon which motion the ayes and nays are ordered, as follows, viz:—

Ayes. Messrs President, Anthony, Armington, Bradford, Calder, Chafe, Cook, Fenner, Gardner, Lapham, Mauran, Metcalf, Rice, Shaw, F. M. Smith, Sprague, Sweet, Waterman, 18

Nays. Messrs Aldrich, Barnaby, Daboll, Draper, Duffer, Dutcher, Harrington, Harris, Joslin, Place, Root, C. S. Smith, Snow, J. L. Spencer, W. Spencer, 15

Said motion therefore prevails, and the

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Water Act. continued.

Blank is so filled.

The blank relative to the salary of "the other commissioners" is filled with the words "three thousand dollars."

It is then moved that section 8, stand as a part of the bill: upon which motion the question is taken by ayes and nays as follows, viz:—

Ayes. Messrs President, Anthony, Armington, Bradford, Calder, Chafe, Cook, Daboll, Draper, Duffer, Fenner, Gardner, Harris, Joslin, Lapham, Mauran, Metcalf, Rice, Root, Shaw, F. M. Smith, Sprague, Sweet, Waterman, 24.

Nays. Messrs Aldrich, Barnaby, Dutcher, Harrington, Place, C. S. Smith, Snow, J. L. Spencer, W. Spencer, 9

Said motion therefore prevails, and the bill is thereupon read and passed.

Tax Ordinance.

48.
64.

The Standing Committee on Finance, in accordance with instructions passed at the last meeting, report a bill entitled "An Ordinance providing for the assessment and collection of a tax upon the real and personal estate in the City of Providence", recommending the passage thereof.

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which Report is received, and thereupon the consideration of said bill is postponed till the next meeting, and the bill is ordered to be printed.

Res. of adjournment.

Resolved.

That when the Common Council adjourn this day, it adjourn to meet on Wednesday next at 8 o'clock p.m.

Moving Buildings

Nancy L. Sumner.

411.

The Standing Committee on the Fire Department present a Report relative to the petition of Nancy L. Sumner for permission to remove a certain wooden building, recommending that the prayer thereof be granted: which Report is received, and a resolution in accordance therewith is read and passed.

(Concurred)

(Approved)

Raising Buildings

47.

Said Committee to whom were referred petitions of Thomas Jackson, and James Mc Guinness,

for permission to raise certain buildings, make ^{report} recommending that the prayers thereof be granted; which Reports are received, and resolutions in accordance therewith are thereupon severally read and passed.

(Concurred)

(Approved)

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Report on condition of Highway Department.

The Standing Committee on Highways present a report relative to the condition of their department, and asking for an additional appropriation: which Report is received, and a resolution, in the words following, recommended by said committee, is thereupon read and passed, viz:-

Resolved.

Appropriation for Highway Department.

That the sum of twenty five thousand dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated for the use of the Highway Department.

(Concurred)

Cyrus Williams

Remission of tax 95.

Heirs of Thos. Pearce

Friendship st. 96.

Petitions of

Cyrus Williams for remission of tax; and of

Heirs of Thomas Pearce for compensation for extension of Friendship street, are severally presented, received and referred to the Standing Committee on Claims.

(Petitions of

E. J. Mallett.

City Engineer. 92. 97.

E. J. Mallett for renewal of lease; and of the City Engineer for assistance, are severally presented, received and referred to the Standing Committee on City Property.

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Petitions of

Chief Eng. Fire Dept

Fire Cistern.

74.

x

Wagon House

74.

David Capwell.

65.

The Chief Engineer of the Fire Department, for construction of Fire Cistern for Station No. 3; and for construction of building in rear of Steam Fire Engine, No. 5, for wagon house; of David Capwell to raise wooden building; of

Charles E. Lenks, and

Henry M. Knight

for raising buildings, are severally presented, received and referred to the Standing Committee on the Fire Department.

Desecration of Sabbath.

A resolution of the N. S. Universalist Convention on the desecration of the Sabbath, is presented and referred to the Standing Committee on Ordinances.

Ford Street.

80.

A petition of Walter S. Burges et al. for the reclamation of Ford Street is presented, received and referred to the Standing Committee on Highways.

All unfinished business is continued till the next meeting and the Common Council adjourn till Wednesday July 14, 1869, at 8 p.m.

Adjourn.

Present all the members except Mr. Long,

M. Addeman, Clerk

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The Common Council met pursuant to adjournment - the President in the chair and a quorum present.

Quorum present.

Record Read.

The Record of the last meeting is read and approved.

Revision of Ordinances.

1418.

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

Resolved.

That the Joint Committee on Ordinances be hereby instructed to report what progress, if any, has been made in revising the ordinances of the city for publication.

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

(Approved)

Remission of Tax.

The Standing Committee on Claims to whom on the 28th day of June last were referred petitions of

Albat B. H. Pike, and

Martin L. Cary,

for remission of tax, make reports recommending that the petitioners have leave to

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withdraw: which reports are received, and thereupon it is ordered that said petitioners severally have leave to withdraw.

Remission of Tax

James A. Smith.

Said Committee to whom on the same day was referred a petition of S. L. Sherman & Mr Olney for remission of personal property tax assessed against James A. Smith, make Report (which is received) recommending the passage of the following resolution which is thereupon read and passed, viz:-

Resolved,

That the City Treasurer be and he is hereby directed to deduct from the tax assessed against James A. Smith the sum of sixty eight $5\frac{40}{100}$ dollars, the same being the amount assessed against said Smith for personal property.

(Non-concurred)

Do.

James A. Fenner.

A petition of James A. Fenner of Scituate for remission of tax, is presented, read and received; and thereupon the following resolution is read and passed, viz:-

Resolved,

That the City Treasurer be and he is hereby directed to deduct from the tax assessed against James A. Fenner on personal property for the year 1868 the sum of

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Five $50\frac{00}{100}$ dollars.

(Concurred)

(Approved)

Police Telegraph

317.

The Standing Committee on Police to whom was referred so much of the Mayor's Message as relates to a Police Telegraph make Report, not recommending the construction of the same at present: which Report having been read, it is ordered that the same be received

(Concurred)

(Approved)

Knight St. Police

Station to be repaired.

116.

127.

Said Committee to whom on the 28th day of June last was referred a draft resolution to build an addition to the Knight St. Police Station, make Report recommending the passage of the enclosed substitute: which Report is received and the following resolution is thereupon read and passed; viz:-

Resolved, That the sum of Five Thousand Dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated for enlarging and re-fitting Police Station No. 4 on Knight St. and furnishing it with ten cells; this expenditure to be made under the direction of the Joint Standing Committee on Police and charged to the appropriation

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for the Police Department.

(Concurred)

(Approved)

Communication from City Auditor

Additional appropriations

A communication is received from the City Auditor, announcing that the several annual appropriations for Printing, Repairs of Public Buildings, Assessors' Plats and Street Lines, the Support of the Poor and for Highways are exhausted, and asking for additional appropriations; which communication having been read it is ordered that the same be received.

Resolved.

That the following sums be and the same are hereby appropriated, in addition to former appropriations, for the following purposes, viz:-

For Printing, One thousand dollars.

For Assessors Plats and street lines fifteen hundred dollars.

For Support of the Poor, Four thousand dollars.

For repairs of public buildings, five thousand dollars.

Resolved.

Resolution making additional appropriations

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That ten thousand dollars of the above amount be transferred from the appropriation for contingencies, and fifteen hundred dollars from the appropriation for sidewalks and curbing.

(Non-concurred)

Resolved.

Committee to consult with owners on N. Main St. damaged by widening street.

That Messrs Waterman, Surpu and Snow, with such as the Board of Aldermen may add, be appointed a Committee to consult with the property owners on North Main street, whose estates will be damaged by the proposed widening and straightening thereof, according to the Report of the Commissioners of Estimate and Assessment just deposited in the City Clerks Office; and to report to this Council upon what terms an amicable arrangement can be made with said owners, by which said improvement may be carried out agreeably to said Report.

(Concurred)

(Ald. Snow added)

(Approved)

The Standing Committee on City Prop-

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Use of 2nd Ward Room for exhibitions of pictures &c.

47.

erty to whom on the 28th day of June last was referred a petition of J. S. Lincoln et al., for use of Ward Room in 2nd Ward for art exhibitions, make Report and recommend the passage of the accompanying resolution: which Report is received and the following Resolution is thereupon read and passed, viz:-

Resolved,

That the Standing Committee of the City Council on City Property &c and they are hereby instructed to permit J. S. Lincoln and others to use the 2nd Ward Room for an exhibition room for pictures and other works of art, with authority to make such alterations as may be needful, providing no expense to the city is incurred thereby, and further providing that no injury is done the building.

(Concurred)

(Approved)

Tax Ordinance.

55.

The Bill entitled "An Ordinance providing for the assessment and collection of a tax upon the Real and Personal Estate in the City of Providence," which was presented at the last meeting and postponed till this day, is taken from the table, read and passed

(Concurred)

(Approved)

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Obstructions on Railroad Tracks. 98.

Resolved,

That the Standing Committee on Railroads &c and they are hereby requested to inquire if there be any unnecessary obstruction to persons or vehicles crossing the railroad tracks on Cove, Aborn and Sabin Streets, and if any legislation be needed to provide for the safety and convenience of such persons.

(Concurred)

(Approved)

Report of committee City Printing. 18.

The committee to contract for the City Printing make Report that they have contracted with Messrs Millard & Barker to do the Book & Job printing, and with the Journal, Herald & Evening Post for the advertising for the ensuing year; which Report having been read it is ordered that the same be received, and the committee discharged from further consideration of the subject.

(Concurred)

(Approved)

Raising buildings.

58.

58.

58.

The Standing Committee on the Fire Department to whom on the 12th inst. were referred petitions of

Henry M. Knight
Charles E. Jenks,
and P. Capwell

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

(Concurred),
(Approved),

Resolved.

Wickenden Street
Drainage of.
78.

That the Standing Committee on Highways be and they are hereby instructed to inquire and report what action if any is needed to secure drainage for a portion of Wickenden Street near its junction with South Main.

(Concurred),
(Approved)

Stokes & Leonard
Refrigerator Store House.

A Resolution granting permission to Stokes & Leonard and their associates to build a Store House refrigerator over the public waters at the East end of Exchange Place, having passed the Board of Aldermen is sent down for concurrence and is read, whereupon it is resolved that the Common Council do not concur therein.

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Waverly Street, to whom on the 28th day of September last, Reception of. was referred a petition of Cyrus Butler & others for reception of Waverly and a portion of Updike streets, make Report and recommend the passage of the accompanying resolution: which Report is received and the following resolution is thereupon read and passed, viz:
Resolved.

That the Board of Aldermen be and they are hereby requested to receive Waverly street, between Greenwich Street and Updike streets; and that portion of Updike street lying between the north line of Waverly street and Public street, as a public highway.

(Concurred)
(Approved)

Resolved.

Broadway.
Lowering grade of.
79.

That the Standing Committee on Highways be and are requested to report on the petition relative to lowering the grade of Broadway.

Sessions Lot.
Condition of Well.
73.

A communication from the Overseer of Pumps and Wells relative to the condition of well on the Sessions Lot, South Main Street is presented, received and referred to the Standing Committee on the

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

(Concurred)
(Approved)

Resolved.

Wickenden Street

Drainage of.

78.

That the Standing Committee on Highways be and they are hereby instructed to inquire and report what action if any is needed to secure drainage for a portion of Wickenden Street near its junction with South Main.

(Concurred)
(Approved)

Stokes & Leonard

Refrigerator Store House.

A Resolution granting permission to Stokes & Leonard and their associates to build a Store House refrigerator over the public waters at the East end of Exchange Place, having passed the Board of Aldermen is sent down for concurrence and is read, whereupon it is resolved that the Common Council do not concur therein.

The Standing Committee on Highways

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Mauney Street: to whom on the 28th day of September last, Reception of. was referred a petition of Cyrus Butler to others for reception of Mauney and a portion of Updike streets, make Report and recommend the passage of the accompanying resolution: which Report is received and the following resolution is thereupon read and passed, viz: Resolved.

That the Board of Aldermen be and they are hereby requested to receive Mauney street, between Greenwich street and Updike streets; and that portion of Updike street lying between the north line of Mauney street and Public street, as a public highway.

(Concurred)
(Approved)

Resolved.

Broadway - lowering grade of.
79.

That the Standing Committee on Highways be and are requested to report on the petition relative to lowering the grade of Broadway.

Sessions Lot.

Condition of well.

78.

A communication from the Overseer of Pumps and Wells relative to the condition of well on the Sessions Lot, South Main Street is presented, received and referred to the Standing Committee on the

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Fire Department.

Petitions of

Atlantic Ins. Co.

The Atlantic Insurance Co. for
sewer in Exchange Street; of

Thayer Street.

William Franceville & others for
the continuation of Thayer street; of

Granston Street.

Raymond Stone & others for
cross-walk on Granston Street;

Eddy Street.

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also, draft resolutions to cause
obstruction on Eddy Street to be removed;

Manchester street.

sewer on.

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and to contract for sewer on
Manchester street,

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

Adjourn.

The Common Council adjourn on
Monday, the 26 day of July 1869 at 8
o'clock p.m.

Members present.

Present, all the members, except Messrs
Cory, Draper, Gardner, Shaw, Waterman
and White.

M. Addeman
Clerk.

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Quorum present.

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

Pres. pro tem.

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

Record.

The reading of the Record is dis-
pensed with.

Point St. Bridge.

The Committee on the Point Street
Bridge make Report by submitting plans
and drawings for the proposed Bridge.

Resolved.

That this Council accept and
approve the plans for the Point Street bridge,
as presented and recommended by the com-
mittee on said bridge, and the committee
are hereby instructed to proceed in the con-
struction of the same, forthwith.

(Concurred)

(Approved)

Improvement of Streets.

in Ninth Ward.

Resolved.

That the Standing Committee
on Highways be and they are hereby instruct-
ed to examine and report to this Council
what streets, if any, in the Ninth ward

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it would be desirable to straighten, extend or otherwise alter, together with an estimate of the cost of such proposed improvements.

(Concurred)

(Approved)

Resolved.

Summer Street,
Straightening of.

That the standing committee on Highways be and they are hereby instructed to examine and report upon the expediency and probable cost of straightening the west side of Summer street from Broad street south, bringing the same on a line with the west side of same street running from Broad street to High Street, and making the said street of the uniform width of (40) forty feet.

(Concurred)

(Approved)

Additional appropriation
for Highway Department.

The standing committee on Highways submit "A detailed statement of the causes which have created the necessity for a further appropriation for the Highway department," which is received, and the following resolution is thereupon read and passed, viz:-

Resolved.

That the sum of twenty five

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thousand dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated, for the use of the Highway Department.

(Concurred)

Appropriation for
Repairs of
Public Buildings.

A communication is received from the joint committee on City Property, asking for additional appropriations, and the following resolution is thereupon read and passed, viz:-

Resolved.

That the sum of five thousand dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated for repairs on public buildings, to be transferred to this account from the appropriation for contingencies.

(Concurred)

(Approved)

Appropriation for
Printing.

A communication is received from the joint committee on Printing, asking for additional appropriations, and the following resolution is thereupon read and passed, viz:-

Resolved.

That the sum of one thousand dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated for printing, the same to be transferred from the appropriation for

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contingencies.

(Concurred)

(Approved)

Reports on Reform

School Investigation.

88.

141.

The Board of Aldermen, who, on the 23^d day of November last, were appointed by the City Council a special committee to investigate the charges of Thomas Cosgrove and others against the management of the Reform School, make the following Reports, viz: a majority report, (finding that said charges are not sustained), signed by Aldermen Earle, Hopkins, Knight, Brayton and Jew, and three minority reports, signed severally by Aldermen Coggeshall, Snow and Burrington; which reports are read and it is ordered that the same be received, and the consideration thereof postponed till the next meeting of the Council.

Water Commissioners &c.

52.

89.

The Bill entitled "An Ordinance in relation to Water Commissioners and Water Works," which passed the Common Council on the 12th inst. is returned from the Board of Aldermen with divers amendments; which having been read it is ordered that the same be printed and the consideration thereof postponed.

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

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Raising buildings

James M. Corcoran, and

George Hoff,

for raising certain buildings; and of Mrs P. A. Doyle

for moving a certain wooden building, make reports recommending that the prayers of said petitions be granted: which Reports are received, and resolutions in accordance therewith are thereupon read and passed.

(Concurred)

(Approved)

Sessions Lot.

67.

Said committee to whom on the 14th inst. was referred a communication from the Overseer of Pumps & Wells, relative to the condition of the Sessions Lot, North Main Street, make Report and recommend the passage of the accompanying resolution: which Report is received, and the following resolution is thereupon read and passed.

Resolved.

That the sum of seventy five (75) dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated for fencing an excavation on the so-called Sessions Lot, as described in the communication of the Overseer of Pumps & Wells; said sum to be taken from the appropriation for Pumps and Wells.

(Concurred)

(Approved)

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Fire Cistern at
Station No. 3.
58.

Said Committee to whom on the same date was referred a communication from the Chief Engineer of the Fire Department relative to a fire cistern at Station No. 3. make Report and recommend the passage of the accompanying resolutions: which Reports are received and the following resolutions are thereupon read and passed, viz:-

Resolved,

That the Board of Engineers, acting under the advice and direction of the Standing Committee on the Fire Department &c, and they are hereby authorized to construct a cistern at Station No. 3, capable of holding six thousand (6000) gallons, provided the same shall not cost, to exceed the sum of four hundred dollars.

Resolved,

That the sum of four hundred (\$400) dollars &c, and the same is hereby appropriated from the funds of the Fire Department to build a cistern at Engine Station No. 3.

(Concurred)

(Approved)

Engine Station No. 5.
Wagon House.
58.

Said Committee to whom was referred a communication of the Chief Engineer of the Fire Department relative to construction of building at the Station of

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Steamer No. 5, make report and recommend the passage of the accompanying resolutions: which Report is received, and the following resolutions are thereupon read and passed, viz:-

Resolved,

That the Board of Engineers, acting under the advice and direction of the Standing Committee on Fire Department &c, and they are hereby authorized to erect a building at engine station No. 5, at a cost not exceeding \$1000.

Resolved,

That the sum of six hundred (600) dollars &c, and the same is hereby appropriated from the funds of the Fire Department to carry the above resolution into effect.

(Concurred)

(Approved)

East Street

Cross-walk on

46.

The Standing Committee on Highways to whom on the 28th day of June last was referred a petition of Mr C. Daraport et al for cross-walk on East street, make Report and recommend the passage of the accompanying resolution: which Report is received and the following resolution is thereupon read and passed, viz:

Resolved,

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That the Surveyor of Highways
he and he is hereby directed to cause
a Crosswalk to be laid across East
street at the corner of John street.

(Concurred,
(Approved)

James N. Wheaton.

Compensation for injuries

Said committee to whom was referred
a petition of James N. Wheaton for com-
pensation for damages, make Report and
recommend the passage of the accompany-
ing resolution: which Report is received,
and the following resolution is thereupon
read and passed, viz:-

Resolved

That the City Treasurer be
and he is hereby directed to pay to
James N. Wheaton the sum of fifty dollars
in full compensation for injuries to his es-
tate No. 815 Eddy street, occasioned by the
raising of Eddy street and the obstruction
of the sewer which formerly carried the
water away from his said estate, upon
the said Wheaton's executing a full release
and discharge to the city of all claims
against said city for said injuries, the
said sum to be paid out of the appropria-
tion for highways.

(Concurred,
(Approved)

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Power Street

Paving, &c.

Said committee to whom on the 12th
day of April last was referred a peti-
tion of R. H. Morgan et al for curbing on
Power street, make Report, recommending
the passage of the accompanying resolu-
tion: which Report is received, and the
following resolution is thereupon read and
passed, viz:-

Resolved

That the Surveyor of Highways
he and he is hereby directed to cause
the gutters to be paved and the curbing
to be set on the south side of Power street,
between Governor and Love streets.

(Concurred,
(Approved)

Smithfield Turnpike Co.

Free Highway.

46.

Said Committee to whom on the 28th
day of June last was referred a petition
of the Smithfield Turnpike Co. for \$100
to make their road free, make Report and
recommend the passage of the accompany-
ing resolution, which Report is received, and
the following resolution is thereupon read
and passed, viz:-

Resolved

That the City Treasurer be
and he is hereby directed to pay to the
Smithfield Turnpike Company the sum
of one hundred dollars whenever said

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Turnpike Company shall execute to the City of Providence a satisfactory conveyance of that portion of said turnpike road lying within the limits of said city for a free public highway, and shall also execute to the towns of Smithfield and North Providence like conveyances of the portions of said road within the limits of said towns. Said sum to be paid from the appropriation for highways.

(Concurred,

(Approved)

Wickenden Street

Drainage of

66.

Said committee who, on the 14th inst. were instructed by the Board of Aldermen to inquire what action of any is needed to secure drainage for a portion of Wickenden street near its junction with South Main street, Report that in order to secure said drainage it will be necessary to build a sewer or to lay a drain pipe from Wickenden St. to the Harbor Line: which Report having been read, it is ordered that the same be received

(Concurred,

(Approved)

Brook Street

Improvement of

59.

Said committee to whom on the 7th day of June last was referred a petition of J. Carter Brown 2^d & others for laying out &

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improving Brook street, make Report and recommend the passage of the accompanying resolution: which Report is received, and the following resolution is thereupon read and passed, viz:

Resolved,

That the City Treasurer be and he is hereby ordered to pay out of any money not otherwise appropriated, the sum of fifteen hundred dollars, to the order of the Committee on Highways, to be appropriated in their discretion, between the parties owning certain estates required for the opening of Brook street, near Benevolent street, to wit: Robert H. Jves, Leonard Brown's heirs and William of Gorham, whenever within 90 days from August 1st 1869, the owners of said estates shall convey by a good and sufficient deed their premises, or so much thereof required for said street to the said City of Providence to be used for a public highway, and shall cause the buildings and improvements thereon to be removed from said lands,

(Concurred)

(Approved)

Broadway

67.

Said committee who were requested by resolution passed at the last meeting to report on petition relative to lowering

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grade of Broadway, make Report that there are no papers in their possession relative to said petition: which Report having been read it is ordered that the same be received. (Concurred) (Approved)

Eddy Street
Obstructions in
68

Said Committee who were instructed to inquire what action is necessary to cause the old Toll House on Eddy Street to be removed, make Report recommending that the Board of Aldermen order said Toll House to be removed: which Report having been read, it is ordered that the same be received. (Concurred) (Approved)

Ford Street
Reception of
58.
91.

Said committee to whom on the 12th inst. was referred a petition of Walter S. Burges et al. for the reception of Ford Street, make Report recommending that the prayer of the petition be granted, when the Hon. Walter S. Burges has given to the City of Providence a written guaranty that said city shall not be held liable for damage to his lands lying near said street by reason of paving said street, or any other cause necessarily growing out of the making of said street: which Report having been read, it is ordered that the same be received, and the prayer of said petition be granted upon the prescribed conditions.

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Back Street.

Said committee to whom on the 12th day of April last was referred a petition of the Fletcher Manufg Co. for paving Back street;

Bourbon St.

and on the 22nd of March last, a petition of Daniel S. Lyman et al. for paving^{re} of Bourbon street;

Gans Street.

46.

and on the 28th of June last, a petition of John Sady et al. for relief from overflow of water in Gans street;

make Reports, recommending that the petitioners severally have leave to withdraw: which Reports are received, and thereupon it is ordered that said petitioners severally have leave to withdraw.

Mayor added to
Committee on the
Joint St. Bridge.

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

Resolved.

That the Mayor be added to the joint committee appointed to construct a new bridge at Point Street.

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

(Approved)

James Allen.
146.

Petitions of
James Allen, for remuneration;
and of

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Remission of tax.

96.

129.

96.

Julia A. Drown,
George A. Spink, and
Lucinda Fowler,

for remission of tax, are presented,
received and referred to the Standing
Committee on Claims.

Raising buildings.

112.

112.

Petitions of
J. P. Manton, and
James Healey,

for permission to raise certain buildings
and of Bowen & Hopkins,

Moving Building.

98.

for permission to remove a certain building,
are presented, received and referred to
the Standing Committee on the Fire Depart-
ment.

Ordinance regulating

Express charges.

185.

A petition of F. A. Brown & others for
amendment of ordinance regulating Express
charges, is presented, received and referred
to the Standing Committee on Ordinances.

Petitions of

Park's Avenue.

104.

John S. Parkis & others for the
reception of Parkis Avenue;

No. Main Street.

107.

of James Gray & others for paving
of North Main street;

Ring street.

107.

of Elisha W. Pierce & others for
reception of Ring street;

264.

of Silas H. Manchester for grading

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Vinton Street.

Vinton street between Asia and Lu
streets;

Alice Gannon

claim for damages.

148.

and a bill of Alice Gannon for
damages for obstructing right of way,
are severally presented, received and
referred to the Standing Committee on
Highways.

Adjourn.

All unfinished business is continued
to the next meeting, and the Common
Council adjourn to Monday August 9th
1869, at six o'clock p. m.

Members present.

Present - all the members, except Messrs
President, Anthony, Barnaby, Draper, Dutcher,
Fish, Lapham, Snow & Waterman 9.

M. Addeman
Clerk.

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Special Meeting.

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Special Meeting.

Mayor's Warrant.

State of Rhode Island to
The City of Providence Jr.
To the City Messenger, or either of
the Constables of said City;

Greeting:

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

You are therefore hereby commanded and
required to summon the members of said
Common Council to meet in their chamber
on Wednesday the fourth day of August
A.D. 1869 at 8 o'clock P.M., then and there
to transact such business as may legally
come before them.

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

Given under my hand and the
seal of said City this second day
of August A.D. 1869

L.S.

Geo. L. Clarke
Mayor.

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I hereby certify that I have summoned
all the members of the Common Council
of said city either by copy or by reading
the within warrant in their presence and
hearing.

Edward S. Rhodes
City Messenger.

Pursuant to the requisition contained
in the foregoing warrant, the members of
the Common Council are this day as-
sembled - the President in the chair
and a quorum present.

Quorum present.

Record read.

The Record is read and approved.

Mayor's Message

Reasons of meeting

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

Mayor's Office
City of Providence Aug. 4. 1869.

Gentlemen of the Common Council

Water Ordinances

My principal reason for conven-
ing you at this time is that you may have an
opportunity to consider the Ordinances in rela-
tion to the introduction of water at an
earlier day than the one to which you had
adjourned.

The introduction of water into
this City at as early a date as possible is so

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continued.

earnestly demanded by all, and is so manifestly a necessity, that I deem it important that the Ordinance should be perfected as soon as it can be done consistently with its proper and careful consideration. To this end I think it desirable that frequent meetings of both branches of the city council should be held, with the hope that some agreement may speedily be reached and the work commenced.

Highway Department

I also desire to call your attention to the necessity of providing the means necessary to carry on the operations of the Highway Department. The appropriation for this department is entirely exhausted, and although the City Council at its last meeting passed a resolution appropriating twenty five thousand dollars to the Highway Department, yet no provision was made for raising the money as required by the Ordinance. No further payments can be made in this department under the Ordinance referred to, until some action is taken by the Council towards raising the money.

Dexter Asylum.

Extensive alterations & improvements are now going on at the Dexter Asylum, the expense of which will exceed the appropriation made for that purpose. The Committee having charge of the matter

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deem it imperative that the work should proceed without delay, so that the alterations may be completed before cold weather, and I recommend the passage of the accompanying resolution, asked for by the Committee, authorizing them to proceed with the work.

Geo. L. Clarke
Mayor.

Resolved

Dexter Asylum

Appropriation for repairs.

That the Board of Aldermen be and they are hereby authorized to incur an additional expense for alterations and repairs on the Dexter Asylum not exceeding Twenty five thousand dollars to be paid out of the appropriation for Repairs on Asylum Walls & Buildings.

(Concurred)

(Approved)

Highway Department

Res. for hiring money.

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

Resolved.

That the City Treasurer be and he is hereby instructed to hire, under the direction of the Joint Committee on Finance, the sum of Twenty five thousand dollars for the use of the Highway de-

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partment.

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

(Approved)

Reform School inquiry.

72.

141.

The several Reports on the petition of Thomas Cosgrove and others relative to the management of the Providence Reform School, which at the last meeting were read and the consideration thereof postponed till the next meeting, are taken from the table and again postponed.

Assessors Plats to

Appropriation for.

Resolved.

That the sum of fifteen hundred dollars (\$1500) be and the same is hereby added to the appropriation for Assessors Plats & Street Lines, to be transferred to this account from the appropriation for Sidewalks & Curbing.

(Concurred)

Support of the Poor.

Appropriation for.

Resolved.

That the sum of four thousand dollars (\$4000) be and the same is hereby added to the appropriation for the Support of the Poor, to be transferred to this account from the appropriation for Contingencies.

(Concurred)

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Water Ordinance.

72.

118.

The Bill entitled "An Ordinance in relation to Water Commissioners and Water Works," which passed the Common Council on the 12th day of July last, was passed in concurrence with certain amendments by the Board of Aldermen on the 26th day of July last, and on the same date was sent down to the Common Council, ^{is postponed,} is taken from the table and the amendments of the Board are read; whereupon it is resolved that the Common Council do not concur in the first, sixth, eighth and ninth of said amendments; and do concur in the second, third, fourth and seventh, and in the fifth amendment with an amendment.

Brook Street

Opening of.

126.

A petition of Henry G. Russell and others relative to opening Brook street is presented, read and received; and the following resolution is thereupon read and passed, viz:-

Resolved.

That in the opinion of this City Council, it is desirable and necessary to open and improve Brook street of a uniform width of fifty feet from Angell to Micken den streets, and whereas, certain real estate will be required for that purpose, that the City

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

Resolved,

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

Stench Traps.

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

Resolved,

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That the Surveyor of Highways be and he is hereby requested to construct one or more Stench Traps, at the junction of Burrill and Westminster streets, forthwith.

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

(Approved)

Fourth of July

Report of Committee

A Report of the Committee on the Municipal Celebration of the Anniversary of American Independence (1869) is presented and read: whereupon it is ordered that the same be received and the committee discharged.

(Concurred)

(Approved)

Ford Street

Reception of

80.

The Report of the Standing Committee on Highways relative to petition of Walter S. Burgess et al for the reception of Ford Street, on which it was ordered at the last meeting that the same be received, and the prayer of the said petition be granted upon the presented conditions, is returned from the Board of Aldermen ^{with their concurrence} with an amendment, striking out all after the word "received": which amendment having been read, it is resolved that the Common Council do concur therein.

(Approved)

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Thayer St. Sewer.
102.

A Report of the Standing Committee on Highways on the subject of the Thayer Street sewer, which at the last meeting was continued till the next meeting, is laid on the table for the present.

City Engineer.
Assistance in office of.

57.

97.

The Standing Committee on City Property to whom on the 12th day of July last was referred a petition of the City Engineer asking for additional assistance, make Report and recommend the passage of the accompanying resolution: which Report is read, whereupon it is ordered that said petition be re-committed to said committee.

Crosswalks on Broad St.
101.

A petition of William H. Wood for the construction of crosswalks on Broad Street, and a draft resolution for the construction of drain in Wickenden Street, are severally presented, received and referred to the Standing Committee on Highways.

Drain on Wickenden St.
106.Samuel Gladding
Remission of Tax.
144.

A petition of Samuel Gladding for remission of tax is presented, received and referred to the Standing Committee on Claims.

Michael Ryan
Purchase of land.

A petition of Michael Ryan for the purchase of land is presented, received

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and referred to the Standing Committee on City Property.

Meeting St. Bapt. Soc.
Use of school room.

A petition of the Trustees of the Meeting Street Baptist Society for leave to use school room is presented, received and referred to the Standing Committee on Education.

Adjourn.

The Common Council adjourn to Monday August 9, 1869 at 8 o'clock p.m.

Members present.

Present - all the members except Messrs Barnaby, Dutcher, Fenner, Joslin, Sprague, Waterman.

J. M. Addemaury
Clerk.

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

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

Record Read. The Record is read and approved.

City Treasurer's Report. The Monthly Report of the City Treasurer is presented, read and received.
(Concurred.)
(Approved)

Harbor Master's Report. The Monthly Report of the Harbor Master is presented, read and received.
(Concurred.)
(Approved)

No. Report of Chief Engineer of Fire Dept. The Monthly Report of the Chief Engineer of the Fire Department is presented, read and received.
(Concurred.)
(Approved)

No. Report of the Surveyor of Highways. The Monthly Report of the Surveyor of Highways is presented, read and received.
(Concurred.)
(Approved)

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Remission of Tax.

Cyrus Williams.

57.

The Standing Committee on Claims to whom on the 12th day of July last was referred a petition of Cyrus Williams for remission of tax, make Report and recommend the passage of the accompanying resolution: which Report is received and the following resolution is thereupon read and passed, viz:-

Resolved.

That the City Treasurer be, and he is hereby directed to deduct from the personal property tax assessed against Cyrus Williams for the year 1868 the sum of ninety one $\frac{20}{100}$ dollars.

(Concurred.)

(Approved)

Do.

Martha E. Gardiner.

Said Committee to whom on the same date was referred a petition of Martha E. Gardiner for abatement of tax, make Report and recommend that the prayer of the petition be granted: which Report is received and the following resolution is thereupon read and passed, viz:-

Resolved.

That the City Treasurer be, and he is hereby directed to deduct from the personal property tax assessed against Martha E. Gardiner for the

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1868 the sum of fourteen & ⁴⁰/₁₀₀ dollars.

(Concurred)

(Approved)

E. R. Gardiner's Bill

for Reporting

Said Committee to whom on the same date was referred a bill of E. R. Gardiner for reporting Reform School Investigation make Report and recommend the passage of the accompanying resolution: which report is received and the following resolution is thereupon read & passed, viz:

Resolved,

That the City Treasurer be, and he is hereby directed to pay to Edwin R. Gardiner the sum of seven hundred five & ⁵⁰/₁₀₀ dollars being balance of said Gardiner's bill for reporting Reform School investigation.

(Concurred)

(Approved)

Memorial of Heirs of Thos.

Pearce for compensation

57.

Remission of Tax.

Lucinda Fowler

82

Julia A. Brown.

82.

Said committee to whom on the same date was referred a Memorial of Heirs of Thomas Pearce for compensation; and on the 26th ultimo, petitions of

Lucinda Fowler, and

Julia A. Brown,

for remission of tax, make Reports recommending that the petitioners have

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leave to withdraw: which Reports are received, and thereupon it is ordered that the petitioners severally have leave to withdraw.

City Engineer

Assistance in office of

92.

The Standing Committee on City Property, to whom at the last meeting was re-committed a communication from the City Engineer asking for additional assistance in his office, make Report, recommending the passage of the accompanying resolution: which Report is received and the following resolution is thereupon read & passed, viz:-

Resolved,

That the City Engineer, acting under the advice of the Mayor be and he is hereby authorized to employ such assistance in his office as may be necessary during the remainder of the fiscal year the expense thereof not exceeding one thousand dollars to be charged to the appropriation for Assessors' Plots and Street Lines.

(Concurred)

(Approved)

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

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Raising Buildings.

Read & Greene,Henry C. Gross, &Daniel Mc Carthy,

for permission to raise certain buildings;

Moving Buildings.

also, petitions of

Charles O'Keilly, &V. W. Mason & Co.

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

(Concurred,

(Approved)

Do.

Boren & Hopkins.

82.

Said Committee to whom on July 26th was referred a petition of Boren & Hopkins for leave to remove a certain wooden building, make Report recommending that the petitioners have leave to withdraw: which Report is received, and it is thereupon ordered that said petitioners have leave to withdraw.

Obstructions on

Railroad tracks.

85.

The Standing Committee on Railroads who were instructed by resolution approved July 14, to inquire if there be any unnecessary obstructions to persons or vehicles crossing the railroad tracks in Cor, Aborn and

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Satin streets, and what legislation, if any, is needed in the premises, make Report that there is no unnecessary delay further than the safety of the public requires, except in one or two instances which it was agreed to remedy, and that no further legislation is needed: which Report having been read it is ordered that the same be received.

(Concurred,

(Approved,

Broadway.

Crosswalks on.

Said Committee who were instructed by the Board of Aldermen on the 16th day of February last to report upon the matter of laying crosswalks in Broadway opposite Sutton street, make Report that they have ordered the Union Railroad Company to lay said crosswalk under the superintendence of the Surveyor of Highways: which Report having been read it is ordered that the same be received.

(Concurred,

(Approved,

Point Street

Reception of

The Standing Committee on Highways to whom was referred a resolution of the Board of Aldermen relative to the reception of Point street, make Report and

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

Resolved.

That the Board of Aldermen be, and they hereby are requested to receive Point street from Eddy street to the Providence river, and declare the same a public highway, it having been peaceably used and improved as such for more than twenty years.

(Concurred,
(Approved)

Cost of Stone Wall on

Harbor Line & Cove Lands.

46.

Said committee to whom on the 28th day of June last was referred a draft resolution of inquiry into cost of stone wall on Harbor Line, and Cove Lands, make Report recommending the passage of the same: which Report is received and the following resolution is thereupon read and passed, viz:—

Resolved.

That the City Engineer be, and he is hereby requested to report plan and estimate of the cost of a Stone wall on the Harbor Line in front of the City Property near the Washington Bridge;

Also, to report the cost of extending

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and repairing the Stone wall in front of the Cove Lands on the Ironsquatucket river.

(Concurred,
(Approved)

Broad Street

Crosswalks on

92.

Said committee to whom on the 4th inst. was referred a petition of William H. Hood to the Board for construction of crosswalks, make Report and recommend the passage of the accompanying resolution: which Report is received, and the following resolution is thereupon read & passed, viz:—

Resolved.

That the Surveyor of Highways be and he is hereby directed to cause a crosswalk to be laid across Broad street in continuation of the north sidewalk on Myrtle street, and also a crosswalk on the easterly side of Broad street across Hayward street, and also a crosswalk on the easterly side of Broad street, across Linden street.

(Concurred,
(Approved)

Highway Work.

Res. of inquiry.
115.

Resolved.

That the committee on Highways be requested to report to the Council at its next meeting, what part of the

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work on highways already ordered by the Council can be performed by the Surveyor of Highways with the force at his command, in addition to necessary repairs on highways, during the present season.

Resolved,

That said committee be instructed to select such of said work as they may deem advisable, for the immediate attention of the Surveyor of Highways, and that they be further instructed to advertise immediately for proposals for the completion of all other work now ordered by the Council.

(Concurred)

(Approved)

Thayer Street Sewer.

92.

The Report of the Standing Committee on Highways, relative to the Thayer Street Sewer, which at the last meeting was laid on the table for the present, is taken from the table, read and received; and the following resolution recommended by said Committee is thereupon read and passed, viz:

Whereas, the City Council did by a resolution passed Aug. 24. 1868 direct the Standing Committee on Highways to cause plans and estimates to be prepared for a brick and pipe sewer to be built in Thayer

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Street from Angell Street to Keewau Street and by the same resolution directed the Surveyor of Highways acting under the advice and direction of said committee to advertise for proposals for the building of said sewer by contract and upon the coming in of said proposals to contract with the lowest responsible bidder, and whereas said Surveyor of Highways did so advertise reserving the right to reject all bids presented and said proposals being received and opened were by said committee rejected as being in their opinion exorbitant

Therefore, resolved, that so much of said resolution as requires the letting of said sewer by contract is hereby rescinded, and the said committee are directed to proceed forthwith and construct said sewer in such a manner and by such persons as they may select, provided the expense thereof shall not exceed the sum of nine thousand five hundred dollars.

(Concurred)

(Approved)

Field Street

Curbing etc. of.

A petition of Daniel A. Maury et al for paving and curbing Field Street, is presented, received and referred to the

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Standing Committee on Highways.

Said committee make Report recommending the passage of the accompanying resolution: which Report is received, and the following resolution is thereupon read & passed, viz:-

Resolved.

That the Surveyor of Highways, under the direction of the Standing Committee on Highways, &c, and he is hereby directed to pave the gutters and set curbing on Field street forthwith, - Length of street two hundred (200) feet.

(Concurred)

(Approved)

Parkis Avenue.

Reception of.

82.

Said committee to whom on the 26th day of June last was referred a petition of John S. Parkis & others for the reception of Parkis Avenue, make Report recommending that the prayer of said petition be granted: which Report is received, and the following resolution is thereupon read & passed, viz:

Resolved.

That the Board of Aldermen &c, and they hereby are requested to receive Parkis Avenue from Broad to Greenwich streets as delineated on "Plat of House Lots belonging to Arnold Saunders," and declare the same a

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Public Highway.

(Concurred)

(Approved)

Cent Street

Widening of.

Said committee to whom was referred by the Board of Aldermen a draft resolution to declare certain lands adjoining Cent street a public highway, make Report recommending the passage of the enclosed substitute: which Report is received, and the following resolution is thereupon read & passed, viz:-

Resolved.

That in the opinion of this City Council, it is desirable and necessary to widen Cent street, on the southerly side from South Main street to the easterly harbor line of Providence river, by adding thereto a strip of land thirty six feet wide, extending from South Main street to South Water street; and another piece of land, between said South Water street and the Easterly harbor line, being all the land lying between said Cent street and the range of the southerly line of Point street produced across said Providence river.

And, whereas, certain real estate will be required for that purpose, that the City Solicitor &c, and he is hereby directed

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Cent Street (cont'd) to make application to the Supreme Court of this State, for the appointment of Commissioners of estimate and assessment, under and according to the Act entitled "An Act in relation to the laying out, enlarging, straightening and otherwise altering streets in the City of Providence," and the City Council hereby direct that application shall be made by said City Solicitor to said Court, in the application for said appointment as aforesaid, that said Commissioners shall appraise and assess one half of the loss and damage thereof upon the persons and estates benefitted thereby, in the ratio of the benefits conferred.

Resolved,

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

(Concurred,

(Approved)

Wickenden St. Drain.

92.

Said Committee to whom at the last meeting was referred a draft resolution for construction of drain in Wickenden Street, make Report that in their opinion

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said drain should be constructed under the sewerage act, the abutters paying two thirds of the expense thereof: which Report is received, and said resolution is not passed.

North Main St.

Paving of.

82.

Said Committee to whom on the 26th day of July last was referred a petition of James Gray & others for paving the north section of North Main Street, and the construction of a proper culvert, make Report and recommend the passage of the accompanying resolution: which Report is received, and said resolution is read and not passed.

Ring Street

Reception of.

82.

Said Committee to whom on the same date was referred a petition of Elisha M. Pierce & others for the reception of Ring Street, make Report and recommend that the petitioners have leave to withdraw: which Report is received, and thereupon it is ordered that said petitioners have leave to withdraw.

Manchester St.

Sewer in.

88.

Said Committee to whom was referred a draft resolution instructing the Surveyor of Highways to contract for sewer in Manchester Street, make Report and recommend the passage of the accompany-

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ing resolution: which Report is received, and said resolution is thereupon read and not passed.

Alice Gannon

Bill for damages,

83.

Said committee to whom on July 26th was referred a bill of Alice Gannon for damages for obstruction of right of way, make Report and recommend no further action in the matter: which Report is received, and thereupon it is ordered that the petitioner have leave to withdraw.

Ordinance in relation
to
Water Commissioners.

89.

115.

The bill entitled "An Ordinance in relation to Water Commissioners and Water Works," which passed the Common Council on the 12th day of July last, was passed in concurrence with certain amendments by the Board of Aldermen on the 26th day of July last, and upon which amendments it was ordered by the Common Council at the last meeting, that said Council do not concur in the first, sixth, eighth and ninth of said amendments, and do concur in the second, third, fourth, and seventh amendments, and in the fifth amendment with an amendment, - is returned from the Board of Aldermen, who concur in the amendment to the fifth amendment, and insist upon their other amend-

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ments, and ask for a committee of conference.

The Common Council agree to the request for a committee of conference, and appoint Messrs Latham, Cory and C. S. Smith, conferees on their part.

The Board of Aldermen appoint as conferees, Aldermen Carl, Hopkins and Snow.

Appropriation for

Lamp Department.

A detailed statement (from the Superintendent of Lights) of the causes which have rendered necessary a further appropriation for the Lamp Department, is received from the Board of Aldermen; and the following resolution having passed the Board is sent down for concurrence, and is read, viz:-

Resolved,

That the sum of six thousand dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated for the use of the Lamp Department, four thousand dollars of said sum to be transferred from the appropriation for school houses and lots, and two thousand dollars from repairs of public bridges.

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

(Approved)

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Ordinance defining duties of certain Officers.

An Ordinance entitled "An Ordinance in amendment of an Ordinance entitled 'An Ordinance defining the duties of certain officers'" (relative to Surveys of Highways and Clerk for Highway Department) having passed the Board of Aldermen is sent down for concurrence and is read; whereupon it is resolved that the Common Council do concur therein.
(Approved)

Remission of tax

146.

146.

Petitions of
L. Brayton, Adm^r,
Wm. H. Bowen, Esq^r

for remission of tax; of

Bridget McNamara.

386.

S. C. Arnold.

144.

Bridget McNamara
for compensation for death of husband; of
Stephen C. Arnold,
for reimbursement, or correction of deed;
are severally, presented, received and referred to the Standing Committee on Claims.

Wheeler & Tallman

Hackney carriages.

185.

A petition of Wheeler & Tallman, and others in relation to certain Hackney carriages is presented, received and referred to the Standing Committee on Ordinances.

Hugh Falls

Purchase of land.

154.

A petition of Hugh Falls to purchase land on Harris Avenue is presented.

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ed, received and referred to the Standing Committee on City Property.

D. G. Beers & Co.

Map of Providence

136.

A petition of D. G. Beers & Co. for aid in publishing a new map of Providence, is presented, received and referred to the Standing Committee on Education.

Wickenden St. Drainage.

Petitions of

William Earle & others for drainage

of Wickenden street; of

Mumford St.

John Pearson and others for

the extension of Mumford street; of

Pitman Street.

113.

Charles H. Kelton and others for curbing and paving of gutters on Pitman street; of

Cranston Street.

315.

Earl Carpenter & Sons, and others for grading and curbing of a portion of Cranston street; of

Governor Street.

115.

Ezra P. Lyon and others for crosswalk on Governor street;

New London Turnpike

113.

also, a draft resolution in regard to the New London Turnpike, are severally presented, received and referred to the Standing Committee on Highways.

Adjourn.

The Common Council adjourn to Monday evening next at 8 o'clock p.m. - Present all the members except Messrs President, Barnaby, Dapin, Fenner, Snow, Spague & Mahoman
A. M. Addeman, Clerk.

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

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

Record Read. The Record is read and approved.

Resolutions for Raising Buildings. The Standing Committee on the Fire Department to whom were referred petitions of

82.

Mrs A. P. Manton,

82.

James Healey, and

William Ross (presented and

received this day) for permission to raise certain buildings; also petitions of

Do.

Eli Aylsworth, &

John W. Briggs

Moving Buildings.

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

(Concurred,

Approved,

The Standing Committee on Highways

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New London Turnpike paid.

to whom at the last meeting was referred a draft resolution in regard to the New London Turnpike, make Report and recommend the passage of the accompanying resolution: which Report is received, and the following resolution is thereupon read and passed, viz:-

Resolved,

That the City Treasurer be and he is hereby authorized and directed to pay to Joseph W. Sout, Treasurer of the New London Turnpike Company the sum of one dollar, when the said Joseph W. Sout shall present to him a duly executed deed to the City of Providence of that part of the New London Turnpike now lying within the City limits.

(Concurred)

(Approved)

Pitman Street

Curbing & paving.

iii.

Said Committee to whom on the same date was referred a petition of Charles H. Kilton & others for curbing and paving on Pitman street, make Report and recommend the passage of the accompanying resolution: which Report is received, and the following resolution is thereupon read and passed, viz:

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Pitman Street.

Resolved.

That the Surveyor of Highways acting under the advice and direction of the Standing Committee on Highways be and he is hereby directed forthwith, to cause Pitman street to be curbed and the gutters paved from Governor street to the culvert at Cold Spring Brook, a distance of about eighteen hundred feet.

(Concurred)

(Approved)

Hope Street.

I. and of P. O'Connor

to be curbed.

Said Committee to whom on the same date was referred a petition of Patrick O'Connor relating to Hope street, make Report and recommend the passage of the accompanying resolution: which Report is received, and the following resolution is thereupon read and passed, viz:-

Resolved.

That the Surveyor of Highways acting under the advice and direction of the Standing Committee on Highways, be and he hereby is, directed to extend the curbing on Hope street to Barnes street, in front of the land of Patrick O'Connor, when said O'Connor shall have made and executed to the City of Providence a satisfactory deed approved by the City Solicitor of the seven feet in width of his land

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now extending into Hope Street.

(Concurred)

(Approved)

Governor Street

Crosswalks on.

111.

Said Committee to whom on the same date was referred a petition of Ezra P. Lyon others for crosswalk on Governor street; make Report and recommend that the petitioners have leave to withdraw: which report is received, and thereupon it is ordered that said petitioners have leave to withdraw.

Highway Work

Report on.

111.
126.

Said Committee, who on the same date were instructed to report at the next meeting in relation to highway work ordered, make Report that the time allowed them has been inadequate for the purpose and ask for further time: which Report is received and further time is granted according to their request.

Time granted Com^{ts}

Further time is granted said committee to examine and report upon the petition of L. P. Mead others.

Water Ordinance.

108.

The Committee of Conference appointed at the last meeting to consider the differences between the two Boards relative to the bill entitled "An Ordinance in relation to Water

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Commissioners and Water Works," report verbally that they have agreed upon all said differences except the number and salary of the Commissioners to be appointed, which Report is received.

Invitation to join in Convention.

Resolved,

That His Honor the Mayor and the Hon. Board of Aldermen be invited to join the Common Council in Convention for the election of City Officers and such business as may properly come before them.

Do. Accepted.

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

In Convention.

In Convention.

City Officers.

Charles Dyer is elected High Sheriff of Boston.

George H. Mason is elected Constable, and Louis B. Burnett, Police Constable without power to serve civil process.

The two Boards separate.

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Water Ordinance.

A bill entitled "An Ordinance in relation to Water Commissioners and Water Works," having passed the Board of Aldermen is sent down for concurrence and is read, but no action taken thereon.

S.P. Henry

Petition for compensation. 200.

A petition of Stephen P. Henry for compensation is presented, received and referred to the Standing Committee on Claims.

Waterman St. Reception of 181.

South Street. Crosswalks on. 126.

Adjourn.

Members present.

Petitions of J. P. Campbell et al for reception of a portion of Waterman street; of Ewen Simmons et al for crosswalks on South street, are severally presented, received and referred to the Standing Committee on Highways.

The Common Council adjourns Monday August 23^d 1869 at 8 o'clock p.m.

Present - all the members except Messrs President, Anthony, Barnaby, Draper, Austin, Rice, Shaw, Snow, J. L. Spencer, Sprague, & Waterman

M. Addeman
Clerk.

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The Common Council met pursuant to adjournment - the President in the chair and a quorum present.

Quorum present.

Record Read.

The Record is read and approved.

North Main Street.

Petition for widening.

A petition of the Equitable F. & W. Ins. Co. and 540 others for the widening and straightening of North Main Street is presented, read and received.

Do.

Report of Commissioners.

A Report of the Commissioners of estimate and assessment appointed by the Supreme Court at the October term A. D. 1868, to lay out, widen and straighten North Main Street, is presented and read.

Do.

Report of Special Committee to consult with owners of land damaged.

149.

A Report of the Special Committee appointed by the City Council to consult with the owners of property whose estates will be damaged by the widening and straightening of North Main Street, as proposed, and to see if the matter could be amicably arranged, make Report: which Report, having been read, it is ordered that the same be received, and the Committee discharged.

(Concurred)
(Approved)

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North Main St.

to be widened, &c.

Whereas,

The Commissioners of Estimate and Assessment appointed by the Supreme Court at the October Term A. D. 1868, to lay out, widen and straighten North Main Street of a width of sixty feet from Smith Street to Market Square, under and pursuant to the act entitled "An act in relation to the laying out, enlarging, straightening or otherwise altering streets in the City of Providence," made their first Report to said Court on Saturday August 21, 1869.

Now, therefore, within thirty days after the making of said report to said Court,

Resolved,

That the City Council do elect to make said improvement.

(Concurred,
(Approved)

Appropriation for

Engine Station No. 5.

Resolved.

That the sum of Three hundred dollars be and the same is hereby added to the appropriation for erecting a building at Engine Station No. 5, to be paid out of the appropriation for the Fire Department.

(Concurred,
(Approved)

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Resolution to hire money
for Point St. Bridge.

Resolved.

That the City Treasurer acting under the advice and direction of the Joint Committee on Finance & and he is hereby authorized and directed to hire from time to time in such sums as may be deemed expedient (not exceeding in all) the sum of one hundred thousand dollars.

Resolved.

That the sum of one hundred thousand dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated for the purpose of building the Point Street Bridge under the direction of the committee on the same.

(Concurred)

(Approved)

R.H. Ives.

Purchase of land.

47.

The Standing Committee on City Property, to whom on the 28th of June last was referred a petition of R. H. Ives for purchase of land, make Report, recommending the passage of the accompanying resolution: which Report is read, and thereupon it is ordered that said petition with the accompanying report and resolution be laid on the table.

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Water Ordinances.

117.

136.

141.

The Bill, entitled "An Ordinance in relation to Water Commissioners and Water Works;" which passed the Board of Aldermen on the 11th day of August, inst. and on the same day was sent down to the Common Council for concurrence, is taken from the table and read by sections.

The first section is read and passed in concurrence.

In the second section it is moved to concur with an amendment striking out in line 4, of said section the words "five water commissioners," and inserting in lieu thereof the words "three water commissioners." Upon which motion the ayes and nays are ordered, as follows:

Ayes

- Messrs President, Aldrich, Anthony, Armington, Barnaby, Chapin, Cook, Cory, Draper, Dutcher, Fenner, Gardner, Harrington, Jostin, Lapham, Mauran, Metcalf, Shaw, C. T. Smith, F. M. Smith, Snow, J. L. Spencer, W. Spencer, Sprague, Sweet, White.

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Nays.

- Messrs Bradford, Cabell, Durfee, Fish, Harris, Place, Rice and Root.

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Said motion *cherpe* prevails, and Section 2, is passed in concurrence with said amendment.

Section 3 is read and passed in concurrence with an amendment adding the following words to said section:

"In case of a vacancy in the Board of Commissioners by death, resignation or removal, such vacancy shall be filled by the appointment of another Commissioner in manner provided for in section 2, who shall hold his said office for the residue of the said term of three years, with all the powers and subject to all the restrictions provided in this ordinance.

Two Commissioners shall be a quorum for the exercise of the powers and performance of the duties of said office."

Section 4, is read and passed in concurrence.

Section 5 is read and passed in concurrence with an amendment adding the following words to said section, viz: - "except that the approval of the Committee of Accounts shall not be required."

Sections 6, and 7, are severally read and passed in concurrence.

In section 8 it is moved to ^{concur with an} amendment ~~by~~ striking out all after ^{the words} "section 8", and insert the following words:

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"The President of the Board shall receive a salary of four thousand dollars, and each of the other Commissioners a salary of twenty five hundred dollars, per annum, payable quarterly."

A motion is made to amend said amendment by striking out the words "four thousand" and inserting "three thousand", and striking out the words "twenty five hundred" and inserting "fifteen hundred", which is lost.

Also, a motion to ~~strike~~ out the words "twenty five hundred" and insert "three thousand," is lost.

It is then moved to amend said amendment, by striking out the words "twenty five hundred" and inserting "five hundred." Upon which motion the ayes and nays are ordered as follows:

Ayes.

Messrs Aldrich, Barnaby, Bradford, Chafee, Cook, Daboll, Durfee, Gardner, Harrington, Joslin, Place, Rice, ~~Robt.~~ F. M. Smith, Snow, J. L. Spencer, W. Spencer, Sprague

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Nays.

Messrs Presidents Anthony, Armington, Cory, Dutch, Fenner, Harris, Lapham, Mauran, Metcalf, Shaw,

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C. S. Smith, Sweet, White, 14.

Said motion therefore prevails and the amendment is so amended.

It is then moved to amend said amendment by striking out the words "four thousand" and inserting the words "thou thousand". Upon which motion the ayes and nays are ordered, as follows, viz:-

Ayes

Members Aldrich, Barnaby, Cook, Sabre, Surfer, Dutcher, Harrington, Joslin, Place, Rice, Root, C. S. Smith, J. L. Spencer, W. Spencer. 14.

Nays

Members. President, Anthony, Armington, Bradford, Chapin, Cory, Fenner, Gardner, Harris, Lapham, Mauran, Metcalf, Shaw, F. M. Smith, Snow, Sprague, Sprut, White. 18

Said motion therefore does not prevail.

It is then moved to strike out in said amendment the words "four thousand" and insert "~~one~~ thousand". Upon which motion the ayes and nays are ordered, as follows, viz:-

Ayes

Members, Aldrich, Barnaby, Cook, Sabre, Surfer, Dutcher, Harrington, Harris, Joslin, Place, Rice, Root, C. S.

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Smith and J. L. Spencer, 14.

Nays

Members President, Anthony, Armington, Bradford, Chapin, Cory, Fenner, Gardner, Lapham, Mauran, Metcalf, Shaw, F. M. Smith, Snow, W. Spencer, Sprague, Sprut, and White 18

Said motion is therefore lost.

A motion to strike out the words "four thousand" in said amendment and insert "five hundred" is lost.

The original amendment as amended is thereupon passed by a vote of 16 to 14, and section 8 is passed in concurrence with said amendment.

Removal of Flag-staff.

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

Resolved,

That the Chief of Police be and he is hereby directed to remove the flagstaff in Exchange Place from its present location to the City Lot on Congdon Street.

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

(Not approved)

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Brook Street

Improvement of.

89.

The resolution relative to improving Brook street, which passed the Common Council on the 4th day of August inst. is returned from the Board of Aldermen with their concurrence therein with an amendment striking out all between the words "necessary to" and the words "and whereas," and substitute the words: Lay out and widen Brook street of a uniform width of fifty feet from Angell street to Charles Field street."

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

(Approved)

Report on Highway Work.

115.

The Standing Committee on Highways who were instructed by joint resolution passed August 9th to report on highway work already ordered, make Report: which Report having been read it is ordered that the same be received.

(Concurred)

(Approved)

Cross-walks on South St.

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Said Committee to whom on the 11th day of August inst. was referred a petition of Eben Simmons & others for cross-walks on South street, make Report and recommend the passage of the accompanying

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

Resolved.

That the Surveyor of Highways be and he is hereby directed to cause crosswalks to be laid as follows, viz:

Across South street, one at the crossing of Eddy street, one at the crossing of Richmond street, and two at the corner of South and Parsonage streets.

(Concurred)

(Approved)

Additional appropriation for Police Station on Knight Street.

61.

The Standing Committee on Police make Report and recommend the passage of the accompanying resolution: which Report is received and the following Resolution is thereupon read and passed, viz:—

Resolved.

That the sum of Twenty five hundred dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated in addition to a former appropriation for repairing and refitting Police Station on Knight street, to be expended under the direction of the Committee on Police, and charged to the appropriation for the Police Department.

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(Concurred)

(Approved)

E. J. Mallett.

Renewal of Lease.

57.

The Standing Committee on City Property to whom on the 12th day of July last was referred a petition of E. J. Mallett for renewal of lease make Report and recommend the passage of the accompanying resolution: which Report is received, and the following resolution is thereupon read and passed, viz:-

Resolved,

That the City Treasurer be and he is hereby authorized to renew the lease to E. J. Mallett, during the pleasure of the City Council of the City of Providence and no longer; of that portion of the Town House Lot now held by him under a former lease, upon the Lessee paying into the City Treasury of the City of Providence the sum of One hundred dollars (\$100) per year.

(Concurred)

(Approved)

Petitions of

Charles Foaly, and
Sanford & Taylor,

for permission to remove certain wooden buildings, and of

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Robert Morrow,

Raising Buildings

for permission to raise a certain building, are severally presented, received and referred to the Standing Committee on the Fire Department.

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

(Concurred)

(Approved)

Geo. A. Spink.

Remission of Tax.

52.

The Standing Committee on Claims to whom on the 26th day of July last was referred a petition of George A. Spink for remission of tax, make Report and recommend the passage of the accompanying resolution: which Report is received, and the following resolution is thereupon read and passed, viz:-

Resolved,

That the City Treasurer be and he is hereby directed to deduct from the personal property tax assessed against George A. Spink for the year 1868, the sum of Ten & 5/100 dollars.

(Concurred)

(Approved)

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

That the Surveyor of Highways be and he is hereby directed to construct a Stench Trap in the sewer at the foot of Broadway.

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

A petition of the City Treasurer for the abatement of Taxes, is presented, received and referred to the Standing Committee on Finance.

A petition of Alice Gannon for damages for obstruction of right of way is presented, received and referred to the Standing Committee on Claims.

Petitions of
Paine & Sackett others, for
bridge on Eagle street; of
Daniel Sackett others for
reception of Hawks, Bucklin and Vine-
yard streets; of
J. W. Smith others to pave
gutters on Hope street from Bowen to

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Hawthorn & Bucklin
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Barnes street; of
R. M. Sanders others for crosswalks
on Brigham street; of
H. M. Crossman others for
grading and curbing Orms street,
as severally presented, received and
referred to the Standing Committee on
Highways.

Adjourn.

The Common Council adjourn to
Monday evening, August 30. 1869 at 8 o'clock.

Present all the members except Messrs
Calder & Waterman.

J. M. Addeman
Clerk.

Brigham St.

133.

Orms St.

135.

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The Common Council meet pursuant to adjournment - the President in the

Quorum present. Chair and a quorum present.

The Clerk being absent, Mr. E. T. Case
Clerk pro tem. is elected Clerk pro tem.

Record Read. The Record of the last meeting is read and approved.

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

That the Board of Aldermen be hereby requested to receive Delaine street from Valley street to the North Providence line.

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

Broadway - A Resolution in the words following
Curb-stones to be changed. Having passed the Board of Aldermen is sent down for concurrence and is read, viz:-
Resolved.

That the Surveyor of Highways

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be hereby directed, acting under the advice of the Joint Committee on Highways, to set the curb-stone back five feet on the part of Broadway from the Railroad bridge to Tobey street on the northernly side of said Broadway, and that the work be done forthwith - provided the Union Railroad Co. pave the street between their rails and ten feet outside thereof under the direction of the Surveyor of Highways.

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

Bridgham St. The Standing Committee on Highway to whom at the last meeting was referred a
Crosswalk on. petition of R. M. Sanders & others for
130. crosswalks on Bridgham street, make Report and recommend the passage of the accompanying resolution, which Report is received and the following resolution is thereupon read and passed, viz:-
Resolved.

That the Surveyor of Highways acting under the advice and direction of the Committee on Highways, be and he is hereby directed to cause crosswalks to be laid as follows, viz:

one across Bridgham street on the west line of Junction street, one across Junction street on the southernly side of Bridgham

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street, one across Central street on the north side of Bridgham street, and one across Bridgham street at Dean Gaugway.

(Concurred)

(Approved)

Hemlock St.

Widening of.

Resolved.

That in the opinion of this City Council, it is desirable and necessary to lay out and widen Hemlock street forty feet wide from Beacon street to Munford street,

And whereas, certain real estate will be required for that purpose, that the City Solicitor be, and he is hereby directed to make application to the Supreme Court of this State, for the appointment of Commissioners of estimate and assessment, under and according to the Act entitled "An Act in relation to the laying out, enlarging, straightening and otherwise altering streets in the City of Providence"; and the City Council hereby direct that application shall be made by said City Solicitor to said Court, in the application for said appointment as aforesaid, that said Commissioners shall apportion and assess one half of the loss and damage thereof upon the persons and estates benefited thereby, in the ratio of the benefits conferred.

Resolved.

That the City Clerk be, and he is

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herby directed to give notice of such application as soon as he shall be informed thereof by the City Solicitor according to the direction and in the manner required by said Act.

(Concurred)

(Approved)

Orms Street

Grading, curbing etc.

131.

439.

Said Committee on Highways to whom was referred a petition of Horace Crossman & others for grading, curbing and paving of Orms Street, make Report: whereupon it is ordered that said petition with the accompanying Report be recommitted to said Committee.

Moving Buildings.

146

146.

Petitions of

Benj. G. Patodie,

Philip H. Durfee, and

John B. Anthony,

for permission to remove certain wooden buildings; and of

Raising Building.

146.

McCliff & Bliss,

for leave to raise a certain building, are severally presented, received and referred to the Standing Committee on the Fire Department.

Moving Building.

B. G. Patodie.

Subsequently said Committee report back said petition of Benjamin G. Patodie

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for permission to remove a certain wooden building, recommending that the prayer thereof be granted: which Report is received and a resolution in accordance therewith is thereupon read and passed.

(Concurrent)

(Approved)

New Map of Providence

111.

The Standing Committee on Education to whom on the 9th day of August inst. was referred a petition of D. G. Beers & Co. for aid in publishing a new Map of Providence, make Report and recommend that the petitioners have leave to withdraw: which Report is received, and thereupon it is ordered that said petitioners have leave to withdraw.

Water Ordinance.

121.

141.

The Bill entitled "An Ordinance in relation to Water Commissioners and Water Works," which passed the Board of Aldermen on the 11th day of August inst. and was passed in concurrence with certain amendments by the Common Council on the 28th inst., is returned from the Board of Aldermen with their non-concurrence in the amendments of the Common Council.

Thereupon it is moved that the Common Council insist on their amendments: upon which motion the question is taken by

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yeas and nays, as follows, viz:—

Ayes.

Messrs President, Barnaby, Calder, Chaffee, Cook, Cory, Draper, Dutcher, Fenner, Harrington, Harris, Joslin, Maurau, Metcalf, F. M. Smith, J. L. Spencer, W. Spencer, Sout. Waterman, White. 21.

Nays.

Messrs. Aldrich, Anthony, Bradford, Sabell, Surfer, Place, Rice, Root, C. F. Smith, Snow. 11.

Said motion, therefore, prevails.

Invitation to join in Committee of the Whole.

A Resolution is received from the Board of Aldermen inviting the Common Council to join the Board in committee of the whole, this evening, for the purpose of considering the Water Ordinance. Said invitation is accepted, and the Common Council take a Recess for the purpose of meeting the Board of Aldermen in committee of the whole.

Recess.

At the expiration of the Recess at 11 1/2 o'clock, the Common Council resumes its session - the President in the Chair.

Benj. T. Greene.

291.

A petition of Benjamin T. Greene wife for compensation is presented, received,

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and referred to the Standing Committee on Claims.

Cross-walk on Dyer St.

179.

A petition of Alexander Duncan & others for crosswalk on Dyer street is presented, received and referred to the Standing Committee on Highways.

Adjourn.

The Common Council adjourn to Monday, September 13. 1869 at 6 o'clock p.m.

Present. all the members except Messrs Arrington, Fisk, Gardner, Shaw, Sprague. 5

M. Addeman
Clerk.

Erwin Y. Case
Clerk Pro Tem.

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

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

The Record of the last meeting is read and approved.

Message from the Mayor. A Message from His Honor the Mayor relative to a new Bridge across the Seekonk River and in reference to the necessity of repairing or rebuilding Washington Bridge, is presented and read, and ordered to be communicated to the Board of Aldermen.

Mo. Report of City Treasurer. The Monthly Report of the City Treasurer is presented, read and received.
(Concurred)
(Approved)

Mo. Report of Surveyor of Highways. The Monthly Report of the Surveyor of Highways is presented, read and received.
(Concurred)
(Approved)

Mo. Report of Harbor Master. The Monthly Report of the Harbor Master is

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presented, read and received.

(Concurred)

(Approved)

Report of City Treasurer.

Hiring of Money.

A Report of the City Treasurer, ^{made} ~~made~~ pursuant to an Ordinance in relation to the City Debt, that the sum of twenty five thousand dollars was hired on the 9th day of August last by the City of Providence of the Peoples Savings Bank in Providence, is presented read and received.

(Concurred)

(Approved)

Do.

Surrender of Bonds.

A Report of the City Treasurer, made pursuant to Ordinance approved May 29. 1869, in reference to surrender of City Bonds, and the issue of Registered Certificates in lieu thereof, is presented, read and received.

(Concurred)

(Approved)

Report of Committee

for reduction of City Debt.

A Report of the Joint Standing Committee on the reduction of the City Debt relative to coupon Bonds of the City, surrendered and destroyed, is presented, read and received.

(Concurred)

(Approved)

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Reform School

Investigation.

72.

88.

The Decision of the Board of Aldermen upon the charges of Thomas Cosgrove and others, against the management of the Providence Reform School, is taken from the table and read.

Minority Report read.

The minority Report of Alderman James H. Coggeshall on the same subject is also taken from the table and read.

Decision of the Board of Aldermen adopted.

Resolved.

That the Report of the Majority of the Board of Aldermen, entitled "Decision of the Board of Aldermen upon the charges of Thomas Cosgrove and others, against the management of the Providence Reform School" be received, and adopted as the sense of the City Council, and that the petitioners have leave to withdraw.

(Concurred)

(Approved)

Water Ordinance.

117.

121.

134.

157.

The Bill entitled "An Ordinance in relation to Water Commissioners and Water Works", which passed the Board of Aldermen on the 11th day of August last, was passed in concurrence with certain amendments by the Common Council on the 23^d of August, in which amendments the Board

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refused to concur, and the Common Council at the last meeting insisted thereon, is returned from the Board of Aldermen, who insist on their non-concurrence in said amendments, ask for a committee of conference, and appoint Aldermen Jew, Knight and Brayton, conferees on their part.

The Common Council accede to said request for a committee of conference and appoint Messrs Gardner, Waterman and Barnaby conferees on their part.

Resolved.

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

Invitation to join in Convention.

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

Do. - accepted.

In Convention.

In Convention.

Trustees of Prov. Reform School elected.

Messrs Edwin M. Snow, William J. King, Charles Anthony, William C. Snow, Henry J. Angell, and Amasa R. Sontellott are re-elected Trustees of the Providence

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Reform School.

Clerk of Highway Department elected.

George C. Thompson is elected Clerk of the Highway Department.

City Constables.

William R. Matthews and William C. Atwood are elected Constables without power to serve civil process.

Wregher of Hayts.

Albert B. H. Pike is elected wregher of Hay and Coal.

The two Boards separate.

Resolved.

St. Com. on Finance to report an Appropriation Bill.

That the Joint Committee on Finance be and they are hereby directed to report in print to the City Council at their next meeting an ordinance making the annual appropriations for the financial year ending the 30th day of September 1870.

(Concurred)

(Approved)

Furniture for City Offices.

Resolved.

That the Committee on City Property be and they are hereby directed to purchase furniture for the several offices

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in the Basement of the City Building at a cost not exceeding the sum of four hundred dollars to be paid out of the appropriation for Public Buildings.

(Concurred)

(Approved)

Samuel Gladding
Remission of tax.
92.

The Standing Committee on Claims to whom on the 4th day of August last was referred a petition of Samuel Gladding for remission of tax, make Report and recommend the passage of the accompanying resolution: which Report is received, and the following resolution is thereupon read and passed, viz:-

Resolved,

That the City Treasurer be hereby directed to remit the sum of Fifty seven and ⁶⁶/₁₀₀ dollars, from the amount assessed against Samuel Gladding in the City Tax of 1868.

(Concurred)

(Approved)

Stephen C. Arnold.

Reimbursement for
erroneous Deed.
110.

Said Committee to whom on the 9th day of August last was referred a petition of Stephen C. Arnold for reimbursement or correction of deed, make Report and recommend the passage of the accompanying resolution: which Report is received,

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

Resolved,

That the City Treasurer be and he is hereby directed to refund to Stephen C. Arnold the sum of Fifty two & ⁷/₁₀₀ dollars, being the same amount paid by said Arnold for an imperfect deed of property purchased by him at a Tax collector's sale, July 13th 1866.

(Concurred)

(Approved)

Hallett & Mansir.

Bill for painting
allowed.

Said Committee to whom was referred by the Board of Aldermen a bill of Hallett & Mansir, make Report and recommend the passage of the accompanying resolution: which Report is received, and the following resolution is thereupon read and passed, viz:-

Resolved,

That the City Treasurer be and he is hereby directed to pay to Hallett & Mansir the sum of One hundred sixty three & ⁴³/₁₀₀ dollars, in full for their bill of painting on Molly Flynn's house on Acorn Street.

(Concurred)

(Approved)

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Remission of tax.

Leave to withdraw.

110.

110.

81.

Said Committee, to whom were referred petitions of
 Mr H. Bowen, Executive,
 L. Brayton, Administrator,
 for remission of tax; and of
 James Allen,
 for remuneration, make Reports, severally, recommending that the petitioners have leave to withdraw: which Reports are received, and thereupon it is ordered that the petitioners severally have leave to withdraw.

Raising Buildings.

135.

The Standing Committee on the Fire Department, to whom were referred petitions of
 William J. Brown, and
 McAuliffe & Bliss,
 for permission to raise certain buildings;

Moving Buildings.

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135.

and of
 John B. Anthony,
 John W. Atwood, and
 Philip H. Durfee,
 for permission to remove certain wooden buildings, make Reports recommending that the prayers of said petitions be severally granted: which Reports are received, and resolutions in accordance therewith are thereupon read and passed.

(Concurred)
(Approved)

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Report from Commissioners of Central Bridge.

A communication from the Commissioners appointed under an Act entitled "An Act to authorize the erection of a Bridge across Seekonk River," being Chapter 820, of the Statutes, is sent down from the Board of Aldermen: whereupon it is ordered that the same be received and printed for the use of the City Council, in concurrence.

(Approved)

Central Bridge.

Res. appointing Committee to confer with the Commissioners, and others.

159.

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

Resolved.

That Aldermen Hopkins and Brayton, with such as the Common Council may add, be and they are hereby appointed a Committee with instructions to confer with the Central Bridge Commissioners, the Town of East Providence, the owners of the Central Bridge, and any other persons they may think expedient, and report at the next meeting of the City Council what action should be taken by the City Council in reference to constructing a bridge across Seekonk River at or near the present location of Central Bridge.

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Whereupon it is resolved that the Common Council do concur therein, and that Messrs Waterman, Shaw and Surpu be added on the part of the Common Council.
(Approved)

Revision of City laws and Ordinances. 59.

The Standing Committee on Ordinances, who were instructed to report what progress has been made in the revision of the laws and ordinances applicable to the city, make Report, that although something has been done in that direction, it is of little or no practicable value, in consequence of changes made both in the laws and ordinances since said work was done.

Which Report having been read it is ordered that the same be received.
(Concurred)
(Approved)

Ordinance in relation to the sale and inspection of Milk 88.

Said Committee, who on the 14th day of June last, were instructed to report an Ordinance to carry into effect "An Act in relation to the sale and inspection of Milk" being Chap. 647 of the Public Laws, make Report by Ordinance entitled "An Ordinance in relation to the inspection of Milk"; which Report is received, and said Ordinance is thereupon ordered to be laid on the table and printed.

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Ordinance for the regulation of hacks, omnibuses, &c.

174.

Said Committee to whom were referred "An Ordinance in amendment of an Ordinance for the regulation of hacks, omnibuses, drays, trucks, &c" approved Dec. 25. 1868. make Report recommending the passage of said Ordinance: which Report is received, and thereupon it is ordered that said Ordinance be laid on the table and printed.

North Main Street

Resolution ratifying agreements made by committee.

118.

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

Resolved,

That the City of Providence in consideration of the agreements made by Rufus Waterman and others, which accompany the report of the Special Committee on the widening of North Main street made to the City Council of said City August 23^d 1869, hereby relinquishes and releases to the several persons who have executed said agreement all the claims that said City by law has in and to the portions of the buildings owned by said persons which have become the property of said City by the election of the City Council to make the improvement named in the report of the Commissioners of Estimate and Assessment on said North Main Street, upon the

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condition that said parties respectively shall remove said buildings back to the lines of said North Main Street as defined in said report within twelve months from August 23. 1869. And said City of Providence also accepts the provisions of the agreement made by Jacob I. Seagrave dated August 12. 1869 and hereby relinquishes to said Seagrave all right, title and interest in the Roger Williams Spring, so called, in the yard of said Seagrave, and agree to comply with all the conditions of said agreement, provided that said Seagrave shall relinquish all claims for damages awarded him by the Commissioners of Estimate and Assessment upon said North Main Street.

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

(Approved)

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

That Alderman Snow with such as the Common Council may add, be and they are hereby appointed a committee with full power to carry out and execute, on the part of the City, all the conditions of the agreement made with

Committee to carry out agreement made with Jacob I. Seagrave, and to adjust all inclosures.

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Jacob I. Seagrave, in reference to the widening and straightening of North Main Street; and also to adjust and settle all claims all claims and controversies arising out of the widening and straightening of said street, as set forth in the report of the Commissioners of estimate and assessment on said street, now on file in the Supreme Court of this State.

Whereupon it is resolved that the Common Council do concur therein, and that Messrs Chafe, Armington and F. M. Smith be added on the part of the Common Council.

(Approved)

Resolution to pay American Steamboat Co. for use of Boat.

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

Resolved.

That the City Treasurer be hereby authorized to pay to the American Steamboat Company the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars for the use of their boat on the third instant, to be paid from the appropriation for contingencies.

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

(Approved)

A Resolution in the words following,

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Having passed the Board of Aldermen, is sent down for concurrence, and is read, viz:-

Resolved.

That the City Clerk be hereby directed to collate and cause to be printed the several laws relating to the erection and removal of buildings in the City of Providence.

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

(Approved.)

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

Resolved.

That the Surveyor of Highways be and he is hereby requested to report why the cross walk at the westerly end of the Providence & Stonington Rail Road Passenger Depot has not been removed in accordance with a Resolution passed March 22; Also to further Report why a Stench Trap has not been placed in the sewer at the foot of Broadway as ordered on the 23^d of August.

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

(Approved.)

Collation of laws relating to buildings.

Res. of inquiry to Surveyor of Highways.

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

Resolved.

That Aldermen Burrington and Knight, and such as the Common Council may add, be and they are hereby appointed a committee to consider the expediency of erecting a City Hall, on the City's Lot on Exchange Place, and report at a future meeting of the City Council.

Whereupon it is resolved that the Common Council ^{do concur therein}, and that Messrs Cory, Chapin and Mr Spencer be added on the part of the Common Council.

(Approved.)

City Hall.

Committee to consider expediency of erecting.

1611.

Report on changes of rooms in the City Building.

The Standing Committee on City Property, who on the 25th of August last were directed by the Board of Aldermen to "examine and report what changes can be made in the disposition of the rooms in the City Building so as to better accommodate the several officers occupying the same", make Report and recommend the erection of a City Hall: which Report is read, and having been received by the Board of Aldermen, is received by the Common Council in concurrence.

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Hugh Falls.

Purchase of land.

110.

Said Committee to whom was referred a petition of Hugh Falls to purchase land on Harris Avenue, make Report and recommend that the petitioners have leave to withdraw: which Report is received and thereupon it is ordered that said petitioners have leave to withdraw.

Michael Ryan

Purchase of land.

Said Committee to whom was referred a petition of Michael Ryan for the purchase of land, make Report and recommend the passage of the accompanying resolution: which Report is received and the following resolution is thereupon read and passed, viz:—

Resolved.

That the City Treasurer be and he is hereby directed to sell and convey to Michael Ryan, lots No. 25 & 26 upon the map of the Sessions lot, upon the payment by the said Ryan into the City Treasury of the sum of twenty five cents per square foot.

(A.M. concurred)

Res. of instruction to

S. Com. on Ordinances.

158.

Resolved.

That the Committee on Ordinances are hereby instructed to report an Ordinance providing that all sales of Real Estate belonging to the City shall be

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made at public auction.

Ordinance relative

to Railroads.

158.

A Bill for an Ordinance in amendment of an Ordinance relative to Railroads, is presented and referred to the Standing Committee on Railroads.

Petitions of

Crosswalk on Westminster St. 184.

William Sheldon and others for cross walk on Westminster street; of

Crosswalks on Heves St. 178.

David Taylor & others for cross-walk on Heves street; of

Ford Street curbing of. 230.

W. S. Burger & others for the curbing of Ford street; of

Meeting Street curbing & gutters 162.

Royal C. Taft & others for setting curb-stones and paving gutters on Meeting street; of

Humphrey Almy opening of street. 265.

Humphrey Almy for opening street from Custom House street to Pine street of the width of 40 feet;

Res. for curbing Thayer Street. 163.

Also, a draft resolution for curbing Thayer street;

Remonstrance against widening Summer St.

and a Remonstrance of Lewis Carr & others against the widening of Summer street between Broad and Pine streets,—

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

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Moving Buildings.

Petitions of

162.

Patrick Collins, and

162.

Mary F. Page,

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

Remission of tax.

Petitions of,

200.

William Donaldson,

200.

Mrs Maria Penn,

166.

Dr. J. W. C. Ely, *rectus Insulis*

of the Fiske Fund for abatement of Tax;

Also, a petition and accom-

Chas. E. Paine.

panying account of Charles E. Paine, city Engineer, -

165.

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

Res. to purchase furniture for office of City Solicitor.

A draft resolution, authorizing the purchase of furniture for the office of the City Solicitor is presented, read and referred to the Standing Committee on City Property.

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Adjourn.

The Common Council adjourn to Monday next, Sept. 20. 1869. at 7 1/2 o'clock p.m.

Members present.

Present - all the members, except the President & Messrs Anthony and Armingtton.

S. M. Addeman Clerk.

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The Common Council met pursuant to adjournment - the President in the chair and a quorum present.

Quorum present

Record read.

The Record of the last meeting is read and approved.

Mo. Report of Chief Eng. of Fire Dept.

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

(Concurred)

(Approved)

Res. for purchase of furniture for office of City Solicitor.

156.

The Standing Committee on City Property to whom was referred a draft resolution for purchase of furniture for office of City Solicitor, make Report and recommend the passage of the same: which Report is received, and said resolution in the words following is thereupon read and passed, viz:

Resolved.

That the Joint Standing Committee on City Property be and they are hereby authorized to procure from time to time such furniture for the office of the City Solicitor as they may deem necessary, provided that the amount to be expended

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under this resolution shall not exceed the sum of two hundred dollars.

(Non. concurred)

Ordinance relative to Railroads.

155.

The Standing Committee on Railroads to whom at the last meeting was referred a draft Ordinance in amendment of an Ordinance relative to Rail Roads, make Report recommending the passage of the same: which Report is received, and thereupon said Ordinance is indefinitely postponed.

Ordinance providing for sales of real estate by auction.

154.

The Standing Committee on Ordinances, who, at the last meeting, were instructed to report an Ordinance providing that all sales of Real Estate belonging to the city shall be made at public auction, make Report by Bill entitled "An Ordinance in relation to the sale of Real Estate belonging to the city of Providence", recommending the passage of the same: which Report is received, and said Ordinance is thereupon read and passed.

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Appropriation Bill

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169.

The Standing Committee on Finance, who at the last meeting were instructed to

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report an Appropriation Bill for the year ending September 30. 1870, report a Bill entitled "An Ordinance making appropriations for the support of the government of the City of Providence for the financial year ending on the thirtieth day of September A. D. 1870", recommending the passage thereof: which Report is received, and said Ordinance is thereupon read, amended, and passed.

Water Ordinance

141.

The Committee of Conference, appointed at the last meeting to consider the differences between the two Boards relative to the Water Bill, make Report by presenting a new Bill, entitled "An Ordinance in relation to Water Commissioners and Water Works", recommending the passage thereof: which Report is received, and said Bill is thereupon read and passed.

(Concurred)

(Approved)

Committee on the Central Bridge continued.

147.
170.

Resolved.

That the Committee appointed September 13. 1869. to confer with the Central Bridge Commissioners and others, and report at the next meeting of the City Council what action shall be taken in reference to constructing a bridge across

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Seekonk River at or near the present location of Central Bridge, are hereby continued with instructions to report as soon as practicable.

(Concurred)

(Approved)

Resolved.

Lease of Field's Point

Farm extended.

That the City Treasurer be, and he is hereby directed to extend the lease of the Field's Point Farm to Russell Fenner for the term of two years from April 1st 1871, providing it is not sooner wanted by the City Council; and provided the said lessee make all needful repairs and improvements at his own expense.

(Concurred)

(Approved)

City Hall.

153.

172.

The special Committee, appointed at the last meeting to consider the expediency of erecting a city Wall on the City Lot on Exchange Place, make Report: which having been read is received in Concurrence.

(Approved)

Resolved.

Friendship street

to be curbed & paved.

That the Surveyor of Highways, under the direction of the Standing Committee

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on Highways, be and he is hereby directed, to set the curbing and pave the gutters on both sides of Friendship street from Dorrance to Dyer streets, and also on the south side of said Friendship St. from Eddy to Potter street.

The foregoing Resolution having passed the Common Council is returned from the Board of Aldermen with their concurrence therein with an amendment adding the word "forthwith"; - which amendment having been read it is resolved that the Common Council do concur therein.

(Approved)

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

Resolved.

Frank street declared a public highway.

That the Board of Aldermen be hereby requested to declare Frank street, as laid out and delineated on the Timothy Wiggins Plat (so-called), to be a public highway.

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

(Approved)

The Standing Committee on the Fire Department to whom were referred at the last

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Moving Buildings.

156.

156.

meeting petitions of
 Mary F. Page, and
 Patrick Collins,
 for permission to remove certain wooden build-
 ings, make Report recommending that the
 prayer thereof be granted: which Reports
 are severally received, and resolutions in
 accordance therewith are thereupon severally
 read and passed.

(Concurred)

(Approved)

Meeting Street.

Curbing & paving of.

155.

The Standing Committee on Highways
 to whom at the last meeting was referred
 a petition of Royal C. Taft and others
 for curbing and paving on Meeting street,
 make Report recommending the passage
 of the accompanying resolutions: which
 Report is received: and the following
 resolution is thereupon read and passed:

Resolved.

That the Committee on
 Highways be hereby directed to cause
 Meeting street to be brought to the es-
 tablished grade, the curbing to be set,
 and the gutters to be paved from Pros-
 pect street to Thayer street.

(Concurred)

(Approved)

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Thayer Street

Curbing & paving.

155.

Said Committee to whom on the
 same date was referred a draft resolu-
 tion for curbing and paving gutters on
 Thayer street, make Report recommending
 the passage of the enclosed substitute:
 which Report is received, and the fol-
 lowing resolution is thereupon read and
 passed, viz:—

Resolved.

That the Committee on
 Highways be hereby directed to cause
 the curbing to be set and the gutters
 paved on Thayer street from Waterman
 street to the north end of the school
 house lot on the corner of Meeting
 and Thayer streets, and that they
 be also authorized to cause said
 Thayer street to be graded from said
 Meeting street to Keene street.

(Concurred)

(Approved)

Commissioners for
 collation and revis-
 ion of city ordinances.

A draft resolution, recommended by the
 Standing Committee on Ordinances, authorizing
 the Mayor to appoint Commissioners to collect
 and arrange the laws of the State especially
 applicable to the City, and to revise the
 City Ordinances, is presented, read and laid
 on the table for the present.

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Petitions of

Vinton Street.
184.

W. E. Richmond rollers, to accept Vinton street from Carpenter St. to Brighton Street; of

Grant Street.
177.

The Roger Williams Mfg Co. for acceptance of Grant street from Knight to Carpenter streets; of

Broad Street.
181.

J. G. Johnson rollers for the widening and straightening of Broad street; of

Eddy street.
245.

E. M. Aldrich rollers for curbing and paving gutters on Eddy street, are severally presented, received and referred to the standing committee on Highways.

William Aplin.

Raising Building.
165.

A petition of William Aplin for permission to raise a certain building is presented, received and referred to the standing committee on the Fire Department.

G. W. R. Matleson.

Claim for damages.
166.

A petition of Geo. W. R. Matleson for damages is presented, received and referred to the standing committee on claims.

Adjourn.

The Common Council adjourn to Monday evening next, September 27, 1869, at 8 o'clock.

Present - all the members except Messrs Armington, Harris, F. M. Smith and Sprague. H.

J. M. Addemaney
Clerk.

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The Common Council met pursuant to adjournment - the President in the chair and

Quorum present.

a quorum present.

Record Read.

The Record of the last meeting is read and approved.

W^m Aplin.

Raising Building.
164.

The Standing Committee on the Fire Department to whom at the last meeting was referred a petition of William Aplin for permission to raise a certain building, make Report recommending that the prayer thereof be granted; which Report is received, and a resolution in accordance therewith is thereupon read and passed.

(Concurred)

(Approved)

Charles E. Paine

Account allowed.
157.

The Standing Committee on Claims to whom on the 13th inst. was referred a petition with accompanying account, of Charles E. Paine, City Engineer, make Report and recommend the passage of the accompanying Resolution; which Report is received and the following Resolution is thereupon read and passed, viz: -

Resolved

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That the City Treasurer be and he is hereby directed to pay to Charles E. Paine the sum of Fifty three ¹⁴/₁₀₀ Dollars in full for his bill of expenses from June 8. 1869 to Aug. 31. 1869 inclusive.

(Concurred,
(Approved)

Remission of Tax.

Dr. J.W.C. Ely et als, Trustees.

157.

Said Committee to whom on the same date was referred a petition of Dr. J. W. C. Ely & others, Trustees of the Fiske Fund for abatement of tax, make Report and recommend the passage of the accompanying resolution: which Report is received and the following Resolution is thereupon read and passed, viz: -

Resolved.

That the City Treasurer be and he is hereby directed to deduct from the tax to said Fiske Trust the sum of sixty dollars being the Tax against said Trust for the year 1868.

(Concurred,
(Approved)

G.W.R. Matteson.

Petition for damages.

164.

Said Committee to whom at the last meeting was referred a petition of G. W. R. Matteson for damages make Report and recommend the passage of the accompanying Resolution: which Report is received

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

Resolved.

That the Standing Committee on Claims be and they are hereby authorized to settle with George W. R. Matteson for damages to his house situate on Doyle Avenue and to draw on the City Treasurer for the same provided the sum does not exceed six hundred dollars.

(Concurred,
(Approved)

City Treasurer.

Remission of certain taxes.
150.

The Standing Committee on Finance to whom on the 23^d of August last was referred a petition of the City Treasurer for abatement of certain taxes make Report and recommend the passage of the accompanying resolution: which Report is received, and the following Resolution is thereupon read and passed, viz: -

Resolved.

That the City Treasurer be and he is hereby directed to abate the several taxes assessed in the year 1868 reported by the Treasurer as un-collectable and amounting to the sum of four thousand three hundred fifty four ⁶⁷/₁₀₀ dollars as per accompanying list.

(Concurred,
(Approved)

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Resolution of inquiry.

Removal of R.R. Rails.

240.

Resolved.

That the Standing Committee on Railroads be instructed to inquire and to report to the City Council whether the safety, convenience and common interests of the citizens of Providence do not require the rails of the Providence and Worcester Railroad Company to be removed from the streets of the city; what means are necessary to be taken for their removal, and within what time arrangements can be made for such removal, due regard being had for the rights, interests and convenience of all parties concerned.

(Concurred)

(Approved)

Furniture for office of

City Solicitor.

Resolved.

That the Joint Standing Committee on City Property be and they are hereby authorized to procure from time to time such furniture for the office of the City Solicitor as they may deem necessary, provided that the amount to be expended under this resolution shall not exceed the sum of two hundred dollars.

(Concurred)

(Approved)

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Appropriation Bill.

158

The Bill entitled "An Ordinance making Appropriations for the support of the government of the City of Providence for the financial year ending on the thirtieth day of September A.D. 1870," which passed the Common Council at the last meeting is returned from the Board of Aldermen with their concurrence therein with certain amendments: which amendments having been read it is resolved that the Common Council do concur in the first amendment and ~~concur~~ in the second and third amendments.

Whereupon the Board insist on their amendment.

The Common Council insist on their non-concurrence.

The Board ask the Common Council for a committee of conference and appoint Aldermen Hopkins and Knight conferees in their part.

The Council agree to the request for a committee of conference and appoint Messrs Waterman, Levy and J. L. Spencer, conferees in their part.

Said committee subsequently make Report, which is received; and thereupon the Common Council recede from their non-concurrence in the first amendment and concur with the Board in the passage

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of the same.

(Approved)

Street to be opened from South Water St. to new Bridge.

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

Resolved.

That the Board of Aldermen be hereby requested to lay out a street from South Water Street to the Harbor live, to connect said street with the proposed new bridge across the river.

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

(Approved)

Resolved.

That the Standing Committee on Ordinances be, and they are hereby instructed to report an Ordinance, prohibiting the driving of cattle, hogs or sheep intended for slaughter, through any of the public highways of this city.

(Concurred)

(Approved)

Ordinance prohibiting driving of cattle &c through streets of city.

186.

Central Bridge.

The Special Committee appointed on the 13th inst to confer with the Central Bridge Commissioners and others, and to report

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what action should be taken by the City Council in reference to constructing a bridge across Seekonk River at or near the present location of Central Bridge, make Report recommending the passage of the accompanying resolution: which Report is received, and the following resolution is thereupon read and passed, viz:—

Resolved.

That the City of Providence, in connection with the town of East Providence, will construct and maintain a bridge over the Seekonk River, at the site of the Central Bridge, so called, in accordance with the conditions set forth in an act passed by the General Assembly of the State of Rhode Island at its May Session A. D. 1869 entitled "An Act to authorize the erection of a bridge across Seekonk River";— the said city of Providence assuming to pay as its proportional part two thirds of the cost of such construction and maintenance over and above the sum of twenty thousand dollars appropriated by the State towards the erection of said bridge by said act of the General Assembly, and the said town of East Providence assuming to pay as its proportional part one third of the cost of such construction and maintenance over and above the said sum of twenty thousand dollars appropriated

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of the same.

(Approved)

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

(Approved)

Resolved.

That the Standing Committee on Ordinances be, and they are hereby instructed to report an Ordinance, prohibiting the driving of cattle, hogs or sheep intended for slaughter, through any of the public highways of this city.

(Concurred)

(Approved)

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as aforesaid. Provided that the said town of East Providence shall within thirty days from the passage of this resolution vote to pay its aforesaid proportion of such cost of construction and maintenance. And also provided that the portion of the cost of the construction of said bridge assumed by the city shall not exceed the sum of Twenty thousand dollars.

(Concurred,
(Approved)

City Hall.

- 160.
- 204.
- 294.
- 275.
- 324
- 334.

Resolutions relating to plans for a City Hall, and requesting the City Solicitor to give notice to lessees of City Hall Lot to vacate the premises, having passed the Board of Aldermen are sent down for concurrence; and the consideration thereof is postponed till the next meeting.

Also a Report of the Special Committee relating to title of city to City Hall Lot, accompanied by an abstract of the title to said Lot by the City Solicitor, having been received by the Board and ordered to be printed in the newspapers and in pamphlet form, is sent down for concurrence: whereupon it is ordered that the consideration thereof be postponed till the next meeting.

A draft resolution for the appointment of a committee to consider and report upon

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the proper location and probable cost of a suitable lot for a City Hall is presented, read and postponed till the next meeting.

Invitation to
join in Convention.

Resolved.

That His Honor the Mayor and the Board of Aldermen be invited to join the Common Council in convention for the election of Water Commissioners and the transaction of such business as may legally come before them.

Invitation
accepted.

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

In Convention.

Water Commissioners,
elected.

Messrs Moses B. Lockwood, Charles E. Carpenter and Joseph J. Cooke are elected Water Commissioners under the Ordinance entitled "An Ordinance in relation to Water Commissioners and Water Works."

Police Constable.

Winfield S. Greene is elected a Police Constable without power to serve civil process.

The two Boards separate.

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Ordinance for the regulation of Hackst. 149.

The Bill entitled "An Ordinance in amendment of an Ordinance entitled An Ordinance for the regulation of Hacks, Omnibuses, Drays, Trucks &c", which on the 13th inst was temporarily laid on the table and ordered to be printed, is taken from the table, read and laid on the table.

Moving Buildings.

176.

176.

176.

176.

Petitions of Andrew Newberg
William A. Carpenter
John R. Kiernan
Edwin A. Grout,

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

Summer Street. 181.

Petitions of H. L. Richmond et al for straightening the Summer Street; of Stephen Harris et al to have

Prospect Alley. 182.

Prospect alley put in order; and of

Gano Street.

Thomas W. Greene for grading about thirty feet of Gano street, are severally presented, received and referred to the Standing Committee on Highways.

Adjourn.

The Common Council adjourn to Monday October 11. 1869 at 8 o'clock p.m.

Present - all the members, except Messrs Draper, Gardner & Sprague
M. Adelman, Club.

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The Common Council met pursuant to adjournment - the President in the chair and a quorum present.

Mo. Report of

Harbor Master.

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

(Concurred)

(Approved)

Mo. Report of Chief Engineer of the Fire Department.

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

(Concurred)

(Approved)

Mo. Report of

City Treasurer.

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

(Concurred)

(Approved)

Do.

Registered Certificates.

The Monthly statement of the City Treasurer of the surrender of Coupon bonds, and the issue of Registered Certificates, is presented read and received.

(Concurred)

(Approved)

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Surrender of
Coupon Bonds.

A Report of the joint Standing
Committee on the reduction of the City
Debt on the surrender and destruction
of coupon bonds, is presented, read
and received.

(Concurred)

(Approved)

Moving Buildings.

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

174.

Wm A. Carpenter

174.

Andrew Newberg

174.

Edwin A. Grout

174.

John R. Kiernan

for permission to remove certain wooden
buildings, make Reports, severally recom-
mending that the prayers thereof be
granted: which Reports are received,
and resolutions in accordance there-
with are thereupon read and passed.

(Concurred)

(Approved)

Resolved.

That the Superintendent of
Public Buildings, acting under the advice
and direction of the Joint Committee on
City Property be and he is hereby directed
to cause the fence enclosing the City Land

Resolution for removing
fence from City Land
on Charles Street.

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on Charles Street to be removed, and have
erected in the place thereof a suitable open
fence.

(Concurred)

(Approved)

Resolved.

Repairs on Thayer
St. Grammar School
Hospital St. School.

That the Committee on City
Property be and they are hereby directed
to cause repairs to be made on the Thayer
Street Grammar School House, and the
sum of Twelve hundred dollars is hereby
appropriated therefor; also to cause re-
pairs to be made on the Hospital Street
School House, and the sum of one
thousand dollars is appropriated there-
for, to be paid out of the appropriation
for Public Buildings.

(Concurred)

(Approved)

Grant Street.

Reception of.

164.

The Standing Committee on Highways,
to whom on the 20th of September last was
referred a petition of the Roger Williams
Mfg Co., and others for reception of
Grant street, make Report recommending
the passage of the accompanying resolution:
which Report is received, and the fol-
lowing Resolution is thereupon read and
passed, viz:

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Grant Street.

Resolved.

That the Board of Aldermen be and they hereby are requested to receive Grant street as delineated on plat of William A. Howard Estate, Book of Plats #6, Page 26, as a public highway.

to be laid out.

Hewes Street.

Cross-walk on.

153.

Said Committee to whom on Sept. 13th was referred a petition of David Taylor & others for cross-walk on Hewes street, make Report recommending the passage of the accompanying resolution: which Report is received, and the following resolution is thereupon read and passed, viz:

Resolved.

That the Surveyor of Highways, acting under the advice and direction of the Joint Committee on Highways, be and he is hereby directed to cause a crosswalk to be laid in front of the main entrance of the Astbury Chapel on Hewes street.

(Concurred)

(Approved)

Said Committee to whom on August 30th was referred a petition of A. Duncan &

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Dyer Street

Cross-walk on.

138.

others for cross-walk, make Report recommending the passage of the accompanying resolution: which Report is received, and the following resolution is thereupon read and passed, viz:-

Resolved.

That the Surveyor of Highways acting under the advice and direction of the Committee on Highways be and he is hereby directed to cause a cross-walk to be laid across Dyer Street between Hay and Peck street.

(Concurred)

(Approved)

Hawthorn and
Bucklin Streets
Reception of.

130

Said Committee to whom on August 23rd was referred a petition of Daniel Jackson & others for reception of Hawthorn, Bucklin and Vineyard streets, make Report and recommend the passage of the accompanying resolution: which Report is received, and the following resolution is thereupon read and passed, viz:-

Resolved.

That the Board of Aldermen be and they are hereby requested to receive Hawthorn street from Greenmech street to Vineyard street, and Bucklin street from Potters Avenue to Hawthorn street, and declare the same

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public highways.

(Concurred)

(Approved)

Broad Street

Widening & Straightening of 184.

Said Committee to whom on Sept. 30th was referred a petition of J. G. Johnson & others for the widening and straightening of Broad street, make Report recommending that the subject be referred to a special committee to inquire into the matter, and ascertain the cost of laying out said street: which Report is read and received.

(Concurred)

(Approved)

Do.

Special Committee.

Resolved

That Messrs Metcalf, Fell, Smith and Long with such as the Board of Aldermen may add be a special committee to inquire into and report upon the expediency and probable cost of widening and straightening Broad street from Greenwich street to the Cranston line.

(Concurred & Ald. Brayton & Coggeshall added)

(Approved)

Summer Street.

Straightening and widening of 174.

Said Committee to whom on Sept. 27th was referred a petition of H. P. Richmond & others for straightening and widening Summer

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street, make Report recommending that the subject be referred to a special committee to examine into the matter and find out what the expense to the expense to the City would be and report: which Report is read and received.

(Concurred)

(Approved)

Do.

Special Committee on

234.

Resolved

That Messrs C. S. Smith, Cook and Fenner, with such as the Board of Aldermen may add, be and are hereby appointed a special committee to examine and report upon the expediency and probable cost of straightening and widening of Summer street from Pine street to Broad street.

(Concurred & Ald. Hopkins added)

(Approved)

Waterman Street.

Reception of.

117.

Said Committee to whom on August 11th was referred a petition of J. P. Campbell & others for reception of a portion of Waterman street, make Report recommending that the prayer of the petitioners be granted when the said portion of Waterman street is brought to the proper grade: which Report is read and received.

(Concurred)

(Approved)

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Prospect Alley.
174.

Said Committee to whom at the last meeting was referred a petition of Stephen Harris & others to have Prospect Alley put in order, make Report and recommend that the matter be referred to the Superintendent of Health to examine and report: which Report is read and received.

Thurber's Avenue
Grading of.

Said Committee to whom were referred by the Board of Aldermen draft resolutions for grading and extending Thurber's Avenue, make Report recommending the passage of the same: which Report is received, and the following resolutions are thereupon read and passed, viz:—

Resolved.

That the Surveyor of Highways acting under the advice and direction of the Standing Committee on Highways, be and he is hereby directed to advertise for proposals for the grading by contract, of Thurber's Avenue from Eagle street easterly to a line near the top of the hill, at the intersection of the range of the established grade with the surface of the ground; and upon the coming in of said proposals, to contract with the lowest

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responsible bidder for the grading of said avenue, provided, that the faithful performance of said contract shall be secured by satisfactory bonds.

(Concurred)

(Approved)

Thurber's Avenue
Extension of.

Resolved.

That the Board of Aldermen be, and they are hereby requested to extend Thurber's Avenue in a direct range with that portion of said Avenue adjoining Eddy street easterly, from the angle in said avenue to the Providence river.

(Concurred)

(Approved)

Broadway,
Curbing to be set back.

Said Committee to whom was referred by the Board of Aldermen a petition and draft resolution for re-setting the curbing on Broadway, make report recommending the passage of said resolution: which Report is received, and the following resolution is thereupon read and passed, viz:—

Resolved.

That the Joint Committee on Highway be hereby instructed to cause the curbing on the south side of Broadway between Valley street and Harkness street to be set back five feet, and that said

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work be done by contract or otherwise as may be deemed best by said committee.

(Concurred)

(Approved)

Cove Street.
Widening of.
202.

Said committee to whom were referred a petition of L. Brayton for widening Cove street make Report recommending the passage of the accompanying resolution: which report is received, and the consideration of said resolution is postponed till the next meeting.

Eagle St. bridge.
130.

Said committee to whom were referred petitions of
Paine & Sackett for bridge on Eagle street; of

Hope Street.
130.

J. W. Smith & others for paving gutters and setting curbing on Hope street;

Vinton Street.
164.

of N. E. Richmond & others for repletion of Vinton street; of

Jos. Capwell.
46.

Joseph Capwell for damages for overflow of water; of

Westminster Street
Crosswalk on.
155.

William Sheldon & others for crosswalk at junction of High and Westminster streets, make Reports severally recommending that the petitioners have leave to withdraw: which Reports are received, and thereupon it is ordered that the petitioners severally have leave to withdraw.

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A Bill entitled "An Ordinance creating a Joint Standing Committee on Lights," is presented, read and passed.

(Non-Concurred)

Hackney Coaches.
Numbering &c. of.
110.

The Standing Committee on Ordinances, to whom on August 9th was referred a petition of Wheeler & Tallman, and others, in relation to numbering and lighting certain Hackney carriages, make Report and recommend the passage of the accompanying Bill, entitled "An Ordinance in amendment of an Ordinance for the regulation of Hacks, Omnibuses, Drays, Trucks &c." which Report is received, and said Bill is not passed.

Ordinance regulat-
ing Express charges.
82.

Said committee to whom on July 26th was referred a petition of F. A. Brown & others for amendment of Ordinance regulating express charges, make Report and recommend the passage of the accompanying Bill, entitled "An Ordinance in amendment of an Ordinance entitled 'An Ordinance in amendment of an Ordinance entitled 'An Ordinance for the regulation of Hacks, Omnibuses, Drays, Trucks &c.' which Report is received and said Bill is read and indefinitely postponed.

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Ordinance prohibiting driving of cattle & sheep through highways of city.

Said Committee, who at the last meeting were instructed to report an Ordinance prohibiting the driving of cattle, hogs or sheep intended for slaughter, through any of the public highways of this city, make Report by bill, entitled "An Ordinance prohibiting the driving of cattle, sheep and hogs, intended for slaughter through the highways of the city," but do not recommend the passage thereof: which Report is received, and said bill is laid on the table for the present.

Resolved.

Register of Transfers. Assistance in office of.

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

(Concurred)

(Approved)

Resolved.

Harbor Line on Seekonk River.

272.

That the Joint Standing Committee on City Property be and they are hereby directed to consider the expediency of establishing a harbor line on the west

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side of Seekonk River above Washington Bridge.

(Concurred)

(Approved)

Michael Ryan.

Purchase of Land.

195.

Upon the petition of Michael Ryan for the purchase of land, this day presented and referred to the Standing Committee on City Property, said Committee make Report, recommending the passage of the accompanying resolution: which Report is received and the following resolution is thereupon read and passed, viz:-

Resolved.

That the City Treasurer be and he is hereby directed to sell and convey to Michael Ryan, lots No. 25 & 26, upon the Map of the Sessions Lot, upon the payment by the said Ryan into the City Treasury, of the sum of Twenty five cents per square foot.

N.Y. Prov. & Boston R.R.

Direction of building

on Cove Lands.

312.

A Resolution (from the Board of Aldermen), permitting the N.Y. Prov. & Boston R.R. Co. to erect a building on the Cove lands, is read and referred to the Standing Committee on City Property.

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Petitions of

Jewett Street.
245.

C. G. Dodge & others for reception of Jewett street; of

Ocean Street.
440.

Wm. M. Longstreet & others for curbing and paving gutters on Ocean street from Public street to Thubers Avenue; of

Lester Street.
Removal of obstructions
232.

J. D. Cranston & others for the removal of obstructions on Lester street between Pearl and Knight streets; of

Superior Street
230.

Jos. Whiteley & others for paving gutters and setting curb-stones on Superior street;

Broadway.
211

Also, a draft resolution to set back the curb-stones and pave the gutters on Broadway, are severally presented, received and referred to the Standing Committee on Highways.

Petitions of

Jas. McCabe & wife.
270.

James McCabe & wife for damages;

Julia & D. Mc Carthy.

of Julia Mc Carthy & Daniel Mc

Compensation for
damages
200.

Carthy for compensation for damages caused by the removal of their house and for gravel taken by the city; of

P. & H. Steinmetz.
386.

P. & H. Steinmetz for damages for change of grade of Walling street School House Lot; of

Remission of tax.
200,
198.

C. H. C. Potter, and

Eliakim Rhodes Brown,

for remission of tax; of

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Alfred Stone.
197.

Alfred Stone, for payment of services in preparing plans, &c; of

T. R. Belcher & wife.
238.

Thomas R. Belcher & wife for remuneration for injuries received on Pitman street; of

Aug. F. Baker.

Doyle Avenue.
292.

Augustus F. Baker for compensation for damage to furniture by blasting of rocks on Doyle Avenue.

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

Moving Building.

Wm. J. Hopkin.
201.

A petition of Wm. J. Hopkin, Gdn, for permission to remove a certain wooden building is presented, received and referred to the Standing Committee on the Fire Department.

Geo. B. Ames & P. H. Hill

Cloth sign.
214.

A petition of George B. Ames & P. H. Hill for leave to suspend cloth sign across the street is presented, received and referred to the Standing Committee on Police.

Time extended

An extension of time is granted the Standing Committee on Claims to consider certain matters before them.

Adjourn.

The Common Council adjourns tomorrow, November 8th 1869, at 7th o'clock p.m.

Present - all the members, except Messrs Amington, Bradford & Mauran.

J. M. Addison
Clerk.

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Special Meeting.

Mayor's Warrant.

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

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

Greeting:

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

You are therefore hereby commanded and re-
quired to summon the members of said Common
Council to meet in their chamber on Monday the
25th day of October A. D. 1869 at 8 o'clock p. m.
then and there to transact such business as
may legally come before them.

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

L. S. Given under my hand and the seal
of said City this 23^d day of October
A. D. 1869.

Geo. L. Clarke
Mayor.

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Providence October 23. A. D. 1869.

I hereby certify that I have summoned
all the members of the Common Council of
said City either by copy or by reading
the within warrant in their presence and
hearing.

Edward S. Rhodes
City Messenger.

Pursuant to the foregoing warrant
the Common Council are this day as-
sembled at 8 o'clock p. m. - the President

Quorum present. in the chair and a quorum present.

Warrant read.

The Warrant of the Mayor calling the
meeting is read.

Record Read.

The Record of the last meeting is read
and approved.

Mayor's Message.

Widening of

Weybosset Street.

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

Mayor's Office

Providence, 25th Oct. 1869.

Gentlemen of the Common Council.

The principal reason for conven-
ing you at an earlier date than the one
to which you had adjourned is to enable you,
if you deem it advisable, to take immediate
action in reference to widening Weybosset street.

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The necessity of a wider street in the immediate vicinity of the Post office, where traffic and travel have increased so much within a few years, is, appaunt to all.

Should the Council concur with the Board of Aldermen in the opinion that the street ought to be widened, it is important that the owners of property required for the purpose should have immediate notice of the intentions of the City. It is also desirable that early action should be taken in the matter, as in consequence of the recent fire it is probable that this important improvement could be made now at less expense to the City and at less inconvenience to the owners and occupants of buildings than at any future time.

Geo. L. Clarke
Mayor.

Weybosset Street,
Widening of.

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

Resolved,

That in the opinion of this City Council, it is desirable and necessary to widen Weybosset street, from the northerly line of the estate of the National Bank of North America, to the northerly line of Custom House street,

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by a line running direct from the northwest corner of the free stone underpinning of the banking house of said bank, to a point twelve feet easterly of the east side of Weybosset street on the north line of said Custom House street; and also, to widen said Weybosset street from a point on the southerly line of Post Office Court twelve feet easterly of the east line of Weybosset street, to the north west corner of the brick building on Westminster street owned by Seth Paddelford and wife, and occupied by the State Bank and others.

And, whereas, certain real estate will be required for that purpose, that the City Solicitor be, and he is hereby directed to make application to the Supreme Court of this State, for the appointment of Commissioners of estimate and assessment, under and according to the Act entitled "An Act in relation to the laying out, enlarging, straightening and otherwise altering streets in the City of Providence"; and the City Council hereby direct that application shall be made by said City Solicitor to said Court, in the application for said appointment as aforesaid, that said Commissioners shall apportion and assess one half of the loss and damage thereof upon the persons and estates benefitted thereby, in the ratio of the benefits conferred.

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Resolved.

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

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

(Approved)

North Main Street.

Widening of.

Buildings to be relinquished to owners.

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

Whereas, certain buildings and parts of buildings on North Main Street have by law become the property of the City, by election of the City Council to widen and straighten said street, in accordance with the report of Commissioners appointed by the Supreme Court, which Report dated July 12, 1869, is on file in the office of the City Clerk, it is therefore,

Resolved.

That with a view to facilitate said improvements, the City do hereby relinquish to the persons from whom said buildings and parts of buildings have been taken, all claim thereto, provided that said buildings and parts of buildings are removed from

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within the lines of said street, as defined in said report, before the first day of August, A.D. 1870.

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

Michael Ryan

Purchase of land.

187.

214.

The Resolution to sell land to Michael Ryan, which was passed at the last meeting of the Common Council, is returned from the Board of Aldermen, with their concurrence therein with an amendment adding the words "provided said Ryan shall purchase lot 24 on said plat at the same price"; which amendment having been read, it is resolved that the Common Council do concur therein.

R.I. Hospital.

Free Bed for City.

Resolved.

That the City Treasurer be and he hereby is authorized to subscribe in the name of the City of Providence to the Rhode Island Hospital such sum of money as by the regulations of said Hospital shall secure for said City the perpetual right to the free use of one bed in said Hospital to be forever known as the free bed of the City of Providence; and that he be authorized to pay such sum to said Hospital and that an amount of money not exceeding four thousand

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Dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated for the above object to be paid out of any money not otherwise appropriated.

Resolved.

That the use of said bed under the rules established by said R. I. Hospital shall be regulated by future regulations of the City Council.

Resolved.

That the sum of Twelve Hundred Dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated for the purpose of purchasing and presenting to the Rhode Island Hospital, as a free gift to said Charity on the part of the City of Providence, of a complete set of surgical instruments and the cases proper to contain the same, which shall be forever after kept by said Hospital in perfect order and added to from time to time as need require, and the ability of the Hospital may permit, and be known as the gift of the City of Providence; and that the Mayor and President of the Common Council be and they hereby are constituted a committee to make such purchase and presentation; and the City Treasurer is hereby authorized to pay said sum of

R. I. Hospital.

Surgical instruments
to be procured for.

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money upon the written order of said Committee

Resolved.

That the Standing Committee on Highways be directed to inquire and report to the City Council what obstructions, if any, exist in Benefit street from India street to the River.

(Concurred,

(Approved,

Benefit Street

Obstructions in,

237.

Chas. E. Carpenter
(Water Commissioner)
authorized to retain
interest in lands.

A communication is received from Charles E. Carpenter, a Water Commissioner representing that he is an owner of land to be taken for a reservoir and new road: whereupon the following resolution is presented, read and passed, viz:—

Resolved.

That Charles E. Carpenter, one of the Water Commissioners has the permission of the City Council to retain his interest in certain farm lands to be used for Water Works, — as set forth in his communication to the Council of this date, — without prejudice to his official position as a Water Commissioner.

(Concurred,

(Approved,

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Resolution of inquiry.

Vouchers in attic
of City Building
212.Resolved.

That the Standing Committee on City Property be and they are hereby directed to inquire into and report at the next meeting of the City Council the best method by which the vouchers and other valuable papers now stored in the attic of the City Building on Market Square may be put in order and preserved.

(Concurred)

(Approved)

Remission of tax.

Eliz. Rhodes Brown.

188.

The Standing Committee on Claims to whom at the last meeting was referred a petition of Elizabeth Rhodes Brown for abatement of tax, make Report and recommend the passage of the accompanying resolution: which Report is received, and the following resolution is thereupon read and passed, viz:-

Resolved.

That the City Treasurer be hereby directed to remit the sum of Forty two Dollars, from the amount assessed against Elizabeth Rhodes Brown in the City tax of 1868.

(Concurred)

(Approved)

Said Committee to whom was referred on the same date a bill of Alfred Stone, make

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Alfred Stone.

Account allowed.

189.

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

Resolved.

That the City Treasurer be and he is hereby directed to pay to Alfred Stone the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars in full for his bill for plans and estimates on proposed changes in Knight Street Police Station, bill dated May 20. 1867.

(Concurred)

(Approved)

Samuel W. Brown.

Reimbursement of.

Said Committee to whom on the 21st of October inst. was referred by the Board of Aldermen a petition of Samuel W. Brown for reimbursement, make Report and recommend the passage of the accompanying Resolution: which Report is received, and the following Resolution is thereupon read and passed, viz:-

Resolved.

That the City Treasurer be hereby directed to pay to Samuel W. Brown the sum of Fifty six ^{7/10} dollars for assistance employed by him in the City Clerk's office during the year 1868, to be paid from the appropriation for contingencies.

(Concurred)

(Approved)

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R.I. Hospital.
Bill for Board of
Joanna Aigan.

Said Committee to whom on the 21st of October inst. was referred by the Board of Aldermen a bill in favor of the R.I. Hospital for board of Joanna Aigan, make Report and recommend the passage of the accompanying resolution: which Report is received, and the following resolution is thereupon read and passed, viz:—

Resolved.

That the City Treasurer be and he is hereby directed to pay to the Rhode Island Hospital the sum of Twenty four dollars in full for four weeks board of Joanna Aigan as per their bill to September 25. 1869.

Report of S. Com. on Claims
on petitions of

- S.P. Henry. 117.
- Alice Gannon. 130.
- J. & D. Mc Carthy. 188.
- Wm. Donaldson. 158.
- Edwin M. Chaffee. 9.
- Maria Penno. 158.
- E. H. C. Potter. 166.

Said Committee to whom were referred petitions of
Stephen P. Henry, for compensation; of
Alice Gannon, for compensation; of
Julia & Daniel Mc Carthy, for compensation; of
William Donaldson,
Edwin M. Chaffee,
Maria Penno, and
E. H. C. Potter,

all for remission of certain taxes, make Reports, severally recommending that the petitioners have leave to withdraw: which Reports are received, and thereupon it is ordered that

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the petitioners severally have leave to withdraw.

Invitation to join
in Convention.

Resolved.

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

Do. accepted.

The foregoing invitation being accepted, the two Boards join in Convention of the City Council.

In Convention.

In Convention.

Undertaker.

Henry Lynch is elected an Undertaker.

Constable elected.

Richard R. Hawkins is elected a Constable without power to serve civil process.

The two Boards separate

Moving Buildings.

289.

The Standing Committee on the Fire Department to whom were referred petitions of William J. Hoppin, Gan Shadi, Perrin & Co., and John Sullivan, for permission to remove certain wooden buildings make Reports severally recommend-

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

(Concurred)

(Approved)

Cove Street
Widening of
184.

The Resolution; relative to the widening of Cove Street (reported by the Standing Committee on Highways) and postponed at the last meeting till this day, is taken from the table read and passed in the words following, viz:-

Resolved.

That the Surveyor of Highways acting under the advice and direction of the Joint Committee on Highways be and he is hereby directed to widen Cove Street at the intersection of Washington and Dorrance streets by taking that portion of the land lying between the Railroad and Cove street which is fenced in as a park at the west end of the Railroad depot.

(Concurred)

Fire Cistern on Eddy St.

Resolved.

That the Board of Engineers acting under the advice and direction of the Standing Committee on the Fire Depart-

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ment be and they are hereby directed to build a cistern for the use of the Fire department on Eddy street near Temperance Hall (so called)

(Non-concurred)

Resolved.

To.
Appropriation for.

That the sum of fifteen hundred dollars (\$1500) be and the same is hereby appropriated from the funds of the Fire Dept. for building a cistern on Eddy street near Temperance Hall (so called)

(Non-concurred)

Fire Cistern on
Waterman St.

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 directed to build a cistern for the use of the Fire Department on Waterman street between Gans and Hayland streets.

(Non-concurred)

Resolved.

To.
Appropriation for.

That the sum of fifteen hundred dollars (\$1500) be and the same is hereby appropriated from the funds of the Fire Dept. for building a cistern on Waterman street between Gans and Hayland streets.

(Non-concurred)

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Widening of Weybosset St.
Committee to appear
before Commissioners.

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

Resolved.

That Aldermen Knight & Coggeshall
with such as the Common Council may add, be
hereby appointed a committee to appear before
the Commissioners to widen Weybosset street in
behalf of the interests of the city of Providence.

Whereupon it is resolved that the Com-
mon Council do concur therein, and that
Messrs Cook, W. Spencer & Chafee be added
on the part of the Council.

(Approved)

Ordinance regulating
Cattle Driving.

A Bill entitled "An Ordinance regulating
Cattle driving" is presented, read and laid on
the table.

City Hall.

Report of Committee.

172

The Report of the Special Committee rela-
tive to a new City Hall, accompanied by an
Abstract of the title of the City to the City
Hall Lot (so called), which in Board of Alder-
men was received and ordered to be printed
in the newspapers and in pamphlet form for
the use of the City Council, and which on the
27 day of September last was sent to the Common
Council for concurrence, and by them postponed,
is taken from the table; whereupon it is resolved
that the Council do concur in the reception

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thereof and in the above order with an amend-
ment striking out the words "in the newspapers
and."

(Approved)

City Hall.

Com. to select location.

172.

217.

The Resolution, presented Sept. 27th for the
appointment of a committee to select a suitable
location for a City Hall, is taken from the
table, read and laid on the table for the present.

Bridge on Delaine St.

210.

A Resolution (from the Board of Aldermen,
for Bridge on Delaine street, is read and
referred to the Standing Committee on Highways.

J. Kingsley.

Remission of tax.

209.

A petition of Leonard Kingsley is presented,
received and referred to the Standing
Committee on Claims.

J. E. Colburn et als.

More Light.

A petition of J. E. Colburn & others, reporters,
for more light, is presented, received and re-
ferred to the Standing Committee on City Property.

Adjourn.

The Common Council adjourns till Monday
November 8th 1869, at 7 1/2 o'clock p.m.

Members present.

Present - all the members except Messrs
Bradford, Draper and Harris

M. Addeman
Clerk.

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The Common Council met pursuant to adjournment - the President in the chair and a quorum present.

Quorum present.

Record read.

The Record of the last meeting is read and approved.

Mo. Report of City Treasurer

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

(Concurred)
(Approved)

Mo. Report of Registered Bonds.

The Monthly Reports of the City Treasurer, and of the Joint Standing Committee on the Reduction of City Debt, relative to the surrender of coupon bonds and issue of Registered Bonds, are presented, read and received.

(Concurred)
(Approved)

Mo. Report of Harbor Master.

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

(Concurred)
(Approved)

Do.

The Monthly Report of the Harbor

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Dredging.

Master on dredging the Harbor is presented read and received.

(Concurred)
(Approved)

Mo. Report of Chief Eng. Fire Dept.

Chief Eng. Fire Dept.

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

(Concurred)
(Approved)

Cross-walks on Atwell's Avenue &c.

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

Resolved.

That the Surveyor of Highways be and he is hereby requested to construct a cross-walk on Atwell's Avenue ~~and~~ Bourn Street, lower side; also on Carpenter Street at Lime Street, lower side; also to raise the street around the well at the junction of Federal and Kenyon streets, so that water will run from instead of into said well.

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

(Approved)

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

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Reservoirs on
Waterman & Eddy Sts.

Resolved.

That the Board of Engineers of the Fire Department be hereby instructed to cause a reservoir to be constructed on Waterman street near Gano street, and also a reservoir on Eddy street in the ninth ward.

Do.

Resolved.

Appropriation for.

That the sum of three thousand dollars be hereby appropriated for said reservoirs to be paid from the appropriation for the fire department.

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

(Approved)

Wm. Hoswell,
Remission of tax.

The Standing Committee on Claims, to whom on Oct. 25th was referred by the Board of Aldermen, a petition of William Hoswell for remission of tax, make Report and recommend the passage of the accompanying resolution: which Report is received, and the following resolution is thereupon read and passed, viz:-

Resolved.

That the City Treasurer be hereby directed to remit the sum of one dollar from the amount assessed against William Hoswell in the city tax of 1868.

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(Concurred,
(Approved)

I. Kingsley,
Remission of tax.
205.

Said Committee to whom at the last meeting was referred a petition of Leonard Kingsley for remission of tax, make Report and recommend that the petitioner have leave to withdraw: which Report is received, and thereupon it is ordered that said petitioner have leave to withdraw.

College Street
Extension to water.

Resolved.

That the joint standing Committee on Highways be and they are hereby instructed to inquire and report as soon as may be the probable expense of extending College street of its present width from South Main street to the river and of widening Freybosset Bridge in accordance therewith.

(Concurred,
(Approved)

Moving Buildings.

The Standing Committee on the Fire Department, to whom were referred petitions of Edward Cline, and The American Steamboat Co., this day presented and received, make Reports, recommending that the prayers of said petitions be granted: which Reports

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are received, and resolutions in accordance therewith are thereupon read and passed.

(Concurred)

(Approved)

Delaine St. Bridge.

2115.

The Standing Committee on Highways to whom at the last meeting was referred a Resolution (from the Board of Aldermen) for Bridge at Delaine street, make Report and recommend the passage of the same: which Report is received, and said Resolution is passed in concurrence in the words following, viz:-

Resolved.

That Aldermen Coggeshall and Brayton with Messrs Strat, Arming-ton and Aldrich of the Common Council, be and they are hereby appointed a Committee, on the part of the City of Providence, to unite with a committee appointed by the Town of North Providence, in causing two bridges to be built over the Narragansett river at Delaine street; and that the sum of seventeen hundred and fifty dollars be hereby authorized to be expended for that purpose, from the appropriation for bridges.

(Approved)

The following Resolutions recommended by

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Crosswalks on Taber Avenue &c. said Committee, is presented, read and passed, viz:-

Resolved.

That the Surveyor of Highways acting under the advice and direction of the Joint Committee on Highways be and he is hereby directed to cause crosswalks to be laid across Taber and Elm Grove Avenues and Gans street at the intersection of Angell street and turn the corner at Arlington Avenue, making the street fifty feet wide, instead of thirty six feet as it now stands. (See accompanying plat.)

(Concurred)

(Approved)

Broadway.

Setting back curbing:

188.

Said Committee to whom on the 11th of October last was referred a draft resolution to set back the curbstones and pave gutters on Broadway, make Report and do not recommend the passage of the same: which Report is received and said resolution is read and not passed.

Holden Street.

Reception of:-

Said Committee to whom was referred by the Board of Aldermen a petition of C. G. Dodge relative for the re-ception of Holden street, make Report and recom-

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mend that the petitioners have leave to withdraw: which Report is received and thereupon it is ordered that said petitioners have leave to withdraw.

N.Y. Prov. + Boston R.R.
Erection of building
on Cove land.
187.

The Standing Committee on City Property to whom on Oct. 11th was referred a resolution (from the Board of Aldermen), permitting the N.Y. Prov. + Boston R.R. Co. to erect a building on the Cove Lands, make Report and recommend the passage of the same: which Report is received, and the following resolution is thereupon read and passed, ^{in concurrence,} viz:-

Resolved,

That permission be granted to the New York, Providence + Boston Railroad Company, to erect a building in addition to their engine house, upon the Cove land, for a repair shop; said building to be about forty by one hundred feet on the ground and sixteen feet high and built of brick.

(Approved)

Attic of City Building:
Preservation of vouchers.
198.

Said Committee, who at the last meeting were instructed to report the best method for putting in order and preserving the papers in the Attic of the City Building, make Report, recommend-

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

Resolved,

That the City Auditor acting under the direction of the Committee on City Property be and he is hereby authorized to procure a suitable person to arrange the vouchers and other valuable papers now stored in the attic of the City Building on Market Square, at a cost not exceeding one hundred dollars.

(Concurred,
(Approved)

Appropriation for
repairing buildings.

Resolved,

That the Committee on City Property be and they are hereby authorized to expend in the reparation of buildings and fences the sum of Five hundred dollars to each of the following buildings, to wit: Thayer Street Primary, Mating Street do. Square Street and Eddy street, to be paid out of the appropriation for Public Buildings.

(Concurred,
(Approved)

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Chas. E. Paine.

Petition to hire rooms.

A petition of Charles E. Paine for permission to hire rooms for his office as City Engineer, is presented, received and referred to the Standing Committee on City Property. Subsequently said Committee make Report recommending that the petitioners have leave to withdraw: which Report is received and thereupon it is ordered that said petitioners have leave to withdraw.

Sale of Sessions Trut.

Money to be applied to sinking Fund. 195.

Resolved.

That the City Treasurer be and he is hereby directed, upon the receipt of the proceeds of the sale of that portion of the Sessions Lot, so called, ordered sold to Michael Ryan, to apply the same to the Sinking Fund for the extinguishment of the City Debt.

Geo. B. Ames & P. H. Hill.

Cloth sign across street. 189.

The Standing Committee on Police to whom on the 11th day of October last was referred a petition of Geo. B. Ames and P. H. Hill for leave to suspend cloth sign across the street, make Report and recommend that the petitioners have leave to withdraw: which Report is received, and thereupon it is ordered that said petitioners have leave to withdraw.

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Remission of tax.

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227.

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John H. Stiness, Reimbursement. 226.

Petitions of

Wm H. Chandler

Nancy A. Dyer and

Charles T. Child, Guardian,

John H. Stiness

all for the remission of certain taxes; and of John H. Stiness for reimbursement, are severally presented, received and referred to the Standing Committee on Claims.

Broad way. Crosswalk on. 240.

A draft resolution for cross-walk on Broadway;

also Petitions of

Wm A. Harris & others for curbing

and paving gutters on Wayland Avenue;

of Geo. L. Clarke & others for a

drain in Angell & Asylum streets; of

Wm A. Harris & others for the recep-

tion of Wayland Avenue from Angell

street to Irving Avenue; of

Jane Smith for repair of high-

way; and of

Erany Prothus & others for change of

name of Stampers street to Montgomery

street, are severally presented, received

and referred to the Standing Committee

on Highways.

Wayland Avenue. Curbing &c. of.

Drain on Angell & Asylum streets.

Wayland Avenue Reception of 232.

Jane Smith

Stampers Street

Change of name. 231.

Gr. A. Williamson.

Increased room. 266.

A petition of Gustavus A. Williamson, Recorder of Deeds, for increased accommoda-

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tions is presented, received and referred to the Standing Committee on City Property.

Time extended to
Com. on Railroads.

An extension of time is granted to the Standing Committee on Railroads to report on the matter of the removal of rail tracks from South Water street.

Graham St. School.
Appropriation for.

Resolved.

That the sum of four thousand dollars be, and the same is hereby appropriated for the completion of extension and repairs of Graham street school house, and for the purchase of heating apparatus and furniture for the same, to be paid out of the appropriation for public schools.

(Concurred)

(Approved)

Friendship and
North Main streets.
Awards to be paid.

Resolved.

That the City Treasurer, acting under the advice and direction of the Joint Committee on Finance, be and he is hereby authorized to pay to the several parties interested in the award made by the Commissioners appointed for the extension of Friendship street and the widening of North Main street, whenever said parties shall agree to accept the same with such discount as may be agreed upon with

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said committee for advance payment.

Resolved.

That the City Treasurer be and he is hereby authorized to pay out of any money in the treasury not immediately required to meet the current demands against the city, such sums as may be necessary to carry the aforesaid resolution into effect.

(Concurred)

(Approved)

North Main St.

Appropriation to
pay awards.

Resolved.

That the sum of one hundred and forty five thousand one hundred and ten dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, for the purpose of paying the awards made in the report of the Commissioners of estimate and assessment on North Main street.

(Concurred)

(Approved)

City Hall.

Com. to report site
and cast of lot.

2/15.

2/15.

The following Resolution, which was laid on the table at the last meeting, is taken from the table, read and passed, viz:-

Resolved.

That Messrs Aldrich, Shaw and Rice with such as the Board of

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Aldermen may add, be and they are hereby appointed a committee to consider and report upon the proper location and probable cost of a suitable lot for a City Hall.

(Concurred and Ald. Burrington & Knight added),
(Approved),

Adjourn.

The Common Council adjourn till Monday December 13th 1869.

Members present.

Present - all the members except Messrs Barnaby, Draper, Lapham, Shaw and Sprague

J. M. Addeman
Clerk.

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The Common Council met pursuant to adjournment - the President in the chair and a quorum present.

Quorum present

Record Read.

The Record of the last meeting is read and approved.

Mo. Report of City Treasurer.

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

(Concurred),

(Approved),

Do.

Reduction of the City Debt.

The Monthly Reports of the City Treasurer, and of the Joint Standing Committee on the reduction of the City Debt, relative to summa- du of coupon bonds, are presented, read and received.

(Concurred),

(Approved),

Do.

Loan of money.

A Report of the City Treasurer, pursuant to the "Ordinance in relation to City Debt," (and announcing a loan of \$10,000, of the Peoples Savings Bank, Oct. 11th for the Point Street Bridge) is presented, read and received.

(Concurred),

(Approved)

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Mo. Report of Harbor Master. The Monthly Report of the Harbor Master is presented, read and received.
(Concurred)
(Approved)

Do. Dredging. The Monthly Report of the Harbor Master, on dredging the Harbor, is presented, read and received.
(Concurred)
(Approved)

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

Semi-annual Report of Overseer of Poor. The Semi-Annual Report of the Overseer of the Poor is presented, read and received.
(Concurred)
(Approved)

Report of Trustees of Sinking Fund. Bonds payable 1876. The Annual Report of Trustees of Sinking Fund for redemption of City Bonds, payable in 1876, issued to the Hartford, Prov. & Fishkill R.R. Co. is presented, read and received.
(Concurred)
(Approved)

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Do. Bonds payable 1885. The Annual Report of Trustees of Sinking Fund for redemption of City Bonds, payable in 1885, is presented, read and received.
(Concurred)
(Approved)

Mayor's Message. Raising money. A Message of the Mayor, relative to raising money by Bonds or otherwise, for the purpose of carrying on the several public works which the City Council have ordered, is presented and read.

Do. Resolved. That the subject matter of the communication of His Honor the Mayor, this day presented to the City Council, be referred to the joint Standing Committee on Finance to examine and report thereon.
(Concurred)
(Approved)

Removal of obstructions from triangular lot on Dorrance St. A Resolution in the words following, having passed the Board of Aldermen is sent down for concurrence, and is read and passed in concurrence, viz: -
Resolved.
That the Surveyor of Highways be and he is hereby requested to remove all the trees, fences and such other obstructions as

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may be in the way of the monument, in the triangular park in front of the City Hall Lot on Dorrance Street.

(Approved)

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

Resolved.

That the sum of One Thousand Dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated for the purchase of beds and bedding for the police stations, to be expended under the direction of the Joint Standing Committee on Police, and charged to the appropriation for the Police Department.

(Approved)

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

Resolved.

That the Superintendent of Lights be hereby directed to cause the flag-staff formerly on Exchange Place to be set up with a new top-mast, on Prospect Square, to be used for lighting signals.

(Approved)

A Resolution in the words following, having

Beds and bedding for police Stations.

Appropriation for.

Signal Flag-staff on

Prospect Square.

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Act concerning the erection of buildings in city of Prov.

Com. to apply to Gen. Assembly for amendment &c. of.

passed the Board of Aldermen, is sent down, read, and passed in concurrence, viz:-

Resolved

That the Standing Committee on Ordinances, with the City Solicitor, are hereby appointed a Committee to apply to the General Assembly, for such alterations and amendments of the "Act concerning the erection of Buildings in the City of Providence" as shall better define said act and secure the purposes for which it was designed.

(Approved)

Resolved.

That the sum of two hundred and twenty five dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated from the funds of the Fire Department for the purchase of suction hose.

(Concurred)

(Approved)

Appropriation for purchase of hose.

New Bridge over Seekonk River.

249.

A petition of the Town Council of East Providence, relative to the construction of a new Bridge over Seekonk River, is presented read and received; whereupon it is

Resolved.

That the petition of the Town Council of East Providence, this day pre-

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sent to the City Council be referred to a joint special committee, consisting of Messrs Waterman, Shaw and Durfee of the Common Council, with such as the Board of Aldermen may add, to examine and report thereon.

(Concurred and Ald. Hopkins and Brayton added)
(Approved)

Resolved.

That the City Treasurer, acting under the advice and direction of the Joint Committee on Finance be hereby authorized to hire from time to time and in such sums as may be deemed expedient the sum of one hundred thousand dollars to be hereafter appropriated towards the expense of building the Providence Water Works.

Resolved.

That the sum of one hundred thousand dollars is hereby appropriated on account of the Providence Water Works, the same to be expended under the direction of the Board of Water Commissioners.

(Concurred)
(Approved)

A Bill entitled "An Ordinance in relation

Prov. Water Works.
Res. to hire money & appropriations for.

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Ordinance in relation to Sewers.

to Sewers," having passed the Board of Aldermen, is sent down for concurrence and is read; whereupon it is resolved that the Common Council do concur therein.

(Approved)

Ordinance in relation to public buildings.

225.
258.

A Bill entitled "An Ordinance in amendment of An Ordinance in relation to public buildings", having passed the Board of Aldermen is sent down for concurrence and is read; whereupon it is ordered that the same be referred to a joint special committee to consist of the standing committees on City Property and Education.

Resolved.

That the City Treasurer, acting under the direction of the joint standing committee on Finance be and he is hereby directed to demand payment of the interest coupons on the six Ten Thousand dollar Bonds of the Hartford, Providence and Fiskkill Railroad Company which were given to the City of Providence by said Company as collateral security for the fulfillment of the contract of said Company to fill certain lands west of the Cove; and that said Treasurer

Bonds of Prov. H. & F. Railroad.

Interest to be demanded.

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He and he is hereby directed in case said coupons are not paid before January 1st 1870, to advertise and sell said bonds at Public auction.

(Concurred)
(Approved)

Appropriation for
Repairs on Dexter Asylum.

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

Resolved.

That the sum of Twenty five thousand dollars is hereby appropriated for repairs on Dexter Asylum, said sum to be paid out of any moneys in the City Treasury not otherwise appropriated.

(Approved)

John H. Stiness.

Damages from blasting
rocks on Doyle Avenue.

215.

The Standing Committee on Claims to whom on the 8th day of November last was referred a petition of John H. Stiness make Report, recommending the passage of the accompanying resolution: which Report is received and the following resolution is thereupon read and passed, viz:-

Resolved.

That the City Treasurer be and he is hereby directed to pay to John H.

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Stiness the sum of Forty seven and ⁴³/₁₀₀ dollars in full for his bill of damage to furniture caused by the blasting of rocks on Doyle Avenue.

(Concurred)
(Approved)

Leon Merry.
Claim for services.

Said Committee to whom on the 21st of October last was referred a bill of Leon Merry for services, make Report recommending the passage of the accompanying resolution: which Report is received, and the following resolution is thereupon read and passed, viz:

Resolved.

That the City Treasurer be and he is hereby directed to pay to Leon Merry Thirty eight and ³⁷/₁₀₀ dollars in full for his bill of surveying dated Oct. 20. 1869.

(Concurred)
(Approved)

Nancy A. Dyer.
Remission of tax.

215.

Said Committee to whom on the 8th day of November last was referred a petition of Nancy A. Dyer for remission of tax, make Report and recommend the passage of the accompanying resolution: which Report is received, and the following resolution is thereupon read and

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passed, viz: -

Resolved.

That the City Treasurer be hereby directed to remit the sum of Forty eight ⁴⁰/₁₀₀ dollars, from the amount assessed against Nancy A. Dyer in the City Tax of 1869.

(Non-concurred)

Chas. T. Child, Guardian

Remission of tax.

215.

Said Committee to whom on the same date was referred a petition of Charles T. Child, Guardian, for remission of tax, make Report, recommending the passage of the accompanying resolution: which Report is received, and the following resolution is thereupon read and passed, viz: -

Resolved.

That the City Treasurer be hereby directed to remit the sum of Two hundred three ²⁵/₁₀₀ dollars, from the amount assessed against Charles T. Child, Guardian of Elizabeth Baker in the city taxes of 1868 and 1869.

(Concurred)

(Approved)

Wm. H. Chandler.

Remission of tax.

215.

Said Committee to whom on the same date was referred a petition of Wm. H. Chandler for remission of taxes, make

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

Resolved.

That the City Treasurer be hereby directed to remit the sum of one hundred and twenty two dollars from the amount assessed against William H. Chandler of Thompson, Conn. in the city tax of 1869.

(Concurred)

(Approved)

Surveyor of Highways.

Time granted for report.

A petition of the Surveyor of Highways, asking for further time in which to make his quarterly Report, is presented and read: whereupon it is ordered that the same be received and the prayer thereof granted.

(Concurred)

(Approved)

Drain to be built

on Plane Street.

Resolved.

That the Surveyor of Highways acting under the advice and direction of the Joint Committee on Highways be and he is hereby directed to cause a drain to be constructed across Plane street between Pearl and Dudley streets to connect with Hospital Pond for the drainage of the

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land met of said Plane street.

Resolved.

Sewer in
Lockwood Street.

That the Surveyor of Highways acting under the advice and direction of the Joint Committee on Highways, be and he is hereby directed to construct a sewer from the East side of Lockwood street across said Lockwood street and the land of J. Rothwell Esq. to connect with the Pearl street sewer.

(Concurred,
(Approved)

Ford Street.
Curbing of.
153.

The Standing Committee on Highways to whom on September 13. was referred a petition of W. S. Burges et als. for curbing of Ford street, make Report recommending that the prayer of the petition be granted when there is a proper outlet provided for the water on said street: which Report is read and received.

(Concurred)
(Approved)

Superior St.
Curbing &c. of.
188.

Said Committee to whom was referred a petition of Joseph Whitely et al for curbing and paving on Superior street.

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make Report recommending that the prayer of said petition be granted, when there is a proper outlet provided for the water on said street: which Report is received.

(Concurred)
(Approved)

Crary Avenue.
Reception of.

Said Committee to whom was referred a petition of J. M. Clark and others for reception of Crary Avenue, make Report recommending the passage of the accompanying resolution: which Report is received and the following resolution is thereupon read and passed, viz:-

Resolved.

That the Board of Aldermen be and they are hereby requested to receive Crary Avenue from Hospital street to Mary street and declare the same a public highway.

(Concurred)
(Approved)

Stampers St.

Change of name
to
Montgomery St.

215.

Said Committee to whom at the last meeting was referred a petition of Crary Bros et al. to change the name of Stampers street, make Report recommending the passage of the accompanying resolution: which Report is received, and the following Resolution is thereupon read and passed, viz:-

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Resolved.

That the Board of Aldermen be and they are hereby requested to change the name of Stampers street to Montgomery street.

(Concurred)

(Approved)

Wayland Avenue.

Reception of.
215.

Said Committee to whom at the last meeting was referred a petition of Wm. A. Harris & others for reception of Wayland Avenue, make Report recommending the passage of the accompanying Resolution: which Report is received, and the following resolution is thereupon read and passed, viz:-

Resolved.

That the Board of Aldermen be and they are hereby requested to receive Wayland Avenue from Angell street to Irving Avenue and declare the same a public Highway.

(Concurred)

(Approved)

Iester Street.

Removal of obstructions from.
188.

Said Committee to whom on Oct. 11th was referred a petition of J. D. Cranston & others for removal of obstructions on Iester street, make Report recommending the passage of the accompanying resolution: which Report is received and the following resolution is read & passed, viz:-

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Resolved.

That the Surveyor of Highways, acting under the advice and direction of the Joint Committee on Highways be and he is hereby directed to remove all obstructions on the South side of Iester street between Pearl and Knight streets.

(Concurred)

(Approved)

Young & Lyon.

Drain on Canal St.

Said committee to whom was referred a petition of Young & Lyon for leave to build drain across Canal street, make Report recommending the passage of the accompanying resolution: which Report is received, and the following resolution is thereupon read and passed, viz:-

Resolved.

That Messrs Young & Lyon be and they are hereby granted permission to build a drain across Canal street to the River on the payment of the usual price to the City Clerk, and giving notice to the Surveyor of Highways.

(Non-concurred)

Ordinance in relation to Streets & Highways.
not passed.

Said Committee to whom was referred a bill entitled "An Ordinance in addition to an ordinance entitled 'An Ordinance in relation to streets and highways,'" make Report that

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they do not recommend the passage of said ordinance: which Report is received.

(Concurred)
(Approved)

Summer Street.
Widening &c. of
Report of Committee.
181.

The Special Committee who were appointed to consider the expediency and probable cost of widening and straightening Summer street from Pine street to Broad street, make Report: which Report having been read, it is ordered that the same be received.

(Concurred)
(Approved)

Summer Street.
Resolution to widen
and straighten.
254.

Resolved.

That in the opinion of this City Council, it is desirable and necessary to lay out Summer street commencing at a point one hundred and fifty feet north of Pine street to Broad street and on a line with Summer street from Broad street to High street and of the uniform width of fifty feet.

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

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to the laying out, enlarging, straightening and otherwise altering streets in the City of Providence; and the City Council hereby direct that application shall be made by said City Solicitor to said Court, in the application for said appointment as aforesaid, that said Commissioners shall apportion and assess one half of the loss and damage thereof upon the persons and estates benefitted thereby, in the ratio of the benefits conferred.

Resolved.

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

(Concurred)
(Approved)

Resolution to
extend Lloyd Street.
419.

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

Resolved.

That in the opinion of this City Council, it is desirable and necessary to lay out a street of the width of sixty feet from the easterly line of Hope street opposite the termination of Lloyd street to

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the westerly line of Arlington Avenue (so called), so that the westerly line of said proposed street shall intersect the north easterly corner of the wall of the Dexter Asylum farm on said avenue.

And, whereas, certain real estate will be required for that purpose, that the City Solicitor be, and he is hereby directed to make application to the Supreme Court of this State, for the appointment of Commissioners of estimate and assessment, under and according to the Act entitled "An Act in relation to the laying out, enlarging, straightening and otherwise altering streets in the City of Providence"; and the City Council hereby direct that application shall be made by said City Solicitor to said Court, in the application for said appointment as aforesaid, that said Commissioners shall apportion and assess one half of the loss and damage thereupon the persons and estates benefitted thereby, in the ratio of the benefits conferred.

Resolved,

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

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

(Approved)

Benefit Street

Removal of obstructions

1977.

The Standing Committee on Highways to whom was referred a resolution of inquiry relative to obstructions on Benefit street, make Report recommending the passage of the accompanying resolution: which Report is received and the following resolution is thereupon read and passed, viz:-

Resolved,

That the Surveyor of Highways acting under the advice and direction of the Joint Committee on Highways be and he is hereby directed to remove all obstructions on Benefit street from India street to the River.

(Concurred)

(Approved)

Joseph Capwell.

Payment of damages.

The following resolution (recommended by said committee) is read and passed, viz:

Resolved,

That the City Treasurer be and he is hereby directed to pay the sum of one hundred dollars to Joseph Capwell for damages caused by the backing of water into said Capwell's cellar from a public sewer in Martin Street, to be paid out of the appropriation for Highways.

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(Concurred)
(Approved)

Brook + Traverse Sts.
Removal of obstructions.
244. Said committee make Report recommend-
ing the passage of a draft resolution to
remove obstructions on Brook and Traverse
streets from India street to the river, which
resolution is read and recommitted to said
committee on Highways.

Chas. E. Paine.
Bill for Car fares. The Standing Committee on Claims
to whom was referred a bill of Charles E.
Paine make Report, and recommend the
passage of the accompanying resolution:
which Report is received, and the following
resolution is thereupon read and passed, viz:

Resolved.

That the City Treasurer be and
he is hereby directed to pay to Charles E.
Paine Nine & ⁵⁴/₁₀₀ dollars in full for his bill
of car fares dated Dec. 1. 1869.

(Concurred)
(Approved)

Said Committee to whom were referred
petitions of
Stevens Beckwith for remuneration;
and of
J. R. Belcher & wife for remuneration;
make Reports severally recommending that the

Stevens Beckwith

+

J. R. Belcher & wife
189.

Leave to withdraw.

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petitioners have leave to withdraw: which Re-
ports are received, and thereupon it is ordered
that said petitioners have leave to withdraw.

Raising Buildings. The Standing Committee on the Fire Depart-
ment to whom were referred this day petitions
of Abner J. Barnaby &
Michael Ryan,
for permission to raise certain buildings;
and of

Lee + Pierce,
for permission to remove a wooden building,
make Reports, severally recommending that the
prayers of said petitions be granted: which
Reports are received, and resolutions in
accordance therewith are severally read
and passed.

(Concurred)
(Approved)

Prov. + Wör. R.R. Co.
Steam Locomotive
in Streets of city. The Standing Committee on Railroads
who were instructed to inquire by what au-
thority the Providence & Worcester R.R. Co.
are running a steam locomotive across the
streets of the city, make Report that said Rail-
road Co. have no authority from the City
Council to run any locomotive across the
streets of the city: which Report having
been read, it is ordered that the same be
received.

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(Concurred)

(Approved)

Prov. + War. R.R. Co.
Removal of tracks.
168.

Said Committee, who by joint resolution of September 27th were instructed to inquire whether the safety, convenience and common interests of the citizens of Providence do not require the rails of the Providence & Worcester Railroad Company to be removed from the streets of the city, make Report: which having been read, it is ordered that the same be received and printed in the newspapers employed to do the city printing.

(Concurred)

(Approved)

Broadway.
Cross-walk on.
215.
248.

The Standing Committee on Highways to whom at the last meeting was referred a draft resolution relative to cross-walk on Broadway, make Report recommending the reference of the same to the Standing Committee on Railroads: which Report is received and said resolution is thereupon referred to the Standing Committee on Railroads.

Carroll Street.
Paving + Curbing of.
263.

A petition of John Oldfield & others for paving gutters and curbing Carroll street is presented, received and referred to the

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Standing Committee on Highways.

Remission of tax.

- 246.
- 246.
- 292.
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Petitions of

- J. B. Gardiner,
- Alfred T. Hudson,
- Mooshassuck Encampment, I.O.O.F.
- Eagle Lodge No. 2 (do)
- Canonicus Lodge, No. 9. (do)
- Israel M. Hopkins,
- Martha Wood,
- Stephen Harris & Louis J. Doyle
- Admins of Estate of H. B. Billings,
- Rebecca Hudson,
- Ira Ingraham,
- E. S. Evans
- Mary E. Hoovey

all for the remission of certain taxes; also, petitions of

- Chas. E. Paine.
- 271.
- Wm. Walker.
- 340.
- Geo. D. Porter.
- 340.
- Thos. L. Doyle.
- 385.
- Nelson Hopkins.
- 241.
- Mrs. McNamara.

Charles E. Paine, for allowance of certain office expenses; of William Walker, for remuneration for injury; of George D. Porter for compensation for injury to Mrs. W. Porter; of Thomas L. Doyle for damages from overflow of water on Stewart street; of Nelson Hopkins for compensation;

also, a draft resolution to pay Mrs. McNamara's bills for the burial of her hus-

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

Ordinance relative to closing stores at 11 p.m.

254.

A petition of G. W. & A. Wright and others for amendment of Ordinance in relation to closing stores at 11 o'clock, is presented, received and referred to the Standing Committee on Police.

Adjourn.

The Common Council adjourn till next Monday, December 20. at 7 1/2 o'clock p.m.

Members present.

Present - all the members except Mr. Harris.

M. Addeman
Clerk.

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Common Council - December 20. 1869.

The Common Council meet pursuant to adjournment - the President in the chair and a quorum present.

Quorum present.

Record Read.

The Record of the last meeting is read and approved.

Annual Report of City Treasurer.

The Annual Report of the City Treasurer for the year ending September 30. 1869 is presented and read by title: whereupon it is ordered that the same be received, and printed in pamphlet form for the use of the City Council.

(Concurred)

(Approved)

Annual Report of City Auditor.

The Twenty third Annual Report of the City Auditor is presented and read; whereupon it is ordered that the same be received and printed in pamphlet form for the use of the City Council.

(Concurred)

(Approved)

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

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Transfer of ap-
propriation to that
of Asylum Walls &c.

Resolved.

That the sum of twenty five thousand dollars be and the same is hereby transferred from the Reserved fund to the appropriation for Asylum Walls & Buildings.

(Approved)

Appropriation for
Thurber Avenue.

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

Resolved.

That the sum of sixty two hundred dollars be hereby appropriated from the reserve fund to pay for land damage in laying out Thurber Avenue.

(Approved)

Brook & Traverse Sts
Removal of obstructions,

238.

The Standing Committee on Highways to whom at the last meeting was recommitted a draft resolution for removal of obstructions on Brook & Traverse streets, make Report recommending the passage thereof: which Report is received, and said resolution is thereupon read and passed, as follows, viz:-

Resolved.

That the Surveyor of Highways acting under the advice and direction of the Joint Committee on Highways be and he is hereby directed to remove all obstructions that exist on Brook and

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Traverse streets from India street to the River.

(Concurred)

(Approved)

Eddy Street.

Curbing &c of

164.

Said Committee to whom was referred on the 20th day of September last, a petition of C. M. Aldrich & others for curbing &c. on Eddy street, make Report, recommending the passage of the accompanying resolution: which Report is received, and the following resolution is thereupon read and passed:

Resolved.

That the Surveyor of Highways acting under the advice and direction of the Joint Committee on Highways be and he is hereby directed to cause curb-stones to be set and gutters pared on Eddy street from Rhodes street to Thurbers Avenue.

(Concurred)

(Approved)

Jewett Street.

188.

Polk Street.

Said Committee to whom were referred petitions of G. G. Dodge et als for the reception of Jewett street; and of

John Tierney et als. for the reception of Polk street;

make Reports, severally recommending that the petitioners have leave to withdraw: which Reports are received, and thereupon

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it is ordered that said petitioners have leave to withdraw.

Alfred S. Hudson.

Remission of Tax.

241.

The Joint Committee on claims to whom at the last meeting was referred a petition of Alfred S. Hudson for remission of tax, make Report, recommending the passage of the accompanying resolution: which Report is received, and the following resolution is thereupon read and passed, viz:

Resolved.

That the City Treasurer be hereby directed to remit the sum of Twenty four ⁴⁰/₁₀₀ dollars, from the amount assessed against Alfred S. Hudson in the City tax of 1869.

(Concurred)

(Approved)

J. B. Gardiner x

241.

x

Israel M. Hopkins.

241.

Remission of tax.

Said Committee to whom on the same day were referred petitions of

J. B. Gardiner, and

Israel M. Hopkins,

for remission of certain taxes, make Reports recommending the passage of the accompanying resolutions: which Reports are received, and the following resolutions are thereupon read and passed, viz: -

Resolved.

That the City Treasurer

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be hereby directed to remit the sum of eighteen ³⁰/₁₀₀ dollars, from the amount assessed against Jeremiah B. Gardiner in the City tax of 1869.

(Concurred)

(Approved)

Resolved.

Israel M. Hopkins.

241.

That the City Treasurer be hereby directed to remit the sum of One hundred fourteen ⁶⁰/₁₀₀ dollars, from the amount assessed against Israel M. Hopkins in the City tax of 1869.

(Non-concurred)

E. S. Evans.

241.

x

Ira Ingraham

241.

Remission of tax.

Said Committee to whom on the same day were referred petitions of E. S. Evans, and Ira Ingraham,

for remission of certain taxes, make Reports recommending that the petitioners have leave to withdraw: which Reports are received; and thereupon it is ordered that the petitioners severally have leave to withdraw.

Resolved.

Baker & Howe

Claim allowed.

That the City Treasurer be and he hereby is directed to pay out of the appropriation for Public Buildings to Baker & Howe the sum of One hundred x

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it is ordered that said petitioners have leave to withdraw.

Alfred S. Hudson.
Remission of Tax.
241.

The Joint Committee on Claims to whom at the last meeting was referred a petition of Alfred S. Hudson for remission of tax, make Report, recommending the passage of the accompanying resolution: which Report is received, and the following resolution is thereupon read and passed, viz:

Resolved.

That the City Treasurer be hereby directed to remit the sum of Twenty four ⁴⁰/₁₀₀ dollars, from the amount assessed against Alfred S. Hudson in the City tax of 1869.

(Concurred)
(Approved)

J. B. Gardiner &
241.
&

Said Committee to whom on the same day were referred petitions of

J. B. Gardiner, and

Israel M. Hopkins,

for remission of certain taxes, make Reports recommending the passage of the accompanying resolutions: which Reports are received, and the following resolutions are thereupon read and passed, viz:—

Resolved.

That the City Treasurer

Israel M. Hopkins.
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Remission of tax.

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be hereby directed to remit the sum of eighteen ³⁰/₁₀₀ dollars, from the amount assessed against Seremiah B. Gardiner in the City tax of 1869.

(Concurred)
(Approved)

Resolved.

Israel M. Hopkins.
241.

That the City Treasurer be hereby directed to remit the sum of One hundred fourteen ⁶⁹/₁₀₀ dollars, from the amount assessed against Israel M. Hopkins in the City tax of 1869.

(Non-concurred)

E. S. Evans.
241.
&

Ira Ingraham
241.
Remission of tax.

Said Committee to whom on the same day were referred petitions of E. S. Evans, and Ira Ingraham,

for remission of certain taxes, make Reports recommending that the petitioners have leave to withdraw: which Reports are received; and thereupon it is ordered that the petitioners severally have leave to withdraw.

Resolved.

Baker & Howe
Claim allowed.

That the City Treasurer be and he hereby is directed to pay out of the appropriation for Public Buildings to Baker & Howe the sum of One hundred &

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forty one $\frac{7}{10}$ dollars, - \$141. $\frac{70}{100}$ - for furniture to be used in the office of the City Engineer.

(Concurred)

(Approved)

Broadway -
Cross-walk on.
240.

The Standing Committee on Railroads to whom at the last meeting was referred a draft resolution relative to crosswalk on Broadway, make Report that they have this day ordered the Union R. R. Company, to lay the crosswalk asked for in said resolution: which Report having been read, it is ordered that the same be received.

Petitions of

Samuel Boyd.

338.

Samuel Boyd, for remission of tax; and of

Patrick Keough, Ad.

Claim for damage.

342.

Patrick Keough, Adm'r, for damages for injuries to his infant daughter, are severally presented, received and referred to the Standing Committee on Claims.

Prov. & Wor. R.R. Co.

Dummy Engines.

255.

A petition of the Prov. & Worcester R. R. Company for permission to use a dummy engine, is presented, received and referred to the Standing Committee on Railroads.

C.C. & H.M. Taber.

Claim for damage.

264.

A petition of C.C. & H.M. Taber for compensation from flowage of water, is presented, received and referred to the Standing Com-

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mitter on Highways.

City Hall.

Time extended.

An extension of time is granted to the Special Committee appointed to select and report a suitable location and the probable cost thereof for a City Hall.

New Bridge

over
Seekonk River.

223.

The Special Committee to whom at the last meeting was referred a petition of the Town Council of East Providence, relative to building a new bridge across Seekonk River, make Report, recommending the passage of the accompanying resolutions: which Report is received and the following resolutions are thereupon read and passed, viz:-

Resolved

That the City of Providence, in connection with the Town of East Providence will construct an iron bridge across the Seekonk river at the site of the Central Bridge, so called, in accordance with the conditions set forth in an Act of the General Assembly of the State of Rhode Island, passed at its May Session A. D. 1869, entitled "An Act to authorize the erection of a bridge across Seekonk river," - the said City of Providence assuming to pay as its portion of the cost of the construction of said bridge, the amount required to build the same, over and above the sum of thirty five thousand dollars (\$35,000) of which

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

Resolved, That the sum of twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000) be and the same is hereby appropriated for the purpose set forth in the foregoing resolution, and that the same be taken from the money in the city treasury appropriated for the reserve fund.

(Concurred,

(Approved,

The Common Council adjourn to Monday, January 10th 1870, at 7^h o'clock p. m.

Present - all the members except Messrs Gardner, Lap-
ham, Root and Snow. 4.

M. Addelman
Clerk.

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Common Council - January 10. 1870.

The Common Council met pursuant to adjournment - the President in the chair and a quorum present.

Quorum present.

Record Read.

The Record of the last meeting is read and approved.

Mo. Report of
City Treasurer.

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

(Concurred,

(Approved,

Do.

Registered Bonds.

The Monthly Reports of the City Treasurer, and of the Joint Standing Committee on the City Debt, relative to the issue of Registered Bonds are severally presented, read and received.

(Concurred)

(Approved)

Mo. Report

Harbor Master.

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

(Concurred)

(Approved)

Do.

Dredging Harbor.

The Monthly Report of the Harbor Master on Dredging in the Harbor is presented,

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read and received.

(Concurred)

(Approved)

Mo. Report of

Chief Eng. of Fire Dept.

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

(Concurred)

(Approved)

Surveyor of Highways

Quarterly Report.

The quarterly Report of the Surveyor of Highways for the quarter ending November 30, 1869, is presented, read and received.

(Concurred)

(Approved)

City Treasurer's Report

I. and sold.

The City Treasurer makes Report of sale of lots 24, 25, & 26 on the Sessions Plat (so called) to Michael Ryan, Dec. 1, 1869 for \$2902: which Report is read and received.

(Concurred)

(Approved)

Central Bridge Comrs

Communication from.

A communication from the Central Bridge Commissioners that having located the Central Bridge pursuant to the act passed by the General Assembly, at its May Session A.D. 1869, they now call upon this City Council and the Town of East Providence to determine the material of which the same shall be con-

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structed is read and received in concurrence.

(Approved)

Supt. of Pub. Buildings.

Time extended.

A petition of the Superintendent of Public Buildings asking for an extension of time within which to make his Annual Report in print, is presented and read: whereupon it is ordered that the same be received and the prayer of said petition be granted.

(Concurred)

(Approved)

Brook Street.

Lay out of.

The Report of the Commissioners of Estimate and assessment to lay out and widen Brook street is presented and read: and thereupon the following resolution is read and passed, viz:—

Whereas, the Commissioners of Estimate and assessment appointed by the Supreme Court at the October Term A.D. 1869 to lay out and widen Brook street of a uniform width of fifty feet from Angell street to Charles Field street have made their report to said Court on the 28th day of December 1869: now, therefore, within thirty days of the making of said Report to said Court.

Resolved

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

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(Concurred)

(Approved)

Fountain St.
Lay out of.

The Report of the Commissioners of Estimate and Assessment to lay out and extend Fountain Street is presented and read; whereupon the following resolution is read and passed, viz: -

Whereas, the Commissioners of Estimate and Assessment appointed by the Supreme Court at its March Term A. D. 1869, to lay out and extend Fountain Street from its easterly termination to Cove Street have made their report to said Court on the tenth day of January A. D. 1870: Now, therefore, within thirty days of the making of said report to said Court,

Resolved,

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

(Concurred)

(Approved)

Ordinance relative to closing stores &c. at 11 p.m.

242.

The Standing Committee on Police to whom on the 13th day of December last was referred a petition of G. M. & A. Wright et als for amendment of Ordinance in relation to closing streets at 11 o'clock p.m. make Report recommending the passage of the accompanying bill: which Report is received and said bill entitled "An Ordinance in amendment of an Ordinance to prohibit

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the opening of places of trade or entertainment on Sundays or late at night" is thereupon read and passed. (striking out the word "eleven" and substituting "twelve".)

(Concurred)

(Approved)

Prov. & Wor. R.R.

Dummy Engine.

248.

372.

The Standing Committee on Railroads, to whom at the last meeting was referred a petition of the Prov. & Worcester R.R. Co. for permission to use Dummy Engine report by Resolution, recommending the passage thereof: which Report is received, and the following resolution is thereupon read and passed, viz: -

Resolved,

That permission is hereby granted the Providence & Worcester Railroad Co. to run a Dummy Engine upon the rails on South Water Street between the hours of 9 P.M. and 6 A.M. only.

(Non-concurred)

A motion to reconsider the foregoing vote is lost.

Resolved,

That His Honor the Mayor and the President of the Common Council be and they

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Committee to arrange
City Ordinances and
Public Laws.

are hereby constituted a Commission to collect and arrange the City Ordinances and such of the Public Laws as relates to the City of Providence and to cause copies of the same to be printed and bound for the use of the City Government; and they are authorized to employ such assistance as may be necessary for the early accomplishment of the work, and they are also authorized to draw on the City Treasurer for such monies as may be required to defray the expense thereof.

(Concurred)

(Approved)

Federal St. School House.

Name of.

The Standing Committee on Education, to whom was referred by the Board of Aldermen a draft resolution for naming the School House on Federal street, make Report, recommending the passage of the accompanying resolution and that the blank therein be filled with the word "Howland;" which Report is received; the blank in said resolution is filled with the words "Federal Street," and the same is thereupon read and passed as follows, viz:—

Resolved

That the School to be established in the School House, now in process of erection on Federal Street be known and designated

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by the name of the "Federal Street School", and that the Committee, who have in charge the erection of said school house, be and they are hereby authorized and instructed to cause said name to be inscribed on the tablet on the front of said school house.

(Non-concurred)

Furniture for Schools.

Appropriation for.

Resolved.

That the Superintendent of Public Buildings acting under the advice and direction of the Joint Committee on City Property, be and he is hereby authorized to purchase furniture for the several school-houses; and the sum of One Thousand Dollars is hereby appropriated therefor to be paid out of the appropriation for Public Buildings.

(Concurred)

(Approved)

Central Police Station.

Cost of Drainage.

324.

Resolved.

That the City Engineer be and he is hereby instructed to report to the City Council at their next regular meeting a plan with the probable cost for the drainage of the Central Police Station.

(Concurred)

(Approved)

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Ordinance in relation
to Public Buildings.

225

The Joint Special Committee to whom
Dec. 13th was referred a bill entitled "An Ordinance
in amendment of An Ordinance in relation to
Public Buildings", make Report that they do
not recommend its passage, which Report is received.
(Concurred)

Do.

A bill entitled "An Ordinance in amendment
of an Ordinance entitled "An Ordinance in relation
to Public Buildings" (giving to the S. Com. on City
Property the care and custody of school houses etc.)
is presented, read and passed.
(Concurred)

Summer Street.

Proceedings discontinued.

234.

Resolved.

That the City Solicitor be hereby
directed to discontinue all proceedings for the
laying out of Summer Street, under the resolu-
tion of the City Council passed December 13th 1869.
(Concurred)
(Approved)

Summer Street.

Extension and lay out of.

Resolved.

That in the opinion of this City
Council, it is desirable and necessary to lay out
and extend Summer Street from Broad Street
southwardly to Pine Street and forty feet wide.
And, whereas, certain real estate will be re-

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quired for that purpose, that the City Solicitor
do be, and he is hereby directed to make
application to the Supreme Court of this
State, for the appointment of Commission-
ers of estimate and assessment, under
and according to the Act entitled "An
Act in relation to the laying out, enlarg-
ing, straightening and otherwise altering
streets in the City of Providence," and the
City Council hereby direct that appli-
cation shall be made by said City
Solicitor to said Court, in the applica-
tion for said appointment as aforesaid,
that said Commissioners shall apportion
and assess one half of the loss and dam-
age 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 and in the
manner required by said Act.
(Concurred)
(Approved)

The Standing Committee on Claims to
whom on the 13th of December last was referred

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Remission of tax. a petition of Mary E. Hovey for remission of a portion of tax assessed on estate of Charles P. Hovey, deceased, make Report of the facts but without recommendation; which Report is received, and thereupon the following resolution is presented, read and passed, viz:—

Mary E. Hovey.

241.

Resolved.

That the City Treasurer be hereby directed to remit the sum of forty four ⁰⁰/₁₀₀ dollars from the amount assessed against the heirs of Charles P. Hovey in the City tax of 1869.

(Non-Concurred)

Do.

241.

Rebecca Hodson

Stephen Harris et al.

241.

Said Committee to whom on the same date were referred petitions of

Rebecca Hodson; and of

Stephen Harris & Louis J. Doyle

Heirs of estate of W. B. Billings,

for remission of certain taxes, make Reports severally recommending that the petitioners have leave to withdraw: which Reports are received and thereupon it is ordered that said petitioners have leave to withdraw.

Moving Buildings.

Petitions of

David Shields;

A. B. Rice

for permission to remove certain wooden build-

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ing, and of.

Raising Buildings.

J. B. Barnaby,

for permission to raise a certain building, are severally presented, received and referred to the Standing Committee on the Fire Department.

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

(Concurred)

(Approved)

Fire Limits.

Alteration of.

Said Committee who were instructed by the Board of Aldermen to examine and report on the expediency of altering and defining the Fire limits of the City make Report and recommend no further action on the part of the City Council: which Report is read and received.

(Concurred)

Elizabeth Street

Raising gutters &c.

A petition of Congdon & Carpenter for paving gutters & laying cross-walks on Elizabeth Street is presented, received and referred to the Standing Committee on Highway.

Thereupon said Committee make Report recom-

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

Resolved.

That the Surveyor of Highways acting under the advice and direction of the Joint Committee on Highways be and he is hereby directed to cause curbing to be set and gutters paved in front of Congdon & Carpenter's estate on Elizabeth street.

(Non-concurred)

Oak Street
Curbing of.

Said Committee to whom was referred a petition of F. M. Andrews et al (by B. of Ald.) for curbing Oak street, make Report recommending the passage of the accompanying resolution: which Report is received and the following resolution is thereupon read and passed, viz: -

Resolved.

That the Surveyor of Highways acting under the advice and direction of the Joint Committee on Highways be and he is hereby directed to cause curbstones to be set and gutters paved on Oak street from Parade to Mission street.

(Concurred)

(Approved)

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Gano Street,
Reception of.

Said Committee to whom was referred by the Board of Aldermen a petition of Wm. Gorman tothrus to receive Gano and Mason streets, make Report recommending the passage of the accompanying resolution: which Report is received and the following resolution is thereupon read and passed, viz:

Resolved.

That the Board of Aldermen be and they are hereby requested to receive Gano street and declare the same a public highway.

(Concurred)

(Approved)

Carroll Street.

Paving gutters &c.

240.

Said Committee to whom on Dec. 13th last, was referred a petition of John Oldfield tothrus for paving gutters and curbing Carroll street, make Report recommending the passage of the accompanying resolution, viz: -

Resolved.

That the Surveyor of Highways acting under the advice and direction of the Joint Committee on Highways, be and he is hereby directed to cause curbing to be set and gutters paved, on that part of Carroll street within the city limits.

(Concurred)

(Approved)

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Arlington Avenue &c.
Public Sewer in.

248.

Said Committee to whom were referred petitions of Geo. L. Clarke & others for a drain in Angell & Asylum streets; of C. H. M. Taber for compensation from flowage of water; and of same relative flowage of land, make Report recommending the passage of the accompanying resolution: which Report is received and the following resolution is thereupon read and passed, viz: -

Resolved.

That the Board of Aldermen be and they are hereby requested to lay out a Public Sewer from Irving Avenue to Cold Spring Brook through Arlington Avenue Angell, Gaus and Pitman streets, and appoint Commissioners to assess the price, upon the property owners in the vicinity, according to an Act passed by the General Assembly March 24th 1869.

(Concurred)

(Approved)

Vinton Street.
Grading of.
82.

Said Committee to whom was referred a petition of S. H. Manchester & others for grading of Vinton street, make report that the Surveyor of Highways is now at work on said street and will in a short time put the same in good condition: which Report is read and received.

(Concurred)

(Approved)

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Said Committee to whom were referred petitions of

Pine Street.
New Street.
153.

Do.

Extension of.

244.
Snow & Lewis,
Land on Charles St.

Humphrey Almy for opening street from Custom House street to Pine street; of

L. P. Mead & others for extension of Pine street; and the S. Com. on City Prop. to whom was re-

ferred petition Snow & Lewis for purchase of land on Charles street;

make Reports severally recommending that the petitioners have leave to withdraw: which Reports are received, and thereupon it is ordered that said petitioners have leave to withdraw.

City Hall.

Location of.

Majority and
Minority Reports.

217.
274.

The Special Committee to whom on the 8th day of November last were instructed to examine and report upon the proper location and probable cost of a suitable lot for a City Hall, make a Majority and a Minority Report: both of which are read, whereupon it is ordered that said Reports be received and laid on the table till the next meeting.

Water Commissioners

1st Quarterly Report.

The First Quarterly Report of the Water Commissioners is presented and read: whereupon it is ordered that the same be received and printed in pamphlet form under the supervision of the Standing Committee on Printing.

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(Concurred,
, Approved)

Ordinance for Issue
and Sale of Water Bonds.

331.

The Standing Committee on Finance to whom on the 13th day of December last was referred the message of the Mayor of that date, relative to raising money by issuing Bonds or otherwise to carry on the several public works ordered by the City Council, make Report recommending the passage of the accompanying Bill: which Report is received, and said Bill entitled "An Ordinance for the issue and sale of Bonds of the City of Providence under and by virtue of Chapter 640 of the Statutes entitled 'An Act for supplying the City of Providence with Pure Water' and Chapter 784 of the Statutes entitled 'An Act in amendment of an Act entitled 'An Act for supplying the City of Providence with pure water'"; is read: whereupon it is ordered that said Bill be printed in pamphlet form for the use of the City Council.

G.A. Williamson.

Petition for more room.

215.

The Standing Committee on City Property to whom was referred a petition of G.A. Williamson, Recorder of Duds for increased accommodations, report back the same without recommendation, and said petition is laid on the table for the present.

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Petitions of

CDW. Brownell.
282.

Shute on Smith St.
318

Willow Street.
294.

Borden Street.
358.

Isaac Cooke & wife
292.

* A petition of Nelson John for permission to remove a certain wooden building is presented & received & ref. to the S.C. on the 7th Sept. 1870.

Chas. D.W. Brownell et al. for abatement

of nuisance; of

Earl P. Pullason et al. for putting a

shute under side walk on Smith Street; of

Cyrus F. Eddy et al. for paving gutters and setting curb on Willow street; of

Wm. Elstou et als. for the reception of Borden street, are severally presented, received and referred to the Standing Committee on Highways.

A petition of Isaac Cooke & wife for remission of tax is presented, received and referred to the Standing Committee on Claims.

A petition of the Boston, Hartford & Erie R.R. for leave to construct railroad in Providence is presented, received & referred to the S.C. on Railroads. *

374. Petitions of Mrs R.W. Helme for bank wall between her estate and Benefit St. School House; 321. and of the City Engineer relative to rooms occupied by him, are severally presented, received and referred to the Standing Committee on City Property.

The Common Council adjourn to Monday, January 24, 1870, at 7 1/2 pm.

Present. all the members except W.F.M. Smith. - 1

M. Addeman
Clerk.

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The Common Council meet pursuant to adjournment - the President in the chair, and a quorum present.

Quorum present.

The Record of the last meeting is read and approved.

Record read.

Mayor's Message.

Increased accommodations for Schools - 1st Ward.

A Message from the Mayor communicating the action of the School Committee with reference to the necessity of increased school accommodations in the first ward, is presented and read: whereupon it is resolved that the same with the accompanying papers and plat be referred to the Standing Committee on Education.

(Concurred)

(Approved)

Annual Report of Trustees of Prov. Reform School.

The Annual Report of the Trustees of the Providence Reform School is presented and read: whereupon it is ordered that the same be received, and 800 copies thereof be printed for the use of the City Council.

(Concurred)

(Approved)

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Annual Report of Chief of Police.

The Annual Report of the Chief of Police is presented and read: whereupon it is ordered that the same be received, and that the usual number of copies thereof be printed in pamphlet form for the use of the City Council.

(Concurred)

(Approved)

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

Crosswalks on

Broadway &c.

Resolved.

That the Surveyor of Highways be and he is hereby directed to cause crosswalks to be laid across Courtland street, on the south side of Broadway, across Andrew street, on the south side of Broadway, and also across Burgess street about one hundred feet from the north-west side of Cranston street.

(Approved)

Ordinance providing that copies of contracts be deposited with City Auditor.

A bill entitled "An Ordinance providing that copies of all contracts of the City Government, shall be deposited with the City Auditor"; having passed the Board of Aldermen is sent down for concurrence and is read, whereupon it is resolved that the Common Council do concur therein.

(Approved)

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Common Council - January 24. 1870.

Quorum present.

The Common Council meet pursuant to adjournment - the President in the chair, and a quorum present.

Record read.

The Record of the last meeting is read and approved.

Mayor's Message.

Increased accommodations for Schools - 1st Ward.

A Message from the Mayor communicating the action of the School Committee with reference to the necessity of increased school accommodations in the first ward, is presented and read: whereupon it is resolved that the same with the accompanying papers and plan be referred to the Standing Committee on Education.

(Concurred)

(Approved)

Annual Report of Trustees of Prov. Reform School.

The Annual Report of the Trustees of the Providence Reform School is presented and read: whereupon it is ordered that the same be received, and 800 copies thereof be printed for the use of the City Council.

(Concurred)

(Approved)

January 24. 1870.

Annual Report of Chief of Police.

The Annual Report of the Chief of Police is presented and read: whereupon it is ordered that the same be received, and that the usual number of copies thereof be printed in pamphlet form for the use of the City Council.

(Concurred)

(Approved)

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

Crosswalks on Broadway &c.

Resolved.

That the Surveyor of Highways be and he is hereby directed to cause crosswalks to be laid across Courtland street, on the south side of Broadway, across Andrew street, on the south side of Broadway, and also across Burgess street about one hundred feet from the north-west side of Cranston street.

(Approved)

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A bill entitled "An Ordinance providing that copies of all contracts of the City Government, shall be deposited with the City Auditor", having passed the Board of Aldermen is sent down for concurrence and is read, whereupon it is resolved that the Common Council do concur therein.

(Approved)

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Prov. & Worcester R.R.

Bill to construct branch road

Mayor to secure alteration to

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

Whereas, a Bill is now pending before the General Assembly granting permission to the Providence and Worcester R. R. Co. to construct a branch road, therefore it is

Resolved.

That his Honor the Mayor be requested to take such course as he may deem proper to obtain such alteration in said bill as will prevent the construction of such branch road within the limits of the City of Providence, without first obtaining the permission of the City Council of said City.

(Approved)

James McCabe + wife

Petition for damages allowed

188.

The Standing Committee on Claims to whom on the 11th of October last was referred a petition of James McCabe + wife for damages, make Report recommending the passage of the accompanying resolution; which Report is received and the following resolution is thereupon read and passed, viz:-

Resolved.

That the City Treasurer be and he is hereby directed to pay to James

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McCabe and Rosannah his wife, the sum of One Hundred dollars, whenver said James and Rosannah shall execute a release in full for all demands in consequence of damages to Rosannah McCabe caused by her falling off Spruce Street in September last, said release to be approved by the City Solicitor.

(Concurred,

(Approved,

Charles E. Paine

Allowance for expenses.

241.

Said Committee, to whom on the 13th of December last was referred a petition of Charles E. Paine for allowance of certain office expenses, make Report recommending the passage of the accompanying resolution; which Report is received, and the following resolution is thereupon read and passed, viz:-

Resolved.

That the City Treasurer be and he is hereby directed to pay to Charles E. Paine thirty ~~50~~ dollars in full for his bill dated December 1. 1869, the same to be charged to the expenses of the Engineer's Department.

(Concurred,

(Approved,

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Resolved.

That the Superintendent of Public Buildings be and he is hereby directed to remove from the lot of the Summer street engine station, all property now on said lot not required for the use of the Fire Department.

(Concurred)

(Approved)

The Standing Committee on the Fire Department to whom at the last meeting (Dec. 13) was referred a petition of Wm Howland & wife for permission to raise a certain building make Report recommending that the prayer of said petition be granted: which Report is received, and the following resolution is thereupon read and passed, viz:

Resolved.

That permission be granted to Wm Howland & wife to raise a certain building located at No. - Pitman Street, pursuant to his petition.

(Concurred)

(Approved)

The Standing Committee on City Property who were instructed to consider the expediency of establishing a harbor line on Seekonk River, make Report recom-

Removal of obstructions from lot of Summer St Engine Station.

Wm Howland & wife Raising building.

Harbor Line Seekonk River. 186.

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

Resolved.

That the City Solicitor be and he is hereby directed to petition the General Assembly of the State of Rhode Island at their present session to establish a harbor line on the west side of the Seekonk River from Washington to Central Bridge.

(Concurred)

(Approved)

Annual Report of Supt of Public Buildings.

290.

The Annual Report of the Superintendent of Public Buildings is presented and read, whereupon it is ordered that the same be received.

(Concurred)

(Approved)

Ibid.

Ref. to Com. on Ord.

290.

Resolved.

That so much of the Annual Report of the Superintendent of Public Buildings as refers to the time of making his Report (see pages 25 & 26.) be referred to the Standing Committee on Ordinances.

(Concurred)

(Approved)

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William Ames. Raising building. 290. A petition of William Ames for permission to raise a certain building is presented, received and referred to the Standing Committee on the Fire Department.

Israel M. Hopkins. Remission of tax. 290. A petition of Israel M. Hopkins for remission of tax is presented, received and referred to the Standing Committee on Claims.

Edm Street. Removal of obstructions. 317. A petition of Samuel Lewis & others for removal of obstructions on Elm street is presented, received and referred to the Standing Committee on Highways.

Allen Greene et al. Res. to give deed. 289. A resolution to give a quitclaim deed of certain land to Allen Greene et al. is received from the Board of Aldermen, read and referred to the Standing Committee on City Property.

City Hall. Report received. 265. The Report of the Special Committee to consider the subject of the proper location and probable cost of a suitable lot for a City Hall, which at the last meeting was read and laid on the table, is taken from the table, received and the Committee discharged from further consideration of the same.

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City Hall Res. for plans &c. 172. 204. 299. The Resolution (from the Board of Aldermen) relating to plans for a City Hall, is taken from the table and read, whereupon it is moved to concur with an amendment striking out the word "January" and inserting in lieu thereof the word "May".

It is thereupon moved to indefinitely postpone said resolution, upon which motion the yeas and nays are ordered, as follows, viz: -

| <u>Ayes.</u> | <u>Nays</u> |
|------------------|---------------|
| Mepes President, | Mepes Anthony |
| Aldrich, | Barnaby |
| Armington, | Coalder |
| Bradford, | Cooy |
| Coak, | Drapes |
| Daboll, | Durfee |
| Mauran, | Dutcher |
| Metcalf, | Fennu |
| Place | Fisk |
| Sprague | Harrington |
| Waterman | Harris |
| White | Joelin |
| | Lapham |
| | Rice |
| | Root |
| | C. S. Smith |
| | F. M. Smith |
| | Snow |

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City Hall (cont'd)

Nays (continued)

Meigs J. L. Spencer
W. Spencer. 20.

Said motion is therefore lost.

It is then moved to postpone the further consideration thereof till the next meeting, which motion is subsequently withdrawn.

It is then moved to indefinitely postpone the whole matter, upon which motion the ayes and nays are ordered as follows, viz

Ayes.

Meigs President, Armingtton, Bradford
Aldrich, Cook, Daboll, Harrington,
Mauran, Metcalf, Place, C. S. Smith,
Waterman and White. 13

Nays.

Meigs Anthony, Barnaby, Calder, Cory,
Drapar, Durfee, Dutcher, Fenner, Fisk,
Harris, Joslin, Lapham, Rice, Root,
F. M. Smith, Snow, J. L. Spencer,
W. Spencer, & Sprague. 19

Said motion is therefore lost.

The further consideration of the subject is then postponed till the next meeting.

Adjourn.

The Common Council adjourn till Monday February 14. 1870 at 7 1/2 o'clock p.m.

Present - all the members except Meigs, Chapin,
Gardner, Shaw & Savel
A. M. Adams, Clerk. 4

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Common Council - February 7. 1870.

Special Meeting.

Called by the Mayor as per his warrant dated February 3. A.D. 1870, which is read.

Pursuant to said warrant the members of the Common Council assemble in this chamber this day at 7 1/2 o'clock p.m. - a quorum present.

Pres. pro tem.

The President being absent, Mr Waterman is elected President pro tem.

Record read.

The Record of the last meeting is read and approved.

Mayor's Message.

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

Widening of

Weybosset St.

Mayor's Office

Providence 7th Feby 1870.

Gentlemen of the Common Council

The principal object of convening you at an earlier date than the one to which you had adjourned, is that you may have more time than you otherwise would, in which to consider the matter of widening Weybosset Street.

The return of the Commissioners

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of Estimate and Assessment was made to the Supreme Court on the 25th of January, and it will consequently be necessary for the City Council to elect, on or before the 24th day of this month, whether they will or will not, make the improvement.

As the question is an important one, it seemed to me desirable that the Council should have as much time as possible to consider the matter before being obliged to decide upon it.

Geo. L. Clarke
Mayor.

North Main Street.

Awards for widening of

Appropriation for.

312.

A communication from the City Auditor, accompanied with a draft resolution authorizing the City Treasurer, acting under the advice of the Committee on Finance, to give money for the purpose of paying the awards made by the Commissioners of Estimate and Assessment for widening North Main Street (not exceeding in all the sum of seventy five thousand dollars) is presented, read and referred to the Standing Committee on Finance.

Monthly Report of City Treasurer.

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

(Concurred)
(Approved)

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Annual Report of Surveyor General of Lumber.

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

(Concurred)
(Approved)

Appropriation for preservation of property of Central Bridge.

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

Resolved,

That the Board of Aldermen be and they are hereby authorized to take such measures as they may deem expedient for the preservation of the property purchased of the Proprietors of the Central Bridge (so called,) provided the expense thereof shall not exceed the sum of Five Hundred dollars, to be paid out of the appropriation for Public Bridges.

(Approved)

Proceeds of sale of curbing added to appropriation for side-walks + curbing.

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

Resolved

That the amount received during the financial year 1869-70 from the sale of curbstone &c and the same is hereby added to the appropriation for side-walks + curbing.

(Approved)

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

Change of grade

North Main St. &c

Whereas, the widening of North Main Street has rendered it necessary to alter the grade of the street and the narrowing of the side-walk in front of the 'What Cheer Building', and whereas, such re-grading and narrowing would invalidate the deed to the City of Providence of certain land lying in front of said 'What Cheer Building', therefore

Resolved.

That the Special Committee appointed to settle with the parties interested in the widening of North Main street be hereby authorized to make such arrangements with the officers of the What Cheer Corporation as they may think advisable, to an amicable adjustment of the difficulties and claims arising from said re-grading and narrowing.

(Approved)

Resolved.

That Messrs. Galen, Lapham and Aldrich, with such as the Board of Aldermen may add, be and they are hereby appointed a special committee to confer with the parties damaged by the extension of Fountain street, and said committee are hereby authorized to settle with said parties

Fountain Street.

Com. to settle damages from extension of

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and to make such disposition of the buildings taken for said street as may be deemed advisable by said committee.

(Concurred, - Ald. Snow added)

(Approved)

Resolved.

Ordinance for appointment of City Engineer.

332.

That the Standing Committee on Ordinances be and they are hereby instructed to take into consideration 'An Ordinance providing for the appointment of a City Engineer', and make report if they shall deem any amendments necessary thereto, to the end that the same may more fully declare the duties &c of said officer, as well as what expenses incidental to this office shall be allowed.

(Concurred)

(Approved)

Waterman St.

Cross-walk on

The Standing Committee on Highways to whom was referred (by the Board of Aldermen) for cross-walk on Waterman street, make Report recommending the passage of the accompanying resolution: which Report is received, and the following resolution is thereupon read and passed, viz:-

Resolved.

That the Surveys of Highways,

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acting under the advice and direction of the Joint Committee on Highways be and he is hereby directed to cause a crosswalk to be constructed across Waterman street, between Brown and Thayer street.

(Concurred)

(Approved)

Greenwich Street.
Crosswalk on.

Said Committee to whom was referred a petition of O. W. Sanders et al. for cross-walk on Greenwich street, make Report and recommend the passage of the accompanying resolution, viz: which is read and passed:—

Resolved,

That the Surveyor of Highways acting under the advice and direction of the Joint Committee on Highways be and he is hereby directed to cause a cross-walk to be laid across Greenwich street at Stakefield Street.

(Concurred)

(Approved)

Chas. D. W. Brownell + wife.
abatement of nuisance
267.

Said Committee to whom on the 10th day of January last was referred a petition of Chas. D. W. Brownell and Henrietta Brownell for abatement of nuisance on Friendship street between Peck and Dyer streets, make Report that they have ordered the Surveyor of Highways to put said street in good condition and set curbing as soon as the matter will

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permit: which Report is received.

(Concurred)

(Approved)

Willow Street.
Reception of.

Resolved

That the Board of Aldermen be hereby requested to receive Willow street and declare the same a public highway.

(Concurred)

(Approved)

Nelson Titus
Moving building
267.

The Standing Committee on the Fire Department to whom was referred Jan'y 10th a petition of Nelson Titus for leave to move a certain wooden building, make Report recommending that the prayer of said petition be granted: which Report is received, and a resolution in accordance therewith is thereupon read and passed.

(Concurred)

(Approved)

Harbor Line
Encroachments on.
337.

Resolved,

That the Joint Standing Committee on the Harbor be and they are hereby instructed to inquire into and report whether any, and if so, what additional legislation is necessary to prevent owners of property abutting on the Harbor Line from filling out to said line without

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first building a proper retaining wall; and also to inquire into and report whether existing laws in relation to such filling are properly enforced.

(Concurred,
(Approved)

Weybosset Street.
Widening of.
297.

The Report of the Commissioners of Estimate and Assessment on the Widening of Weybosset street is presented and read; and thereupon the following resolution is read and passed, viz:-

Resolved

That Messrs Waterman, Bradford and Aldrich with such as the Board of Aldermen may add be hereby appointed a special committee to confer with the parties interested in the proposed widening of Weybosset street and report to the City Council upon the expediency of making the improvement.

(Concurred + aed Loggishad + few added,
(Approved)

Do.
Remonstrances against.

Remonstrances of A. C. Barstow, and of William Butler et al, against widening Weybosset street are read, received and referred to the above named special committee.

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Act to authorize city to take land for a City Hall.

A Resolution (from the Board of Aldermen) for an act to authorize city to take land for city hall, is read and referred to the standing committee on City Property with instructions to report at the next meeting.

Crosswalk on Canal St.

313.

Lady Street.

313.

Eddy Street

315.

Petitions of William Ames + others for crosswalk on Canal street; of John P. Corney for curbing on Lady street; also a draft resolution for paving a portion of Eddy street, are severally presented, received and referred to the standing committee on Highways.

S.P. Wardwell et al. Raising building. 290.

John Leonard

Moving building. 290.

Petitions of S. P. Wardwell + Jm. H. Charnley for raising a certain building; and of John Leonard, to remove a certain wooden building, are presented, received and referred to the standing committee on the Fire Department.

Remission of tax

From Athenaeum. 293.

John McElroy. 342.

Petitions of The Providence Athenaeum, and of John McElroy of Atwells Avenue for refunding of certain taxes, are present.

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ed, received and referred to the Standing Committee on Claims.

Adjourn

The Common Council adjourn till Monday February 14, 1870 at 7 1/2 p. m.

Members present.

Present - all the members except Messrs President, Anthony, Chafee, Gardner, Lapham, Metcalf, 6

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Clerk.

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

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

Record read. The Record of the last meeting is read and approved.

Mo. Report of Harbor Master. The Monthly Report of the Harbor Master is presented, read and received.
(Concurred)
(Approved)

Registered Bonds. Mo. Reports. The Monthly Reports of the City Treasurer and the Standing Committee on the reduction of the city debt relative to the issue of Registered Bonds, are presented, read and received.
(Concurred)
(Approved)

Reduction of city debt. The City Treasurer's Report of the payment of a note of the City for \$10,000 on February 11, is presented, read and received.
(Concurred)
(Approved)

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

Flag for city building

Resolved.

That the Committee on City Property be and they are hereby requested, if they deem it advisable to procure a suitable flag for the purpose of being placed on the City Building, on the days that either or both branches of the City Council shall meet, the cost of the same not to exceed the sum of fifty dollars to be paid out of the appropriation for Public Buildings.

(Approved.)

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

Crosswalk on Knight St.

Resolved.

That the Surveyor of Highways be, and he is hereby directed to place a crosswalk on the east side of Knight Street across Carpenter Street.

(Approved.)

The Standing Committee on City Property to whom at the last meeting was referred a resolution (from the B. of Ald.) to give quitclaim deed to Allen Greene et al, make

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Report recommending concurrence with the Board, which report is received and said resolution in the words following is read and passed in concurrence, viz:—

Deed of a portion of Cushing Street.

274.

Resolved.

That the City Treasurer be and he is hereby authorized and directed to execute to Allen Greene and Obadiah B. Hadwin Trustee under the will of Eliza H. Burr, a quitclaim of all the right, title and interest that the City of Providence has in and to all that portion of land in said Providence laid out as Cushing Street on a Plat made by Daniel Anthony and recorded in the office of the Recorder of Deeds in said Providence in Book of Deeds 39 between pages 411 and 412, which lies westerly of the westerly line of lot 4 on said Plat produced southerly across said Cushing Street. Provided that said Allen Greene execute to said City of Providence a quitclaim deed of all his right, title and interest in that portion of said Cushing Street which lies easterly of said westerly line and west of Congdon Street.

The Standing Committee on the Fire Department was referred petitions of

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Raising buildings
274.
285.

William Ames, and of
S. P. Hardwell & W. H. Charnley

for permission to raise certain buildings; and of

Moving buildings.
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Lewis P. Mead, and
John Leonard

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

(Concurred,
(Approved)

Ordinance in relation to
Public Buildings.
amended.
273.

The Standing Committee on Ordinances to whom on Jan'y 24th was referred the Annual Report of the Superintendent of Public Buildings make Report recommending the passage of the accompanying bill: which Report is received and said bill, entitled "An Ordinance in amendment of An Ordinance in relation to Public Buildings" is thereupon read and passed.

(Concurred,
(Approved)

Israel M. Hopkins.
Abatement of tax.
274.

The Standing Committee on Claims to whom on the 24th of January last was referred a petition of Israel M. Hopkins for abatement of tax, make Report recommend-

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

Resolved.

That the City Treasurer be hereby directed to remit the sum of one hundred fourteen ⁶⁸/₁₀₀ dollars, from the amount assessed against Israel M. Hopkins in the City tax of 1869.

(Concurred,
(Approved)

Benj. F. Greene
Compensation for.

137.

Said Committee to whom on the 31st day of August last was referred a petition of Benj. F. Greene & wife for compensation for injuries, make Report and recommend the passage of the accompanying resolution, which Report is received, and the following resolution is thereupon read and passed, viz:—

Resolved.

That the City Treasurer be, and he is hereby directed to pay to Benjamin F. Greene and Patience Greene the sum of Three hundred fifty dollars, whenever said Benjamin F. and Patience Greene shall make and execute a release satisfactory to the City Solicitor in full for all damages as claimed for under their petition to the

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(Concurred),
(Approved),

Augustus E. Baker.
Petition for indemnity
189.

Said Committee to whom on the 11th day of October last was referred a petition of Augustus E. Baker for indemnity, make Report, recommending the passage of the accompanying resolution: which Report is received, and the following resolution is thereupon read and passed, viz:-

Resolved.

That the City Treasurer be and he is hereby directed to pay to Augustus E. Baker the sum of Two hundred and twenty five dollars in full for all loss and damage sustained by him of every kind and nature caused by the blasting of rocks on Duple Avenue.

(Concurred),
(Approved),

Remission of tax
Leave to withdraw.

241.

Said Committee to whom were referred petitions of
Woshassuck Encampment No. 2, I.O. of

O. F. for abatement of tax; of

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Eagle Lodge, No. 2, I.O. of O.F.; of

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Canonius Lodge No. 9, I.O. of O.F.; of

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Martha Hood, Executive; of

257.

Isaac Cooke & wife; of

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285.

The Providence Athenæum,
all for the remission of certain taxes; and
of Sampson Davenport & Co. for increased
increased appropriation. appropriation for Maps; -
make Reports recommending that the petitioners
severally have leave to withdraw; which Re-
ports are received, and it is thereupon
ordered that said petitioners severally
have leave to withdraw.

Elizabeth Street
Paving gutters &c.

The Committee on Highways to whom
was referred by the Board of Aldermen,
a petition of Congdon & Carpenter for
paving gutters on Elizabeth Street, make
Report, recommending the passage of the
accompanying resolution: which Report
is received, and the following resolution
is thereupon read and passed, viz:-

Resolved.

That the Surveyor of Highways
acting under the advice and direction of
the joint Committee on Highways be,
and he is hereby directed to cause
the gutters to be paved in front of the
estate of Congdon & Carpenter on Elis-
abeth Street, and crosswalk stone set
on sidewalk at entrance to Gangway at
east end of their building; said cross-
walk stone to be furnished by said
Congdon & Carpenter.

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(Concurred)
(Approved)

Croft Street
Grading of.

Said Committee to whom was referred by the Board of Aldermen a draft resolution to grade Croft street make Report that as Croft street is not a public highway, they do not recommend the passage of said resolution: which Report is read and received.

(Concurred)
(Approved)

Willow Street.

Paving gutters &c.
267.
346.

Said Committee to whom on the 10th day of January last was referred a petition of Cyrus T. Eddy & others for paving gutters on Willow street, make Report recommending the prayer of the petition be granted; which Report is received and the following resolution, recommended by the Committee, is thereupon read and passed, viz:-

Resolved.

That the Surveyor of Highways be and he is hereby directed, acting under the advice and direction of the Joint Committee on Highways, to cause curb-stones to be set and gutters paved on Willow street from Parade to Messer street.

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Mayor's portrait.

Report of committee

22.

The Special Committee who were appointed on the 7th day of June last to procure a portrait of the Mayor for the city, make Report and recommend the passage of the accompanying resolution, which Report is received, and the following resolution is thereupon read and passed, viz:

Resolved.

Resolution of thanks to the artist John N. Arnold Esq.

That the thanks of the City Council be, and they are hereby presented to John N. Arnold Esq. for the fine work of art and life-like portrait of His Honor the Mayor, painted by him and placed in our Hall this evening by order of the Council.

(Concurred)
(Approved)

Sabin St. School.

Land to be taken for.

The Committee on Education who were instructed to examine and report upon the application of the School Committee for the purchase of a suitable lot of land for the Sabin street School House make Report and recommend the passage of the accompanying resolutions: which Report is received, and the following resolutions are thereupon read and passed:

Resolved.

That the following lots of

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land in the City of Providence are hereby fixed upon as a location for a school house in said City.

Lot (39) Thirty nine on Assessor's Plat, number (26) twenty six belonging to Saml A. Allen and Frank G. Allen.

Lot (43) Forty three on the same plat belonging to Joseph Knowles.

Resolved.

That the Board of Aldermen be and they are hereby requested to appoint three disinterested persons to appraise the value of said lots of land under the provisions of Chapter 800 of the Statutes.

(Concurred,

(Approved,

A communication from the City Engineer asking further time to complete Plan for drainage of Central Police Station, is received and the request thereof granted.

(Concurred,

(Approved)

Resolved.

That the City Engineer be and he is hereby ordered to make a thorough examination of all the public sewers

City Engineer's request for further time to report Drainage Police Station.

City Engineer to examine public sewers.

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and drains, in order to ascertain their condition, number, size, location and grade, and any other facts relating thereto that may be of interest or valuable for use in designing a system of sewerage.

The Surveyor of Highways is hereby ordered to furnish from his department any assistance or tools needed in making such examination, the expense thereof to be defrayed from the appropriation for contingencies.

(Concurred,

(Approved)

Weybosset Street:

Widening of.

284.

303.

The Committee who were appointed at the last meeting to confer with the parties interested in the widening of Weybosset street and to report upon the expediency of making said improvement, make Report recommending the passage of the accompanying resolution, which Report is received, and the following Resolution is thereupon read and passed, viz:—

Whereas, the Commissioners appointed by the Supreme Court to lay out and widen Weybosset street made their first report to said Court on the twenty fifth day of January A.D. 1870: now therefore within thirty days after the making of

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said report to said Court:-

Resolved,

That the City Council do not elect to make said improvement.
(Concurred)

Act to take land for a City Hall.

The Committee on City Property, to whom at the last meeting was referred a resolution from the Board of Aldermen instructing the City Solicitor to apply to the General Assembly for the passage of an Act authorizing the City of Providence to take land for the location of a City Hall, make Report recommending that the Council do not concur: which Report is received, and thereupon it is resolved that the Common Council do not concur in the passage of said resolution.

Resolved,

That His Honor the Mayor and the Board of Aldermen be invited to join the Common Council in convention for the election of Surveyor General of Lumber, and the transaction of such business as may legally come before them.

The foregoing invitation being accepted

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the two Boards join in convention.

A Convention.

In Convention

Surveyor General of Lumber elected &c.

Ezekiel is elected Surveyor General of Lumber.

Wm. H. Barker is elected a police constable without power to serve civil process; and Lyman Arnold, a measurer of wood.

The two Boards separate.

City Hall.

Resolution for plans &c.

275.

324.

The Resolution relating to plans for a City Hall &c. which at the meeting of the Council held January 24th was postponed till this day is taken from the table and read, whereupon it is moved to indefinitely postpone the same.

upon which motion the ayes and nays are taken, as follows, viz:

Ayes

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| Messrs Aldrich | Messrs Garamer |
| Armington | Mauran |
| Bradford | Metcalf |
| Cook | Shaw |
| Cory | W. Spencer |
| Daboll | Placé |
| Dutcher | Waterman |

White

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Mays.

- | | |
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| Mepus Anthony | Mepus Harris |
| Barnaby | Justin |
| Calder | Rice |
| Chapce | Root |
| Draper | G. S. Smith |
| Durfee | F. M. Smith |
| Fenner | Snow |
| Fisk | J. L. Spencer |
| Harrington | Sever |

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Said motion is therefore lost.

Said Resolution is amended by striking out the word 'January' and inserting in lieu thereof the word 'May.'

The Resolution is thereupon postponed till the next meeting of the Council.

Resolution to widen

Broad Street.

316.

The Committee on Highways to whom was referred by the Board of Aldermen a draft resolution for widening Broad Street (near Snow street) make Report recommending the passage of the same; which Report is received, and said resolution is read and the consideration thereof postponed till the next meeting of the Council.

Do.

A petition of E. R. Billings tothas for the widening of Broad street is presented,

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read and received.

Petitions of

West Street.

319.

Transit Street.

317.

Fountain Street.

379.

Spruce Street.

376.

Rufus Greene for grading of West street; of Elizabeth Collins tothas for sewer on Transit street; of P. M. Stone and others for the increased widening of Fountain street; of Patrick Connolly tothas for curbing of Spruce street, are presented, received and referred to the Standing Committee on Highways.

Hackney Coaches.

331.

A petition of George H. Copeland & Co. tothas for alteration of ordinance relating to Hackney coaches, so that public hacks only shall be required to carry lights in the night time, is presented, received and referred to the Standing Committee on Ordinances with instructions to report at the next meeting an Ordinance for the government of Hackney coaches &c.

Moving Buildings.

311.
310.

Petitions of Geo. L. Hurd to raise a building and of Andrew J. Carroll to move a building are received & referred to the Committee on the Fire Dept.

Adjourned till March 14, 1870 at 7 1/2 p.m. Present. all the members except the President & Mr. Sprague.

J. M. Addeman
Clerk.

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Special Meeting

called by the Mayor as per his warrant dated February 22. 1870, which is read.

Quorum present.

Pursuant to said warrant the members of the Common Council assemble in their chamber this day at 7 1/2 o'clock p.m. - a quorum present.

Record Read.

The Record of the last meeting is read and approved.

Mayor's Message.

A Message from the Mayor, giving his reasons for calling the present meeting, viz again to consider the question of widening Weybosset street, and enclosing a copy of a letter from Mr. Groverna Esq. accepting the award made by the Commissioners of Estimate and Assessment in the matter of widening said street, is presented and read.

Do.

Widening of Weybosset Street.

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

Mayor's office
Providence 23^d Feby 1870.

Gentlemen of the Common Council
I return herewith without my

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approval, a resolution passed by the Common Council on the 14th of February 1870 and concurred in by the Board of Aldermen on the same day, relative to the widening of Weybosset street.

My reason for declining to approve the resolution is, that circumstances have occurred since the last meeting of the City Council which render it important that an opportunity should be given to both branches of the City Government to reconsider their action in relation to the subject-matter of the said resolution.

Geo. L. Clarke
Mayor.

Resolution not to widen Weybosset Street.
297.

The Resolution which was passed at the last meeting, electing not to widen Weybosset street is read: whereupon it is moved to pass the same, the Mayor's objections to the contrary notwithstanding, upon which motion the ayes and nays are ordered, as follows, viz:

Ayes
Mr Place.

Nays
Mr President Mr Barnaby
Aldrich Bradford
Anthony Calder

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Nays (continued)

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| Mr Chafee | Mr Mauran. |
| Cook | Metcalf |
| Cory | Root |
| Daboll | Shaw |
| Surfee | C. S. Smith |
| Dutcher | F. M. Smith |
| Fenner | Snow |
| Fisk | J. L. Spencer |
| Harrington | W. Spencer |
| Harris | Street |
| Joslin | Waterman |
| Lapham | White |

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Said motion therefore is lost.

Resolution to widen
Weybosset Street.

A Resolution in the words following is then presented and read, viz:-

Whereas the Commissioners appointed by the Supreme Court to lay out and widen Weybosset street, made their first report to said Court on the 25th day of January A. D. 1870; now, therefore, within thirty days after the making of said report to said Court-

Resolved

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

It is moved that said resolution pass: upon which motion the ayes and nays are ordered, as follows, viz:-

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Ayes.

Mr President, Messrs Aldrich, Barnaby, Bradford, Calder, Cory, Daboll, Surfee, Dutcher, Fenner, Fisk, Harrington, Harris, Joslin, Mauran, Metcalf, Rice, Root, F. M. Smith, Street, Waterman & White. 22

Nays.

Messrs Anthony, Chafee, Cook, Lapham, Place, Shaw, C. S. Smith, Snow, J. L. Spencer, W. Spencer. 10

Said Resolution is, therefore, passed.

(Concurred)

(Approved)

Resolved.

That the recorder of deeds be and he is hereby directed to cause suitable indices to be made to the records of real estate in the ninth ward which are now in the possession of the city of Providence.

Resolved.

That the sum of three hundred dollars or so much thereof as may be required is hereby appropriated to defray the expense of making such indices to be paid upon the order of the Mayor out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

(Concurred with amendment)

Indices for Real
Estate Records of
Ninth Ward.

307.

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Resolution to widen
Broad Street
(near Snow Street.)

300.

The Resolutions for widening Broad street, which was presented at the last meeting and postponed, is taken from the table, read and passed as follows, viz:

Resolved.

That in the opinion of this City Council, it is desirable and necessary to widen Broad street on the northern side, commencing at the easterly corner of the estate of George P. Baker and running easterly to a point near the centre of Snow street and eighty four feet northernly of the southernly line of Broad street, thence easterly to the westerly corner of the building of Flint Co. on Broad street.

And whereas, certain real estate will be required for that purpose, that the City be and he is hereby directed to make application to the Supreme Court of this State, for the appointment of Commissioners of Estimate and assessment, under and according to the Act entitled "An Act in relation to the laying out, enlarging, straightening and otherwise altering streets in the City of Providence," and the City Council hereby direct that application shall be made by said City Solicitor to said Court, in the application for said appointment as aforesaid, that said Commissioners shall apportion and assess one half of the loss

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and damage thereof upon the persons and estates benefitted thereby, in the ratio of the benefits conferred.

Resolved.

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

(Concurred,
(Approved)

Resolved.

That the Joint Committee on Finance be and they are hereby requested to report in print at the next meeting of the City Council an ordinance establishing the salaries of the various city officers for the municipal year ending the first Monday in June 1871.

Salary Ordinance
to be reported.

313.

Snow & Lewis,
Lease of Land on
Charles street

321.

A petition of Snow & Lewis to purchase or lease land on Charles street is presented, received and referred to the Committee on City Property with instructions to notify the petitioners before making report.

Indices of records

Ninth Ward.
305.

The Resolution to cause suitable indices to be made to the records of real estate in the

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ninth ward, which passed the Council this evening, is returned from the Board of Aldermen with their concurrence therein with an amendment striking out all after the word "Mayo" and substituting the words "from the appropriation for contingencies"; which amendment having been read, it is resolved that the Common Council do concur therein.
(Approved).

Adjourn.

The Common Council adjourn till Monday, March 14. 1870 at 7 1/2 o'clock p.m.

Members present.

Present - all the members except Messrs Arrington, Draper, Gardner, & Sprague 4.

A. Addeman
Clerk.

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Common Council - March 14. 1870

The Common Council met pursuant to adjournment - the President in the chair and a quorum present.

Quorum present

Record read.

The Record of the last meeting is read and approved.

Mo. Report of City Treasurer.

The Monthly Report of the City Treasurer is presented, read and received
(Concurred)
(Approved)

Mo. Reports of Chief Eng'r of Fire Dept.

The Monthly Reports of the Chief Engineer of the Fire Department for January & February ult. are severally presented, read and received.
(Concurred)
(Approved)

Mo. Report of Harbor Master.

The Monthly Report of the Harbor Master is presented, read and received.
(Concurred)
(Approved)

Mo. Reports on Issue of Registered Bonds.

The Monthly Reports of the City Treasurer and of the Committee on the Reduction of the City Debt on the Issue of Registered Bonds are presented, read and received.
(Concurred & Approved)

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Annual Report of
Overseer of Poor.

The Annual Report of the Overseer of
the Poor, in relation to the Insane Poor, is
presented, read and received
(Concurred)
(Approved)

Moving Buildings.

310.

Petitions of
George L. Hurd
James Feeley
Amos C. Barston

334.

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for removing certain wooden buildings; and of
John Hyland

Raising building

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for raising a certain building, are severally
presented, received and referred to the Standing
Committee on the Fire Department.

Raising buildings.

The Standing Committee on the Fire De-
partment to whom were referred petitions of

Thomas D'Arcy,
John B. Hennessy,
Joseph A. Barker,
F. P. Pearce Ho.
Daniel Killier;

for raising certain buildings; and of

James Stirling,
John B. Hennessy,
William Hannum,
John B. Howell,
Andrew J. Carroll
Warren G. Slack,

Moving Buildings.

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311.

George L. Hurd

for removing certain wooden buildings, make
Reports recommending that the prayers of said
petitions be granted; which Reports are re-
ceived and resolutions in accordance ther-
with are thereupon read and passed.

(Concurred)

(Approved)

Water Commissioners

Communication from.

A communication is received from
the Water Commissioners asking for a
second appropriation for the "Providence
Water Works;" which with the accompa-
nying resolution is referred to the Committee
on Finance

Said committee make Report recom-
mending the passage of said resolution,
which report is received and the following
resolution is thereupon read and passed, viz:

Appropriations for

Water Works.

Resolved.

That the sum of one hundred
thousand dollars is hereby appropriated
on account of the Providence Water Works,
the same to be expended under the direction
of the Board of Water Commissioners,

Resolved.

That the City Treasurer acting
under the advice and direction of the
Joint Committee on Finance be hereby
authorized to hire from time to time

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and in such sums as may be deemed expedient the sum of ^{hundred} one thousand dollars on account of the foregoing appropriation.

(Concurred)

(Approved)

North Main Street
Widening of
Resolution to hire
money to pay awards.
278.

The Standing Committee on Finance to whom on the 7th day of February last was referred a draft resolution authorizing the City Treasurer to pay awards in the widening of North Main Street, make Report recommending the passage of the same: which Report is received and the following resolution is thereupon read and passed, viz:-

Resolved.

That for the purpose of paying the awards made by the Commissioners of estimate and assessment for widening North Main Street, the City Treasurer, acting under the advice of the Committee on Finance be and he is hereby authorized to here so much therefor as may be necessary to pay the same, not exceeding in all the sum of seventy five thousand dollars.

(Concurred)

(Approved)

Said committee who at the last meeting were instructed to report a Salary Ordinance

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Salary Ordinance.

317.

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nance in print, make Report by submitting a bill entitled "An Ordinance fixing the salaries of the officers of the city of Providence for the year ensuing the first Monday in June A. D. 1871"; which Report is received and said bill is laid on the table for the present.

Canal Street.

Cross-walk on.

285.

The Committee on Highways to whom on Febry 7th ult. was referred a petition of J. C. Ames & others for crosswalk on Canal Street make report recommending the passage of the accompanying resolution: which Report is received and the following resolution is thereupon read and passed, viz:-

Resolved.

That the Surveyor of Highways acting under the advice and direction of the Joint Committee on Highways be and he is hereby directed to cause a crosswalk to be constituted on Canal Street, at the foot of Cady Street.

(Concurred)

(Approved)

Cady Street.

Curbing &c. of.

285.

Said Committee to whom on the same day was referred a petition of John P. Cooney for curbing on Cady Street make Report recommending the passage of the accom-

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

Resolved.

That the Surveyor of Highways acting under the advice and direction of the Joint Committee on Highways, be and he is hereby directed to cause curb stones to be set, and gutters paved on Eddy street from Canal to South Main street, to be done when South Main street is widened.

(Concurred)

(Approved)

Camp Street
Paving &c. of.

Said committee, to whom on the 21st of Sept. 1868 was referred a petition of W. C. Bushnell & others for paving &c. on Camp street, make Report recommending the passage of the accompanying resolution: which Report is received and the following resolution is read & passed, viz:

Resolved.

That the Surveyor of Highways acting under the advice and direction of the Joint Committee on Highways be and he is hereby directed to cause the curb stones to be set and the gutters paved on Camp street from Olney to Jenkins street.

(Concurred)

(Approved)

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Eddy Street
Paving of.
285.

Said committee to whom on the 7th of February last was referred a draft resolution for paving a portion of Eddy street make Report recommending the passage thereof: which Report is received and said resolution is read and passed, as follows viz:-

Resolved.

That the Surveyor of Highways be hereby directed to pave Eddy street from the termination of the present paving near Willard street southerly to the southerly side of Public street a distance of about five hundred feet.

(Concurred)

(Approved)

Cranston Street
Curbing &c. of.
111.

Said committee to whom on the 9th of August last was referred a petition of Carl Carpenter & sons & others for curbing &c. of a portion of Cranston street, make Report recommending the passage of the accompanying resolution: which Report is received and the following resolution is read & passed, viz:-

Resolved.

That the Surveyor of Highways acting under the advice and direction of the Joint Committee on Highways be and he is hereby directed to cause the curb stone to be set and the street paved on Cranston

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street from the termination of the present paving to the line of the Town of Cranston.

(Concurred)
(Approved)

Bridgham Street
Extension of

Said committee to whom was referred by the Board of Aldermen a petition of A. H. Angell to thus to extend and lay out Bridgham street, make Report, which is received, recommending that the prayer of the petitioners be granted when the persons interested therein will give the land to make said extension.

(Concurred)
(Approved)

Lockwood Street.
Reception of.

Said committee to whom was referred by the Board of Aldermen a petition of J. W. Jencks to thus to receive and curbing Lockwood street, make Report recommending the passage of the following resolutions: which report is received and said resolutions are read & passed, viz:

Resolved.

That the Board of Aldermen be hereby requested to receive Lockwood street from Pine street to a point one hundred feet north of said Pine street fifty feet wide and from said point to Broad street fifty feet wide and declare the same a public

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Highway.

(Concurred)
(Approved)

Lockwood St.
Curbing &c. of.
347.

Resolved.

That the Surveyor of Highways, acting under the advice and direction of the Joint Committee on Highways be and he is hereby directed to cause the curbstones to be set, and the gutters paved on Lockwood street from Pine to Broad st.

Elm Street.
Removal of obstructions

274.

Said committee to whom on the 24th of January last was referred a petition of Samuel Lewis to thus for removal of obstructions on Elm street, make Report recommending the passage of the accompanying resolution: which Report is received, and the following resolution is read and passed, viz:

Resolved.

That the Board of Aldermen be and they are hereby requested to cause all the obstructions to be removed on Elm street from Eddy street to the river

(Concurred)
(Approved)

Whereas, the late James Watch has been

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Resolution to pay
Funeral Expenses of
late James Walsh.

in the employ of the Highway Department
of the City of Providence for the past thirty
eight years, and has been an honest, faith-
ful and industrious man, and performed
his work to the satisfaction of the several
Surveyors of Highways, now therefore be it
Resolved.

That the City Treasurer be
and he is hereby directed to pay to the
widow of the late James Walsh the sum
of one hundred dollars to defray the funeral
expenses of the said James Walsh, to be
paid out of the appropriation for
Highways.

(Concurred,
(Approved)

Dyer Street.
Widening of.
357.

Resolved.

That the Standing Committee
on Highways be instructed to inquire
into and report upon the expediency of
widening Dyer street from the foot of
Pine street to Haybussat bridge.

(Concurred,
(Approved)

Said committee to whom were referred
petitions of
Carl P. Mason et al. for putting a
shute under sidewalk on Smith st.; and of

Shute on Smith St.
257.

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West Street
Grading of.
311.

Rufus Greene, for grading West Street,
make reports recommending that the
petitioners have leave to withdraw: which
reports are received, and thereupon it
is ordered that said petitioners have leave
to withdraw.

Point Street
Sewer in.

Resolved.

That the Surveyor of Highways
acting under the advice and direction
of the Joint Committee on Highways
be and he is hereby directed to cause
a sewer to be constructed in Point
street from Eddy street to the Harbor
line.

(Concurred,
(Approved)

Point Street
Paving of.

Resolved.

That the Surveyor of Highways
acting under the advice and direction
of the Joint Committee on Highways
be and he is hereby directed to cause
Point street to be paved from Eddy
street to the Harbor line.

(Concurred,
(Approved)

A Bill entitled An Ordinance in
amendment of An Ordinance in amend-

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Ordinance in relation
to weights, measures, &c.
amended.

ment of An Ordinance entitled An Ordinance in relation to weights, measures, scales, and balances, and the duty of the dealer thereof is presented, read and passed. (requiring authentic coal of less quantity than half a ton to be sold by weight.)

(Concurred)

(Approved)

Richmond St. Police

Station &c. to be repaired.

A Resolution in the words following (recommended by the Committee on City Property) is presented, read and passed:

Resolved

That the Superintendent of Public Buildings acting under the direction of the Joint Committee on City Property be hereby authorized to make such repairs in the Ward Room, Fire, and Police Station on Richmond Street as may be necessary, provided the expense thereof shall not exceed the sum of five hundred dollars, to be paid out of the appropriation for Public Buildings.

(Concurred)

(Approved)

Said Committee to whom was referred the communication from the City Engineer

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City Engineer.

Rent of office.

267.

of Jan'y 10th relative to rent of office, make Report recommending the passage of the accompanying resolution: which Report is received and the following resolution is read and passed, viz:—

Resolved.

That the City Treasurer be hereby directed to pay the sum of Two hundred and fifty dollars per annum to the proprietors of the Bank of Commerce Building, for the rent of an office for the City Engineer, to date from Oct. 1. 1869, to be paid out of the appropriation for the expenses of the office of the City Engineer.

(Concurred)

(Approved)

Snow & Lewis

Land on Charles St.

307.

Said committee to whom at the last meeting was referred a petition of Snow & Lewis to purchase or lease land on Charles Street, make Report recommending that the petitioners have leave to withdraw: which Report is received, and thereupon it is ordered that said petitioners have leave to withdraw.

Resolved.

Res. of instructions
to
Com. on Ordinances.

343.

That the Standing Committee on Ordinances are hereby directed to prepare

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and report an Ordinance requiring the Chief of Police to pay into the City Treasury any and all fees and dues that may be received by him pursuant to any Act of the General Assembly of the State, or any Ordinance of the City of Providence.

(Concurred)
(Approved)

Water Commissioners.
authorized to make
contracts for labor &c
without sealed proposals.

345-

A communication is received from the Water Commissioners asking for authority in their discretion to contract for labor and materials without advertising for sealed proposals; whereupon the following resolution is read and passed, viz:—

Resolved.

That the Board of Water Commissioners are hereby authorized, in their discretion, to make contracts for labor and materials without advertising for sealed proposals.

(Non-Concurred)

School House to be
erected on
Potters Avenue.

387.

The following Resolution (recommended by the Standing Committee on Education) is presented, read & passed, viz:

Resolved.

That the Superintendent of Public

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Buildings acting under the advice and direction of the joint Standing Committee on City Property be and he is hereby authorized and directed to erect and furnish a school house upon the City's lot on Potters Avenue according to the general plan and style of the Warren street school house. Provided that the same shall not exceed in cost the sum of Fifteen thousand dollars, which sum is hereby appropriated out of the general appropriation for Public Schools.

(Concurred)
(Approved)

Benefit St. School.
Enlargement of.

Said committee to whom was referred the Message of the Mayor covering the request of the school committee for the enlargement of the Benefit street Grammar School, make Report recommending the passage of the following resolution: which Report is received and said resolution is thereupon read & passed viz:

Resolved.

That the Superintendent of Public Buildings acting under the advice and direction of the joint Standing Committee on City Property be and they are hereby authorized and

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directed to alter and enlarge the Benefit Grammar School House according to the plan presented herewith: provided that the same shall not exceed in cost the sum of twenty five thousand dollars, which sum is hereby appropriated out of the general appropriation for Public Schools.

(Concurred)
(Approved)

Central Police Station

Report on Drainage of

257.
337.

The City Engineer pursuant to joint resolution, approved January 13th 1870, submits a report embracing a plan with the probable cost for the drainage of the Central Police Station: which Report is temporarily laid on the table.

City Hall.

Resolution for plans for

299.
332.

The Resolution relating to plans for a City Hall to which on the 14th of February ult. was postponed till the next meeting is taken from the table and read: an amendment to said Resolution is adopted; and thereupon it is moved to concur with the Board of Aldermen in the passage of said Resolution with the following amendment: Strike out all after the word "Resolved" and insert the following words: -

That the City Council elects to build a City Hall upon the City Hall Lot,

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founded by Dorrance, Washington, Eddy and Fulton streets, and that Messrs ~~...~~ of the Common Council and such as the Board of Aldermen may add be and they are hereby appointed a committee to cause the same to be carried into effect, in such form and manner, as the City Council shall hereafter from time to time prescribe and direct.

Resolved.

That said Committee shall advertise for plans for a City Hall, to be built upon the above named Lot, and that said plans be presented to the Committee on or before the first day of May 1870, upon the following conditions viz: that the city shall pay to the person or persons whose plans for a structure for a City Hall are selected by the committee the sum of six hundred dollars; to the person or persons whose plans are in the estimation of the committee need in order of merit the city shall pay the sum of Two hundred dollars, and for the next best the city shall pay to the person ^{or persons} presenting the same the sum of One hundred dollars; the same to be paid for out of the appropriation for contingencies. The committee shall reserve the right to reject any or all plans

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that may be presented to them as above specified; and shall present to the City Council for their examination such of the above named plans as shall have been selected by them."

Upon which motion the ayes and nays are ordered, as follows, viz:

Ayes.

| | | |
|----------------|---------------|----|
| Messrs Barnaby | Messrs Harris | |
| Calden | Joslin | |
| Chapin | Place | |
| Draper | Rice | |
| Durfee | Roth | |
| Dutcher | F. M. Smith | |
| Fenner | Snow | |
| Fish | J. L. Spencer | |
| Harrington | Sweet. | 18 |

Nays

| | | |
|------------------|---------------|----|
| Messrs President | Messrs Daboll | |
| Aldrich | Lapham | |
| Anthony | Mauran | |
| Armington | Metcalf | |
| Bradford | Shaw | |
| Cook | W. Spencer | |
| Cory | Waterman | |
| | Mr White | 15 |

Said motion therefore prevails, and the Common Council concur in the passage of said resolution as amended,

~~The President appoints as members of~~

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~~The Committee on the part of the Common Council Messrs Caldin, Waterman & (Assistant.)~~

Petitions of Hosemen, &c. for increase of pay.

Petitions of Michael Dillon, ^{et al} Hosemen &c; and of Wm. E. Barton & others, drivers of Engines and Hook & Ladder trucks for increase of pay, are presented, received and referred to the Standing Committee on the Fire Department.

Ordinance in amendment of Ordinance in relation to weights.

332.

A Bill for an Ordinance in amendment of an Ordinance entitled An Ordinance in amendment of an Ordinance in relation to weights, scales &c and the duty of the Sealer thereof is presented and referred to the Standing Committee on Ordinances.

Wm. A. Leach. Remission of tax.

339.

Geo. W. Sherman Claim for damages.

342.

A petition of William A. Leach for remission of tax; and of George W. Sherman for damages by removing him from his slaughter house, are presented, received and referred to the Standing Committee on Claims.

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Petitions for
Remuneration for
land on Weybosset St.

Petitions of
Amos C. Barstow, and of
Emily B. Reynolds,
for remuneration for land on Weybosset street;
and of Chas. F. Phillips for damages,
are severally presented, received and referred
to the special committee appointed to confer
with parties interested in the widening of
Weybosset street.

North Main Street
widening of.

Petition of E. I. & A. H.
Man, for damages.
365.

A petition of Eliza F. & Anna H. Man
for damages for widening North Main Street
is presented, received and referred to the
special committee to confer with parties
interested in the widening of North Main st.

Meeting St. Baptist Ch.

Use of Armory Hall.

A petition of the Meeting St. Baptist
Society for use of Armory Hall for religious
purposes; and

Remonstrance against
use of Canal by
B. & P. R. R. Co.

A Remonstrance of Crawford Allen
to the B. & P. R. R. Co. against use of canal by the
Boston & Providence Railroad Co. are both
presented, received and referred to
the Standing Committee on City Prop-
erty.

Meeting St. School.

Repairs on.

A petition of the School Committee
for repairs on the Meeting Street School
House is presented, received and referred
to the Standing Committee on Education.

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Adjourn.

The Common Council adjourn till
Monday March 21, 1870 at 7 1/2 p.m.

Present - all the members except
Nepes Gardner, C. S. Smith & Sprague 3.

J. M. Addeman
Clerk.

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The Common Council met pursuant to
adjournment - the President in the chair
and a quorum present.

Quorum present

Record read.

The Record of the last meeting is read
and approved.

Elmgrove Avenue

N. Main Street.

379

Wickenden Street.

376.

Petitions of
C. C. & H. M. Taber for reception of
Elmgrove and Humboldt Avenues; of
Rufus Waterman and others for
paring of North Main street; of
Edward J. Ross and others for
crosswalk on Wickenden Street are severally
presented, received and referred to the com-
mittee on Highways.

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Cloth signs into street.

Petition for.

A petition of Greene & Burrows and others for permission to suspend signs of light or textile fabric into the street more than six inches is presented received and referred to the Standing Committee on Police.

City Real Estate.

342.

A draft resolution in relation to City Real Estate is presented, read and referred to the Standing Committee on City Property.

Spicers & Peckham.

Claim agt. City.

341.

A claim of Spicers & Peckham against the city is presented, received and referred to the Standing Committee on Claims.

P.W. Gardiner &

W. Emerson & Co.

Widening of

Weybasset street.

A communication from Peleg W. Gardiner in relation to the widening of Weybasset street; and a petition of Wm Emerson & Co. for further compensation for damages, are severally presented, received and referred to the Special Committee to confer with parties interested in the widening of Weybasset street.

Clock for Federal St.

School-House.

A petition of Samuel Harris and 52 others for clock on the Federal Street School House, together with a draft resolution for the same, are presented and received.

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Said resolution is thereupon read and not passed.

Ordinance for
issue of Water Bonds.

266.

362.

The bill entitled "An Ordinance for the issue and sale of Bonds of the City of Providence, under and by virtue of Chapter 640 of the Statutes, entitled 'An Act for supplying the City of Providence with pure water', and Chapter 784 of the Statutes entitled 'An Act in amendment of an Act entitled 'An Act for supplying the City of Providence with pure water''", is taken from the table and re-committed to the Standing Committee on Finance.

Ordinance relating
to
Hackney Coaches.

The Standing Committee on Ordinances to whom on the 14th of February last was referred a petition of Geo. H. Copeland & Co. and others for alteration of Ordinance relating to Hackney coaches, so that public hacks only shall be required to carry lights in the night time, make Report recommending the passage of a bill entitled "An Ordinance in amendment of an Ordinance for the regulation of hacks, omnibuses, drays, trucks, &c." which Report is received, and thereupon said bill is read and passed.

(Concurred)

(Approved)

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Ordinance relating
to
City Engineer.
281.

Said committee who were instructed on the 7th of February last to take into consideration "an Ordinance providing for the appointment of a City Engineer"; and report if they shall deem any amendments necessary thereto to declare more fully the duties of said officer and what expenses incidental to this office shall be allowed, make Report that in their opinion no amendment is needed to said Ordinance, which report is received.

(Concurred)
(Approved)

Ordinance relating to
Weights, Scales &c.
327.
329.

Said committee to whom at the last meeting was referred a draft Ordinance in amendment of an Ordinance entitled "an Ordinance in amendment of an Ordinance in relation to weights, scales &c. and the duty of the scales thereof", make Report recommending the passage of the accompanying ordinance; which Report is received and said bill is laid on the table.

City Hall.
324.

The Resolution relating to plans for a City Hall &c. which at the last meeting was passed in concurrence with an amendment, is taken from the table.

It is moved to fill the blank in said resolution with the names of nine members

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on the part of the Common Council, to wit: one from each ward: which motion is lost by a vote of 13 to 18.

It is then moved that said blank be filled with three members on the part of the Council, which motion prevails.

Mr L. S. Smith obtains leave to record his vote in the negative on the motion adopted at the last meeting to concur with the Board of Aldermen in the passage of said resolution with an amendment.

Mr Gardner obtains leave to record his vote in the affirmative on said motion; and thereupon moves to reconsider the vote whereby the Common Council concurred in the passage of said resolution with an amendment.

Mr Snow moves to lay the motion of Mr Gardner upon the table: upon which motion the ayes and nays are ordered with the following result:

Ayes

| | |
|----------------|---------------|
| Messrs Barnaby | Messrs Harris |
| Calder | Joelin |
| Draper | Place |
| Durfee | Rice |
| Butcher | F. M. Smith |
| Fenner | Snow |
| Fisk | J. L. Spencer |
| Mr Sweet | |

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Nays.

| | |
|-----------------|--------------|
| Meprs President | Meprs Mauran |
| Aldrich | Metcalf |
| Anthony | Root |
| Armington | Shaw |
| Bradford | C. S. Smith |
| Cook | W. Spencer |
| Cory | Sprague |
| Daboll | Waterman |
| Gardner | White |
| Latham | |

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Said motion is therefore lost.

The motion to reconsider is passed.

Thereupon a motion to indefinitely postpone said resolution as amended is passed.

Resolution to vacate

City Hall Int.
172.

The Resolution (which passed the Board of Aldermen Sept. 27. 1869) requesting the City Solicitor to give notice to Lessees of City Hall Lot to vacate the premises, is taken from the table, read, and indefinitely postponed.

Moving Buildings.

310.

311

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

Amos C. Barstow

James Felley

for permission to remove certain buildings; and of John Hyland,

Raising buildings.
310.

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For permission to raise a certain building make Reports recommending that the prayers of said petitions be granted: which Reports are received and resolutions in accordance therewith are thereupon read and passed.

Resolution of adjournment.

Resolved

That when this Common Council adjourn, it adjourn till next Monday evening at 8 o'clock and that the Salary Ordinance be the special order for that date.

Adjourn

The Common Council adjourn till Monday, March 28th 1870, at 8 o'clock p.m.

Present - all the members except Meprs Chafee and Harrington 2

A. M. Addeman
Clerk.

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The Common Council met pursuant to adjournment - the President in the chair and a quorum present.

Quorum present.

Record read.

The Record of the last meeting is read and approved.

Salary Ordinance.

313.

The Bill entitled "An Ordinance fixing the salaries of the officers of the City of Providence for the year ensuing the first Monday in June A.D. 1870," which was postponed from the last meeting, is taken from the table, amended, read and passed.

Said bill is returned subsequently from the Board of Aldermen who concur therein with certain amendments, in which the Common Council concur with the exception of the 5th amendment, in which the Council non-concur. Thereupon the Board recedes from their 5th amendment and concur with the Common Council in the passage of the Ordinance.

(Approved)

Fountain Street

change of committee.

240.

Mr Lapham is excused, on his own request, from serving on the committee appointed February 7th to confer with the parties dam-

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aged by the extending of Fountain street; and Mr Chapu is appointed a member of said committee in his stead.

Encroachments on Harbor-line.

283.

The joint standing Committee on the Harbor, who by resolution of February 7th were instructed to inquire into the necessity of additional legislation to prevent encroachments on the Harbor line, make Report that no additional legislation is necessary, - the act in addition to an act entitled "An Act relative to the Harbor and public waters of the town of Providence", passed at the January Session 1837, covering all that is asked for in the resolution; which Report is received.

(Concurred)

(Approved)

Central Police Station

Drainage of.

324.

The Report of the City Engineer on the Drainage of the Police Station, which was presented March 14th and temporarily laid on the table, is taken from the table read and referred to the joint Committee on City Property.

Police man at

City Building

380.

A draft resolution directing the Chief of Police to station a policeman at the City Building is presented, read and referred to the joint Committee on Police.

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Office of Inspector of Kerosene.

A draft resolution in relation to office of Inspector of Kerosene; also

Ray Spink.

A Memorial of Ray Spink in relation to School House furniture, are presented, read and referred to the Joint Committee on City Property.

School furniture.

374.

Parkis Avenue.

A draft resolution to set curbstones and pare gutters on Parkis Avenue; also

358.

Clinton Street.

a petition of Cyrus Harris & others for setting curbing &c on Clinton street, are presented, received and referred to the Joint Committee on Highways.

358.

Chas. R. Wheelock.

A claim of Charles R. Wheelock to be indemnified for loss of horse &c, is presented, received and referred to the Joint Committee on Claims.

Claim for horse &c.

Moving buildings.

353.

Petitions of

James H. Wright

353.

Hugh Mackin

353.

for removing certain buildings; and of

Thomas W. Greene

Raising building.

for raising a certain building, are presented, received and referred to the committee on the Fire Department.

Sam'l Boyd, Adm'r

Remission of tax.

248.

The Committee on Claims to whom was referred on the 20th of December last a pe-

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tion of Samuel Boyd, Adm'r for remission of tax, make Report recommending the passage of the accompanying resolution: which Report is received and the following resolution is thereupon read and passed, viz:—

Resolved.

That the City Treasurer be hereby directed to remit the sum of Sixty one dollars from the amount assessed against Samuel Boyd Adm'r of Estate of Abby Snow in the City tax of 1869.

(Concurred)

(Approved)

William A. Leach

Remission of tax.

327.

Said committee to whom was referred a petition of William A. Leach for remission of tax make Report recommending the passage of the accompanying resolution: which Report is received and the following resolution is thereupon read and passed, viz:

Resolved.

That the City Treasurer be hereby directed to remit the sum of Twelve ²/₁₀ dollars from the amount assessed against William A. Leach in the City tax of 1870.

(Concurred)

(Approved)

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Geo. D. Porter.

Appropriation for.

241.

Said committee to whom on the 13th of December last was referred a petition of George N. Porter for compensation, make Report and recommend the passage of the accompanying resolution: which Report is received and the following resolution is thereupon read and passed, viz:

Resolved.

That the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated to be paid out of the appropriation for Contingencies as a gratuity to William W. Porter who was injured by a sign board blowing through the streets of this city during the gale of September 8th 1869, provided that said Porter shall execute a release of all claims he may have against the city by reason of said accident, said release to be satisfactory to the City Solicitor.

(Concurred)

(Approved)

William Walker.

Appropriation for.

241.

Said committee to whom on the same date was referred a memorial of William Walker for compensation make Report and recommend the passage of the accompanying resolution: which Report is received and the following resolution is thereupon read and passed, viz:-

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Resolved.

That the sum of Fifteen hundred dollars is hereby appropriated to be paid out of the appropriation for Contingencies as a gratuity to William Walker who was injured by the accidental discharge of a pistol while he was assisting Horace D. Lewis one of the Constables of the city in making an arrest, provided that said Walker shall execute a release of all claims he may have against the city resulting from said accident, said release to be executed to the satisfaction of the City Solicitor.

(Concurred)

(Approved)

Spicers + Peckham.

Claim allowed.

339.

Said committee to whom at the last meeting was referred a claim of Spicers + Peckham make Report and recommend the passage of the accompanying resolution: which Report is received and the following resolution is thereupon read & passed.

Resolved.

That the City Treasurer be and he is hereby directed to pay to Messrs Spicer + Peckham the sum of Two hundred thirty ⁵⁰/₁₀₀ dollars, in full for their bill of castings presented herewith and charge the same to the appropriation for Highways.

(Concurred)

(Approved)

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Leave to withdraw.

Said committee to whom were referred petitions of

241.

Nelson Hopkins for compensation; of

248.

Patrick Keough Adm: for compensation; of

327.

George W. Sherman for damages; and of

285.

John McElroy for remission of tax.

make Reports severally recommending that the petitioners have leave to withdraw: which Reports are received and thereupon it is ordered that said petitioners severally have leave to withdraw.

Resolution relating

Cove Lands

353.

A Resolution (from the Board of Aldermen), relating to the Cove Lands, accompanied by a communication from the Secretary of State is sent down for concurrence and is read, whereupon it is resolved that the same be hereby referred to a joint special Committee consisting of Messrs Lapham, Bradford, Fick and Binney on the part of the Common Council and such as the Board of Aldermen may add, to examine and report thereon.

(Concurred and
Ald. Jew and Coggeshall added)

(Approved)

City Real Estate.

330.

The Committee on City Property to whom at the last meeting was referred a draft resolution relative to City Real Estate

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make Report that it will be of advantage to the City to hold said real estate a few years longer: which Report having been read it is ordered that the same be received.

(Concurred)

(Approval)

Res. of instructions

To Com: on Ordinances

327.

The joint Committee on Police to whom was referred by the Board of Aldermen a Resolution (passed by the Common Council March 14th) directing Committee on Ordinances to report an Ordinance, requiring the Chief of Police to pay into the City Treasury all fees and dues, make Report that the passage of the general "Ordinance in relation to the Police" will fully accomplish the object of said resolution, and render further action thereon, unnecessary, which Report is received.

Ordinance in rela.

tion to the Police.

352.

Said committee to whom was referred a bill for "an Ordinance in relation to the Police" report back the same slightly amended and recommend its passage: which report is received and said bill is ordered to be printed for the use of the Council.

A Resolution (from the Board of Aldermen

March 28. 1870.

Appropriation for Dexter Asylum. 357. 362. appropriating \$20,000 for the Dexter Asylum is sent down for concurrence and postponed till the next meeting.

Invitation to join in Convention.

Resolved.

That His Honor the Mayor and the Board of Aldermen be invited to join the Common Council in Convention to elect city officers and to transact such other business as may legally come before them.

Accepted.

The foregoing invitation being accepted, the two Boards join in Convention of the City Council.

In Convention.

In Convention.

Police Constables elected. H. A. L. Potter, Amos M. Clark, F. W. Davis, Wm. W. Ely, Samuel J. Benchley and Peter Burns are elected police constables, without power to serve civil process.

Franks W. Cheney is elected a full constable.

Charles H. Cowell is elected a weigher of cotton.

Deputy Surveyors approved.

The nominations for Deputy Surveyors of Lumber made by the Surveyor General

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are approved.

The two Boards separate.

Res. authorizing Water Comrs to contract without advertising. 322.

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

Resolved.

That the Water Commissioners be hereby authorized to contract for labor and materials without advertising for sealed proposals, except for pumping engines, pipes, laying pipes, and the construction of reservoirs, provided however, that if none of the bids in any particular case are satisfactory to the Commissioners, they may reject all of said bids, and proceed and obtain materials and labor upon such terms as they may deem for the interest of the city.

(Approved)

Res. to purchase land for School purposes.

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

Resolved.

That the Joint Standing Committee on City Property, be and they are

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the city.

(Approved)

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sent down, read and passed in concurrence:-

Resolved.

That the Joint Standing Com-
mittee on City Property, be and they are

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herby authorized, to purchase for school purposes, the lot of land situated on the South west corner of Atwells Avenue and Tower streets, containing 8200 square feet more or less, provided the same can be purchased at a cost not to exceed the sum of eighty (80) cents per square foot; the same to be paid for out of the appropriation for Public Schools.

(Approved)

Resolved

That the Superintendent of Public Buildings is hereby directed to defer and suspend all action under the resolution passed March 14, 1870 in relation to the enlargement of and repairs upon the Benefit Street Grammar School, until he is further instructed by the City Council.

(Concurred)

Willow street
Curbing of.
294.

The Resolution which passed this Council on the 14th of February last, to curb Willow Street, is returned from the Board of Aldermen with their concurrence therein with the following amendment: "and the words 'whenever the owners of the adjoining land shall furnish the curbing' which

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amendment is thereupon read and passed in concurrence.

(Approved)

East street
Cross-walk on.

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

Resolved

That the Surveyor of Highways be hereby directed to lay a cross-walk over East street at Wickenden street.

(Approved)

Lockwood Street

Curbing of.
317.
359.

The resolution to curb Lockwood street (reported by the committee on Highways) is postponed till the next meeting.

Adjourn.

The Common Council adjourns till April 11th 1870 at 8 o'clock p.m.

Present - all the members

M. Addeman
Clerk.

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Common Council - April 11. 1870.

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

President pro tem. The President being absent Mr Bradford is elected President pro tem.

Record read. The Record of the last meeting is read and approved.

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

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

Mo. Report of Harbor Master. The Monthly Report of the Harbor Master is presented, read and received.
(Concurred)

Annual Report of City Registrar. The Annual Report of the City Registrar is presented and read: whereupon it is

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resolved that the same be received and that 750 copies thereof, and of the communication accompanying the same, be printed in pamphlet form, for the use of the City Council under the direction of the Joint Standing Committee on City Printing.
(Concurred)

Resolution to suspend work on Benefit St. School House.

346.

The Resolution, which passed the Common Council March 28th and was concurred in by the Board of Aldermen on the same day, directing the Superintendent of Public Buildings to defer and suspend action relative to enlargement of and repairs on the Benefit Street Grammar School House, is returned by the Mayor with his objections to the same: which are read, and thereupon it is moved that said resolution pass, the Mayor's objections to the same notwithstanding.

Upon which motion the yeas and nays are called with the following result:

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| <u>Yeas</u> | |
| Meigs Aldrich | Meigs Chapin |
| Anthony | Cook |
| Armington | Cory |
| Barnaby | Daboll |
| Bradford | Durfee |

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Ayes (continued)

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| Messrs Dutchu | Messrs Shaw |
| Fennur | C. S. Smith |
| Fisk | F. M. Smith |
| Harrington | Snow |
| Joslin | J. L. Spencer |
| Mauran | W. Spencer |
| Metcalf | Sprague |
| Rice | Waterman |

Mr White 27.

Nays.

Messrs Lapham and Sweet 2.

Said resolution is therefore passed (more than three-fifths of the members of the Common Council voting in the affirmative.)

Resolved.

That the petitions of Amos C. Barston, Emily B. Reynolds, Wm Emuson &c. and others, for remuneration for damages from the proposed widening of Weybasset Street, be hereby referred to a joint Special Committee consisting of Messrs Waterman, Bradford, Aldrich, and such as the Board of Aldermen may add, to examine and report thereon.

(Concurred and Ald. Coggeshall and Sew added)

Committee to confer with parties damaged by widening of Weybasset Street.

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Moving Buildings.

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Petitions of

Erastus N. Steere

Chew C. Rice

Arnold Saunders

Benj. F. Gilmore

Stillman Perkins

Hathaway Bros & Co.

all for permission to remove certain wooden buildings; and of

John Banks

Raising Building.

364.

for permission to raise a certain building, are presented, received and referred to the Committee on the Fire Department.

Petitions of

Ives street

Broadway.

377.

Admiral T. Dexter and others for cutting &c on Loes street from Waterman to Power streets; of D. C. Wood and others to set back curb-stones on Broadway; are presented, received and referred to the Committee on Highways.

City Maps.

C. E. Paine.

Sampson, Davenport & Co.

Petitions of

C. E. Paine, and of

Sampson, Davenport & Co. for

compensation for city maps, are presented, received and referred to the committee on Claims.

Jabez C. Knight.

373.

A petition of Jabez C. Knight to remove

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Building cut off by widening of Brook street, is presented, received and referred to the committee on City Property.

Geo. T. Paine & Beach.

Widening of Weybosset St.

A petition of Geo. T. Paine and Beach, for damages by the widening of Weybosset street, is presented, received and referred to the joint special committee to confer with parties damaged by widening of Weybosset street.

Resolved.

Committee on Park to appear before Commissioners of Estimate and Assessment &c.

That the joint special committee on the Public Park, be and they are hereby directed to appear before the Commissioners of Estimate and Assessment on the Park, and also, if by them deemed necessary, before the Supreme Court, to represent the rights and interests of the city in all matters connected with the Park. And they are empowered to request the services of the City Solicitor, and if desirable to employ counsel in behalf of the city.

(Concurred)

(Approved)

Ordinance in relation to the Police.

The bill entitled "An Ordinance in relation to the Police", which at the last meeting was sent down for concurrence

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and postponed and ordered printed, is taken from the table, read and passed in concurrence.

(Approved)

Moving buildings.

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Raising buildings.

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The Committee on the Fire Department, to whom were referred petitions of Hugh Mackin, James H. Wright, Benj. F. Gilmore, Arnold Saunders, Eben C. Rice, Erastus A. Steere, Stillman Perkins,

for permission to remove certain buildings; and of Thomas W. Greer for permission to raise a certain building, make Reports severally recommending that the prayers of said petitions be granted; which Reports are received, and resolutions in accordance therewith are thereupon read and passed.

(Concurred)

(Approved)

Resolution relating to the Cove Lands.

342.

The joint special committee to whom at the last meeting were referred a Resolution (from the Board of Aldermen) relating to the Cove Lands, together with the accompanying communications from the Secretary

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Cove Lands (cont'd) of State, make Report and recommend the passage of the accompanying Resolution: which Report is received and the following Resolution is thereupon read & passed, viz:

Whereas,

The General Assembly of the State of Rhode Island &c. at its January Session, 1870, passed a resolution "That the General Treasurer of this State &c, and hereby is, instructed to execute a conveyance to the City of Providence of all the right, title and interest that the State has in and to the Cove Lands (so called, in said City, being the lands now a heretofore flowed by tide water above Weybosset Bridge in said City: said conveyance to be made, and executed under the direction and to the satisfaction of the Attorney General of this State, whenever the City of Providence shall pay to the State the sum of Two Hundred Thousand Dollars in a satisfactory bond to be approved by the Governor, payable in five years without interest; provided, that said bond be executed within six months from the passage of this Resolution."

And whereas,

A duly certified copy of said resolution has been communicated to the City Council of the City of Providence,

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Cove Lands (cont'd)

Therefore Resolved,

That the City of Providence will accept of the conveyance of said Cove Lands, as offered in said resolution, upon the terms and conditions therein expressed, and that the City Treasurer be authorized acting under the advice and direction of the Committee on Finance, and of the City Solicitor, to make and execute in payment for said lands on delivery of the deed thereof, a bond in the name of the City of Providence, for said sum of Two Hundred Thousand Dollars, payable in five years, without interest, as required by said Resolution.

(Concurred)

(Approved)

Do.

342.

Said Resolution (from the Board of Aldermen) relating to the Cove Lands, and passed by the Board March 21st is then read and non-concurred.

Committee to settle claims with Henry C. Clark agt city.

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

Resolved,

That Aldermen Knight and Tew with such as the Common Council

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Committee to settle
with Henry C. Clark
(continued)

may add are hereby appointed a committee with full power to adjust and settle all matters now in suit between Henry C. Clark and the city of Providence, and between Clark and Webb, Trustees to said Henry C. Clark and the city of Providence, and also all other claims that said Henry C. Clark has against the city of Providence growing out of the construction and use of the Dorrana Street sewer by said city and the injury to said Clark's Wharf estate adjoining the Dorrana Street Dock arising from said sewer, with full power also to make such arrangements with said Clark and the owners of the wharf estates adjoining said Dorrana Street Dock in reference to the removal of obstructions in said dock caused by the said sewer as the said committee shall deem just and proper.

Resolved.

That said committee are hereby authorized to draw upon the City Treasury for such sum as may be required to pay such damages as may be agreed upon between said committee and said Henry C. Clark under the provisions of the foregoing resolution to be paid out of the appropriation for contingencies, and that the city Auditor is hereby directed to draw upon

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the City Treasury for such sum as may be required to carry out the foregoing resolutions when said committee shall draw for the same.

Messrs Chafe, White and Durfee are added as members of the committee on the part of the Common Council.

(Approved)

Abby Street

Name changed to

Lincoln Street.

The Committee on Highway to whom was referred a petition of Geo. E. Cleveland et al. in changing name of Abby street, make Report recommending the passage of the accompanying resolution: which Report is received and the following resolution is thereupon read and passed, viz:-

Resolved.

That the Board of Aldermen be and they are hereby requested to change the name of Abby street to Lincoln street.

(Concurred)

(Approved)

Dyer Street

Widening of

318.

Said committee who were instructed by resolution approved March 14. to inquire into and report upon the expediency of widening Dyer street from the foot of Pine street to Keyboest Bridge, make Report that they do not think it expedient to widen said street: which Report is received and adopted.

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Statement of Highway work ordered.

Said committee submit a detailed statement of work ordered by the City Council not yet done, and the probable cost of the same to the end that the Council may better determine what additional work should or should not be ordered: which statement is received: and recommend the following resolution, which is thereupon read and passed, viz:

Resolved,

That the City Treasurer be and he is hereby directed to hire for the use of the Highway Department, City of Providence, the sum of Forty five thousand dollars (\$45,000) in such proportions as from time to time it may be required.

(Concurred)

(Approved)

Appropriation for Highway Department.

Leave to withdraw.

Said committee to whom were referred petitions of Cyrus Harris & others for setting curbing &c. on Clinton street; of

Clinton street.

338.

Wm. Elsbree & others for the reception of

Borden street.

Borden street; of

267.

T. J. Wardwell & others to open Gould's Lane; also

Gould's Lane.

Lane; also

Parkis Avenue.

A draft resolution to set curb stones and pave gutters on Parkis Avenue, make Reports adversely thereto, recommending that the petitioners have leave to withdraw.

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which Reports are received, and thereupon it is ordered that said petitioners have leave to withdraw.

Lockwood Street

Curbing of.

347.

The Resolution to curb Lockwood street, postponed from the last meeting is taken from the table and indefinitely postponed.

Ordinance in relation to Weights, Measures, &c.

332.

The bill entitled "An Ordinance in amendment of an Ordinance entitled An Ordinance in amendment of an Ordinance in relation to weights, scales, measures and balances, and the duty of the Sealer thereof (passed July 22. 1861)" laid on the table at the last meeting is taken from the table, read and again laid on the table.

Dexter Asylum,

344.

362.

Broadway.

380.

A Resolution appropriating \$20,000 for Dexter Asylum; also

A Resolution relative to straightening Broadway; also

Quarterly Report of

Water Com'rs.

The Quarterly Report of the Water Commissioners for April 1870, are severally postponed till the next meeting.

Adjourn.

The Common Council adjourn till Monday May 9. 1870 at 8 o'clock p.m.

Present - all the members, except Messrs President, Calder, Draper, Gardner, & Root,

M. A. Adams, Clerk

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Common Council - April 25, 1870

Special Meeting

Special Meeting.

Called by the Mayor as per his Warrant dated April 21, 1870. which is read.

Quorum present.

Pursuant to said Warrant the members of the Common Council assemble in their chamber this day at 8 o'clock p.m. - a quorum present.

Record read.

The Record of the last meeting is read and approved.

Mayor's Message.

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

Water Bonds.

Mayor's Office

Providencé April 25, 1870

Gentlemen of the Common Council.

I have convened you this evening in order that you may have an opportunity to take into consideration at an earlier day than the one to which you had adjourned, a bill prepared by the Finance Committee, relative to the issue of the Bonds of this City under an Act of the General Assembly for supplying the city of Providencé with water.

I had the honor of calling your attention to this matter in December last, and it was then referred to the Finance Com-

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mittee. Various causes have prevented the Committee from reporting upon the subject until now. It is important that the matter should receive early attention, so as to prevent any unnecessary delay in providing the means for the introduction of Water.

School-House on Atwells Avenue.

I, also, by request of the School-Committee, ask that an appropriation may be made for the purpose of erecting a primary and intermediate school house on the lot on Atwells Avenue, recently purchased, the internal arrangements of the said house to be similar to the Waverly Street School House.

Dexter Asylum.

I also desire to call your attention to the necessity of an appropriation to complete the repairs & improvements upon the Dexter Asylum. The former appropriation is exhausted, and there are bills of Mechanics & Labourers outstanding which ought to be paid.

Geo. L. Clarke
Mayor.

Message referred.

Whereupon it is resolved that so much of said Message as relates to erection of school house be referred to the Committee on Education.

The Quarterly Report of the Water Commis-

April 25. 1870.

Quarterly Report of Water Commissioners, *Memorandum* for April 1870, presented at the last meeting, is received and ordered printed in pamphlet form for the use of the City Council.
(Concurred)
(Approved)

Dexter Asylum. Appropriation for 359. Resolutions in the words following having passed the Board of Aldermen, sent down for concurrence and postponed till this meeting are taken from the table, read and passed in concurrence, viz:

Resolved.
That the sum of Twenty Thous- and dollars be and the same hereby is appropriated in addition to former approp- riations for the purpose of finishing the alterations and repairs at the Dexter Asylum.

Resolved.
That the City Treasurer acting under the advice and direction of the Com- mittee on Finance be and he is hereby au- thorized to hire the sum of Twenty thousand dollars on account of the foregoing ap- propriation
(Approved)

Ordinance creating a Water Loan 331. 368. The Committee on Finance to whom was referred the communication of the Mayor in reference to providing an Ordinance for the issuing of Bonds for a Water Loan, etc. make

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Report, recommending the accompanying Ordinance, which Report is received, and a bill entitled 'An Ordinance for the issue and sale of Bonds of the City of Providence under and by virtue of Chapter 640 of the Statutes entitled 'An Act for supplying the City of Providence with Pure Water', and Chapter 724 of the Statutes entitled 'An Act in amendment of an Act entitled 'An Act for supplying the City of Providence with Pure Water', is presented, read, amended and under the following title, viz: 'An Ordinance creating a Water Loan for the City of Providence.' is passed.

Moving Buildings

Petitions of
Albert Bowen
John Hickey
John Busick
Erastus Edwards,

all for moving certain buildings; and of

Raising Buildings

Thomas Casey
W. H. Richmond

for raising certain buildings are presented, received and referred to the Committee on the Fire Department.

Said committee to whom were referred the foregoing and also petitions of Hathaway, Bros & Co.

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351.

for moving a certain building, and of
John Banks

for raising a building, make Reports, recommending that the prayers of said petitions be granted: which Reports are received and resolutions in accordance therewith are thereupon read and passed.

(Concurred)

(Approved)

Equitable F. & M. Ins. Co.

Damages in re Wybosset St.

A petition of the Equitable Fire & Marine Ins. Co. for damages from widening of Wybosset street is presented received and referred to the special committee to confer with parties interested in the widening of Wybosset street.

Washington St.

Widening of

Petitions of William S. Arnold & thus for widening of Washington street; of New England Pavement Co.

Wooden pavement

in reference to furnishing wooden pavement, are presented, received and referred to the Committee on Highways.

Geo. W. Arnold.

Remission of tax

384.

A petition of George W. Arnold of East Greenwich for remission of tax is presented received and referred to the Committee on Claims.

A. N. Parker & Co.

Moving building

373.

A petition of A. N. Parker & Co. for moving a certain building is received and

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referred to the Committee on the Fire Department.

E. F. & A. H. Man

W. Main St.

328.

380.

A Report of the Special Committee on the petition of Eliza F. and Anna H. Man for remuneration for real estate on South Main street is presented and postponed till the next meeting.

Adjourn

The Common Council adjourn till Monday May 9. 1870 at 8 o'clock p.m.

Members present.

Present - all the members except Messrs Root, Shaw and C. S. Smith

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M. Addeman
Clerk.

May 2. 1870

Common Council- May 2. 1870.

Special Meeting

Special Meeting

Called by the Mayor as per his Warrant dated April 28. 1870, which is read.

Quorum present

Pursuant to said Warrant, the members of the Common Council assemble in their chamber this day at 8 o'clock p.m. - a quorum present and the President in the chair.

Record read.

The Record of the last meeting is read and approved.

Mayor's Message

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

Water Loan.

Mayor's Office
Provided May 2. 1870.

Gentlemen of the Common Council

The Board of Aldermen

having amended the Bill received from the Common Council, in relation to the Water Loan, it becomes necessary for you to assemble again to consider those amendments. I trust the two branches of the City Council will be able to agree upon the matter, as the interests of the City require that negotiations for the proposed loan should be commenced at an early day.

Wm. L. Clarke, Mayor.

May 2. 1870.

Harbor Master's

Mo. Report.

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

(Concurred)

(Approved)

Do.

Dredging.

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

(Concurred)

(Approved)

Moving buildings.

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Petitions of

James R. Wheeler
Albert R. Davis

for moving certain wooden buildings; and of

S. Stearns & Co.

James Regan

Patrick Mc Kenna

for raising certain buildings, are presented received and referred to the committee on the Fire Department.

Raising buildings.

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Pearl Street

Continuation of.

443.

Greenwich St.

Cross-walk on.

388.

Petitions of

John D. Branston & others for continuation of Pearl street from Branston to High streets; of

A. B. Gardiner & others for cross-walk on Greenwich street, are presented, received and referred to the committee on Highways.

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Joshua Colwell

Remission of tax.
384.

A petition of Joshua Colwell for remission of tax is presented, received and referred to the Committee on Claims.

Prov. M.C. of Art'y

Arsenal on Cove lands.

A petition of the Prov. Marine Corps of Artillery for permission to erect an arsenal and armory building on the Cove Lands is presented, received and referred to the Committee on City Property.

Ordinance creating
a Water Inan.

312.

The bill entitled "An Ordinance creating a Water Loan for the City of Providence" which passed the Common Council at the last meeting is returned from the Board of Aldermen with their concurrence therein with certain amendments, which amendments are read, whereupon it is resolved that the Common Council do not concur therein.

The Board of Aldermen insist upon their amendment.

The Common Council adhere to their vote of non-concurrence and ask for a committee of conference.

The Board agree to a conference and appoint Aldermen Knight and Hopkins conferees. The Council appoint as Conferees on their part Messrs Sprague, Waterman, Aldrich and Lapham.

The Committee of Conference make Report, and thereupon it is resolved that the Com-

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mon Council recede from their vote of non-concurrence and adopt the report of the Committee of conference.

The Board concur in adopting the report of the Committee of conference.
(Approved)

Appropriation
for
Decoration Day.

406.

Upon the petition of C. R. Brayton, Dept. Commander, Grand Army of the Republic, asking for an appropriation for Decoration Day, this day presented and received, it is

Resolved,

That the sum of five hundred dollars is hereby appropriated to be paid out of the Appropriation for Contingencies, to Col. Henry Allen, Assistant Quartermaster General, Dept. of R. I. G. A. R. to defray the expenses of Decoration Day.

(Concurred)

(Approved)

Proposition for
Free Public Library.

407.

Resolved,

That the following proposition be and the same is hereby submitted to the electors of the City of Providence qualified to vote in the election of the City Council of said city, or upon any proposition to impose a tax for the expenditure of money

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in said city, at the annual election in said city, on the second Wednesday of May 1870, namely -

Shall the city of Providence appropriate a sum equal to five cents on each one hundred dollars of its ratable property in the year 1869 for the foundation therein of a free public library for all the inhabitants thereof, and to provide suitable rooms therefor under such regulations for its government as may from time to time be prescribed by the City Council of said city?

Resolved

That the City Clerk of said city be and he hereby is directed to insert the above proposition in his warrant for calling the said annual election, and that he cause to be printed and distributed at the voting places in said city on the day of said annual election at least six thousand copies of said proposition with the word "Yes" upon the back of one half of such propositions, and the word "No" upon the other half thereof.

(Concurred)

(Approved)

A Resolution in the words following having passed the Board of Aldermen, is

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Highway Dept.

Feasibility of dis-
continuing

sent down, read and passed in concurrence, viz:

In view of the rapidly increasing amount of work in the highway department, the utter impossibility (under the present system), of its being properly and promptly attended to by the Surveyor of Highways, and the large appropriations now required to carry on that work, it is

Resolved

That the Standing Committee on Highways, be and they are hereby requested to take into careful consideration and report to the City Council their views on ^{the} feasibility and economy of discontinuing the present system, and having all the highway work done by contract under the supervision of the Surveyor of Highways.

(Approved)

Ordinance establish-
ing Harbor Line
on Seekonk River.

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

Resolved

That the Joint Standing Committee on City Property be and they are hereby instructed to report an Ordinance establishing a harbor line on the west side of Seekonk River between Washington

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Bridge and the site of the Central Bridge.

(Approved)

P. & W. R.R. Co.

Dummy Engine
255.

The Resolution which passed the Com-
mon Council Jan'y 10th, granting permission
to the P. & W. R.R. Co. to run a dummy engine
on South Water street between the hours of
9 P.M. and 6 A.M. only, is returned from
the Board of Aldermen with their concu-
rence therein with an amendment striking
out the words "9 P.M. and 6 A.M." and sub-
stitute the words "10 P.M. and 8 A.M." which
amendment is read and passed in concurrence.

(Approved)

Fountain Street

Res. to settle with
parties damaged by
widening of -
280.

Resolved.

That the Joint Special Committee
appointed on the seventh day of February
1870 to confer with the parties interested
in the extension of Fountain street are hereby
authorized to make such settlement with
the parties who have claimed jury trials
as they shall deem best for the interests
of the City.

(Concurred)

(Approved)

Weybosset St.

Res. to settle with
parties damaged by
widening of -
357.

Resolved.

That the Joint Special Committee
appointed on the thirteenth day of April

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1870 to confer with the parties interested in
the widening of Weybosset street are hereby
authorized to make such settlement with
the parties who have claimed jury trials
as they shall deem best for the interests
of the City.

(Concurred)

(Approved)

A. N. Parker & Co.

Moving building
364.

The Committee on the Fire Department
to whom at the last meeting was referred
a petition of A. N. Parker & Co. for permis-
sion to remove a certain wooden building
make Report recommending that the
prayer thereof be granted: which Report
is received and a resolution in accor-
dance therewith is read and passed,

(Concurred)

(Approved)

Jabez C. Knight

Moving building
381.

The Committee on City Property to whom
was referred, April 11th, a petition of Jabez C.
Knight to move a certain building make
Report, recommending the passage of the
accompanying resolution: which Re-
port is received and the following reso-
lution is thereupon read and passed, viz:

Resolved

That permission be granted hereby
to Jabez C. Knight to move back and retain

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that portion of the dwelling house on the corner of Benevolent and Brook streets which will otherwise be cut off by the widening said Brook street.

(Concurred,

(Approved)

Mrs. R. W. Helme.

Bank Wall.

267.

Said committee to whom on the 10th of January last was referred a petition of Mrs R. W. Helme for building bank wall &c. make Report and recommend the passage of the accompanying resolution: which Report is received and the following resolution is thereupon read and passed, viz:-

Resolved

That the Superintendent of Public Buildings acting under the advice and direction of the Joint Committee on City Property be and he is hereby directed to cause a bank wall and a french drain to be built on the Benefit street School House lot; and the sum of one thousand dollars (\$1000), is hereby appropriated therefor to be paid out of the appropriation for Public Buildings.

(Concurred,

(Approved)

Ray Spink.

School furniture.

338.

Said committee to whom on the 28th of March last was referred a memorial of,

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Ray Spink in relation to School House furniture, make Report and recommend that petitioners have leave to withdraw: which Report is received and thereupon it is ordered that said petitioners have leave to withdraw.

Transit Street

Sewer in.

301

The Committee on Highways, to whom on the 14th of February last was referred a petition of Elizabeth Collins & others for a sewer on Transit street, make Report and recommend the passage of the accompanying resolution: which Report is received and the following resolution is thereupon read and passed, viz:-

Resolved.

That the Board of Aldermen be and they are hereby requested to lay out and cause to be laid in Transit street from Mowhawk Alley to Brook street a twelve (12) inch pipe, as a drain or sewer for the purpose of draining the cellars and land of the abutting property owners on said Transit street, and appoint three discreet and disinterested persons to make an assessment of their quarters of the entire cost of laying said pipe on the parties benefited thereby, as provided by an Act passed by the General Assembly of Rhode Island,

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March 24, 1869

(Concurred)

(Approved)

Wickenden St.
Cross-walk on.
329.

Said committee to whom on the 21st of March last was referred a petition of Edward J. Ross tothas for a cross-walk on Wickenden street make Report recommending the passage of the accompanying resolution: which Report is received and the following resolution is thereupon read and passed, viz:-

Resolved

That the Surveyor of Highways acting under the advice and direction of the Joint Committee on Highways be and he is hereby directed to cause to be constructed a crosswalk across Wickenden street on the East side of Hope street.

(Concurred)

(Approved)

Spruce Street
Curbing of.
301.

Said committee to whom on the 14th of February last was referred a petition of Patrick Connelly tothas to curb Spruce street make Report recommending the passage of the accompanying resolution: which Report is received and the following resolution is read and passed, viz:-

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Resolved

That the Surveyor of Highways acting under the advice and direction of the Joint Committee on Highways be and he is hereby directed to cause the curbstones to be set and gutters paved on Spruce street from Brayton street to Acorn street, when the abutting owners will furnish the curbstones.

(Concurred)

(Approved)

Broadway.
Curb-stones set back.
357.

Said committee to whom on the 11th of April last was referred a petition of D. C. Wood tothas to set back the curbstones on Broadway make Report recommending the passage of the accompanying resolution: which Report is received and the following resolution is read and passed, viz:-

Resolved

That the Surveyor of Highways acting under the advice of the Joint Committee on Highways be and he is hereby directed to cause the curbstones to be set back on Broadway from Sabie to Dean street, making the sidewalk of a uniform width of fifteen feet.

(Concurred)

(Approved)

May 2, 1870.

March 24, 1869

(Concurred,
(Approved)

Wickenden St.
Cross-walk on.
329.

Said committee to whom on the 21st of March last was referred a petition of Edward T. Ross & others for a cross-walk on Wickenden street make Report recommending the passage of the accompanying resolution: which Report is received and the following resolution is thereupon read and passed, viz:-

Resolved

That the Surveyor of Highways acting under the advice and direction of the Joint Committee on Highways be and he is hereby directed to cause to be constructed a crosswalk across Wickenden street on the East side of Hope street.

(Concurred)
(Approved)

Spruce Street
Curbing of.
301.

Said committee to whom on the 14th of February last was referred a petition of Patrick Connolly & others to curb Spruce street make Report recommending the passage of the accompanying resolution: which Report is received and the following resolution is read and passed, viz:-

May 2, 1870.

Resolved

That the Surveyor of Highways acting under the advice and direction of the Joint Committee on Highways be and he is hereby directed to cause the curbstones to be set and gutters paved on Spruce street from Brayton street to Acorn street, when the abutting owners will furnish the curbstones.

(Concurred)
(Approved)

Broadway.
Curb-stones set back.
352.

Said committee to whom on the 11th of April last was referred a petition of D. C. Wood & others to set back the curbstones on Broadway make Report recommending the passage of the accompanying resolution: which Report is received and the following resolution is read and passed, viz:-

Resolved

That the Surveyor of Highways acting under the advice of the Joint Committee on Highways be and he is hereby directed to cause the curbstones to be set back on Broadway from Sabin to Dean street, making the sidewalk of a uniform width of fifteen feet.

(Concurred)
(Approved)

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Parade Street
Reception of.

Resolved

That the Board of Aldermen be hereby requested to receive Parade street from High street to Cranston street and to declare the same a public highway.

(Concurred)
(Approved)

Brook street Sewer.

Resolved

That the Committee on Highways be and they are hereby authorized to cause Brook street sewer to be built between George and Benevolent streets, a distance of about ninety feet, said work to be done by contract or otherwise.

(Concurred)
(Approved)

Quarterly Report of
Surveyor of Highways.

The Quarterly Report of the Surveyor of Highways for Quarter ending February 28, is presented, read and received.

(Concurred)
(Approved)

Report of Surveyor of
Highways on Cost of
Doyle Avenue.

386.

The Surveyor of Highways submits a Report of the cost of labor performed and stock and material used in laying out and making Doyle Avenue from North Main street to East Avenue; also of building a sewer in said Doyle Avenue; which Report

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Hope Street
Widening of.
Thayer Street
Extension of.

is read and referred to the Committee on Claims.

The Committee on Highways to whom was referred by the Board of Aldermen a petition of Amos D. Smith & others for widening Hope and extending Thayer streets, report a draft resolution to extend Thayer street and widen Hope street, recommending the passage thereof: which resolution is received and recommitted to said Committee with instructions to report a plan to lay out, straighten and widen Hope street from John street to Bowen street.

Do.
Remonstrance agt.

A remonstrance of Robert S. Burrough against the widening of Hope street is presented, read and received.

Fountain St.
301.

N. Main St.
329.

Said committee to whom were referred petitions of

P. M. Stone & others for increased widening of Fountain street; of

Rufus Waterman & others relative to paving North Main street, make Reports recommending that the petitioners have leave to withdraw: which Reports are received and thereupon it is ordered that said petitioners have leave to withdraw.

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E.F. + A.H. Man.

North Main St.

365.

The Special Committee to confer with parties damaged by the widening of North Main street, to whom was referred a petition of Eliza F. & Anna H. Man, for remuneration for real estate on North Main street, make Report and recommend that the petitioners have leave to withdraw: which Report is received and it is thereupon ordered that the petitioners have leave to withdraw.

Policeman at

City Building.

337.

The Committee on Police to whom was referred a draft resolution directing the Chief of Police to station a Policeman at the City Building, make Report not recommending the passage thereof: which Report is received and said resolution is read and not passed.

Benefit St School House

Enlargement of.

388.

A Resolution (from the Board of Aldermen) to obtain plans for enlarging school house on Benefit street is read and referred to the Committee on City Property.

School House Lot

Atwell's Avenue.

390.

Resolutions (from said Board) relating to School House on Atwell's Avenue; also relating to School House Lot on Atwell's Avenue;

Broadway

Straightening of.

359.

390.

Also the Resolution relating to straightening Broadway (postponed from the last meeting), are severally postponed till

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the next meeting.

Adjourn.

The Common Council adjourn till Monday, May 9, 1870 at 5 o'clock p.m.

Present - all the members except Messrs Calder, Dutcher, Finner, Joslin and Snow.

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J. M. Addeman
Clerk.

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Common Council, May 9. 1870

Quorum present

The Common Council meet pursuant to adjournment - the President in the chair and a quorum present.

Record read.

The Record of the last meeting is read and approved.

Mo. Report of City Treasurer.

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

(Concurred)

(Approved)

Mo. Report of Chief Eng'r of Fire Dept.

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

(Concurred)

(Approved)

North Burial Ground Annual Reports.

The Annual Reports of the Commissioners of the North Burial Ground on Receipts and Expenditures;

Also, on the Trust Funds;

Also, Receipts and Expenditures of the Income from Trust Funds;

are severally presented, read and received.

(Concurred)

(Approved)

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City Treasurer

Uncollectable taxes.

405.

A communication from the City Treasurer, accompanied by a list of certain uncollectable taxes and recommending the abatement thereof is presented, received and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Union R.R. Co.

Discontinuance of Benefit St.

A communication from the Union Railroad Company giving notice of discontinuance of enjoyment of grant as to Benefit street is presented, received and referred to the Committee on Railroads.

Moving Buildings.

367.

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The Committee on the Fire Department to whom were referred petitions of James R. Wheeler & Albert R. Davis for permission to remove certain buildings, and of

Raising Buildings.

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Patrick Mc Kenna & James Regan, for permission to raise certain buildings make Reports recommending that the prayers of said petitions be granted, which Reports are received and resolutions in accordance therewith are thereupon read and passed.

(Concurred)

(Approved)

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Raising Building
V. Stearns & Co.

367.

Said Committee to whom was re-ferred a petition of N. Stearns & Co. for permission to raise a curtain building make Report recommending that the petitioners have leave to withdraw: which Report is received, and it is thereupon ordered that said petitioners have leave to withdraw.

Remission of Taxes.

The Committee on Claims to whom were referred petitions of Joshua Colwell, and of George W. Arnold

for remission of curtain taxes, make Reports recommending the passage of the accompanying Resolutions: which Reports are received and the following Resolutions are thereupon read and passed, viz: -

Resolved.

That the City Treasurer be hereby directed to remit the sum of Twelve $\frac{20}{100}$ dollars, from the amount assessed against Joshua Colwell in the City Tax of 1869.

(Concurred)

(Approved)

Do.

Resolved.

That the City Treasurer be

Geo. W. Arnold.
364.

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Herely directed to remit the sum of Sixty one dollars from the amount assessed against George W. Arnold 289 High street in the City Tax of 1869.

(Concurred)

(Approved)

Thos. L. Doyle.

Compensation for
flamage of house

244.

Said Committee to whom on the 13th of December last was referred a petition of Thomas L. Doyle for compensation, make Report recommending the passage of the accompanying resolution: which Report is received and the following resolution is thereupon read & passed, viz: -

Resolved.

That the City Treasurer be and he is hereby directed to pay to Thomas L. Doyle the sum of Two hundred dollars in full for all damages sustained by him and to the estate occupied by him in consequence of the overflowing of Stewart street, whenever said Doyle executes a release of all claims by reason of said overflow that shall be satisfactory to the City Solicitor.

(Concurred)

(Approved)

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Doyle Avenue

Report of Surveyor of Highways on cost of

378.

Said committee to whom at the last meeting was referred the Report of the Surveyor of Highway ^{on the cost of Doyle Avenue} make Report that the account appears correct, and recommended that the same be handed over to the City Treasurer with instructions to forward a copy of the account to Messrs F. W. & S. D. Cheney of Hartford, Conn. requesting them to settle their part of the same in accordance with their agreement dated August 27. 1866. which Report is received and adopted.

(Concurred)

(Approved)

P. & H. Steinmetz.

Compensation. 188.

Bridget McNamara.

Death of husband.

110.

Said committee to whom on the 11th of October last was referred a petition of P. & H. Steinmetz for compensation; and of Bridget McNamara for compensation for the death of her husband make Reports recommending that the petitioners have leave to withdraw: which reports are received and it is thereupon ordered that said petitioners have leave to withdraw.

Resolved.

Thos. McNamara

Funeral Expenses.

That the City Treasurer be and he is hereby directed to pay to Mrs Bridget McNamara the sum of fifteen dollars to reimburse her for same amount paid out for 1/2 of Lot 1040 new grounds Catholic

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Cemetery on which to bury her late husband Thomas McNamara.

(Concurred)

(Approved)

Do.

Resolved.

That the City Treasurer be and he is hereby directed to pay to J. C. Barron the sum of Fifty eight dollars the same being in full for his bill of Funeral expenses against the estate of Thomas McNamara.

(Concurred)

(Approved)

School-house on Potter's Avenue.

Appropriation for. 322.

Resolved.

That the sum of thirteen thousand and dollars be and the same is hereby transferred from the Reserve Fund to the appropriation for School Houses and Lots for the purpose of building a new School House on Potter's Avenue in accordance with a resolution of the City Council passed on the 14th instant. (March)

(Concurred)

(Approved)

Bridge at Delain St

Appropriation for.

Resolved.

That the sum of six hundred dollars be and the same is hereby added

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to the appropriation for building the Bridge across the Woonasquatucket River at De-laine street, to be paid

(Concurred,
(Approved)

Cross-walks on
Cromwell & Greenwich
Streets.
367.

The Committee on Highways to whom at the last meeting was referred a petition of A. B. Gardner & others for crosswalks, make Report recommending the passage of the accompanying resolution: which Report is received and the following resolution is thereupon read and passed, viz:-

Resolved.

That the Surveyor of Highways acting under the advice and direction of the Joint Committee on Highways be and he is hereby directed to cause a cross-walk to be laid across Cromwell street north side of Greenwich street and across Greenwich street at Cromwell street.

(Concurred
(Approved)

Appropriation for
Benefit St. School.
380.

The Committee on City Property to whom at the last meeting was referred a Resolution (from the Board of Aldermen), to obtain plans for enlarging School House on Benefit street, make Report and recommend the passage of the accompanying resolution: which

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

Resolved.

That the sum of four thousand dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated to ventilate and heat the Benefit Street Grammar School building. To be paid out of the appropriation for contingencies and to be expended under the direction of the committee on City Property.

(Concurred)
(Approved)

P. & W. R. R. Co.
Dummy Engine.

Resolved.

That permission is hereby granted to the Providence & Worcester Railroad Company to run a dummy Engine for the transportation of freight cars through Canal street, Market Square and South Water streets to Fox Point, provided that all steam from said dummy engine shall be exhausted into a condenser and not into the open air.

Resolved.

That from and after the passage of this resolution said railroad company are prohibited from using horse power in the transportation of freight cars through the above named streets.

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School House & Lot.

Atwell's Avenue

380.

408

431.

Broadway -

straightening of.

380.

418.

The Resolutions relating to School House and to School House Lot on Atwell's Avenue;

Also, Resolution relative to straightening Broadway, - postponed from the last meeting, are again postponed.

Remission of tax.

470.

437.

Petitions of

Uriah R. Colwell, &

Adeline Mauran,

for the remission of certain taxes, are presented, received and referred to the Committee on Claims.

Petitions of

The Fletcher Mfg Co. voters for Bridge on Orms street; of

Daniel S. Hazard voters for curbing on Pearl street; and

Protest of Wm Gardiner and 26 others against proposed widening of Washington street,

are presented, received and referred to the committee on Highways.

Moving building.

Nelson Titus

A petition of Nelson Titus for permission to remove a certain wooden building is presented, received and referred to the Committee on the Fire Department.

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P. & W. R.R. Co.

Dummy Engine.

A petition of the Providence & Worcester R.R. Co. for permission to use Dummy Engine at other times than authorized by Ordinance, is presented, received and referred to the Committee on Railroads.

Res. of Thanks to

Hon. Wm. Binney President.

Resolved

That the thanks of this Common Council be and they are hereby tendered to the Hon. William Binney for the able and impartial manner in which he has discharged the duties of President during the past municipal year.

Unfinished Business continued.

Resolved

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

Adjourn sine die.

The Common Council adjourn sine die.

Present - all the members except Messrs Draper, Harris, Shaw, J. L. Spencer, W. Spencer.

M. Addeman
Clerk.

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Organization
of the City Government
of the City of Providence for
the year commencing on the first
Monday in June A. D. 1870.

Monday, June 6. 1870.

Organization.

This being the day designated by the City Charter for the organization of the City Government for the ensuing political year, the Mayor, Aldermen and Common Councilmen elect assemble in the Common Council chamber this day at 3 o'clock p. m. and are called to order by Hon. Geo. L. Clarke Mayor.

Mayor Clarke's farewell Address.

A farewell address by Hon. Geo. L. Clarke is read.

Hon. Thos. A. Doyle

inaugurated Mayor.

The certificate of the election of Hon. Thomas A. Doyle as Mayor is read; and the oath of office is administered to him by Hon. Geo. L. Clarke.

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City Council
engaged.

The Aldermen elect and the members following of the Common Council elect, being present are duly engaged by the Mayor according to law, viz:

List of members of
Common Council.From the first ward

Smith S. Sweet
Alfred Metcalf
Stillman White
Geo. L. Claflin.

From the second ward

William Binney
Frank Mauran
James H. Armington
Stephen Waterman.

From the third ward

James Shaw Jr
Benj. W. Persons
Lauchlin R. Tucker
Lewis Dexter

From the fourth ward.

Francis Colwell Jr.
Abner J. Barnaby
William H. Fenner
William W. Paine

From the fifth ward

Henry A. Gory.

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William Spence
 Nelson W. Aldrich
 Nicholas Vanslyck.

From the Sixth Ward

Chas. Sydney Smith
 Nathaniel F. Potter jr.
 Frederick E. Keep
 Jesse Boynton

From the Seventh Ward

Lemuel S. Harris
 John H. Joslin
 Jonathon G. Parkhouse
 Jeremiah B. Barnaby

From the Eighth Ward

Jonathon L. Spencer
 J. Leppitt Snow
 Frederick Burgess
 Benjamin Hunt Jr.

From the Ninth Ward

William V. Daboll
 Francis M. Smith
 Henry J. Root
 Gideon Bradford

Prayer is offered by Rev. D. C. Kellogg
 Jr. of Grace Church.

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

Mayor's inaugural. An address by the Mayor relative to
 the Municipal affairs of the City, is read.

City Officers elected. The City Council proceed to the election
 of City Officers for the present Municipal
 year, which election is completed with
 the exception of Wrecker of Hay in bales, which
 is passed.

Prov. Reform School. A communication from Paulina W. Davis
 Women as trustees. et als, asking for the appointment of
 women on the Board of Trustees of the
 Reform School is presented and read.

The two Boards separate.

Common Council
 organized. The members-elect of the Common
 Council are called to order by the Clerk,
 J. M. Addeman.

President elected Hon. William Binney is elected Presi-
 dent of the Common Council for the
 present Municipal year.

Clerk elected. Joshua M. Addeman is elected Clerk of

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The Common Council for the present Municipal year and is duly engaged by the Mayor in the presence of the Board of Aldermen.

Standing Rules of order

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

Standing Rules

Resolved.

That the Standing Rules of the City Council, adopted for the government of the last City Council, be and the same are hereby adopted as the Standing Rules of the City Council for the present Municipal year.

(Non-concurred,

Joint Standing Committees

The following Joint Standing Committees are appointed, viz:

On Finance, Messrs N. Spencer
Waterman }
Dexter } Ald. Knight
Tucker }

On Highways, Messrs Baboll
Clapham }
Keep } Ald. Spicer
Burgess }

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On Education, Messrs Metcalf
Harris }
C. S. Smith } Ald. Coggeshall
Snow }

On the Fire Dept., Messrs Armington
White }
Bradford } Ald. Hopkins
Fenner }

On City Property, Messrs Sweet
Root }
Leary } Ald. Earle
Parkhurst }

On Police, Messrs Aldrich
A. J. Barnaby }
Potter } Ald. Ballou
Hunt }

On Ordinances, Messrs Colwell
J. L. Spencer }
Vanslyck } Ald. Gardner
Persons }

On Claims, Messrs F. M. Smith
Shaw }
Paine } Ald. Snow
Joslin }

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On Printing Messrs Bradford
 Cory }
 J. B. Barnaby } Ald. Knight
 Aldrich }

On the Park
 Baring Ground Messrs Clapham
 J. B. Barnaby } Ald. Coate
 J. L. Spencer }

On the Harbor Messrs Mauran
 Persons } Ald. Tew.
 Shaw }

On Railroads Messrs Mauran
 Sweet } Ald. Gardner
 C. S. Smith }

On the Reduction of the City Debt - Mr Persons.

Resolved.

That Messrs Bradford, Cory,
 J. B. Barnaby and Aldrich, with such
 as the Board of Aldermen may add, be
 and they are hereby appointed a com-
 mittee to wait upon the Mayor and re-
 quest him to furnish for publication a
 copy of the Address this day delivered
 by him to the City Council, and to
 cause the same to be published in such
 manner as they may deem expedient.

Resolved.

Publication of Mayor's
Address + City Manual.

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That the above named Committee be
 and they are hereby directed to cause
 The Standing Rules of the City Council,
 The Standing Rules of Order of the
 Common Council,

A List of the Standing Committees
 of the City Council,

A List of the City Officers,
 and such portions of the Record of the Or-
 ganization of the City Government, as they
 may deem expedient, to be printed in pam-
 phlet form for the use of the City Council,
 under the general title of the "City Manual".

Concurred
(Approved)

Committee on
Accounts.

The following members of the Common Council
 are appointed by ballot members of the Com-
 mittee on Accounts, viz:

- Messrs Henry A. Cory
- Stephen Waterman
- Zachariah R. Tucker
- William W. Paine
- Frederick Burgess
- (Ald. Coggeshall & Snow added.)

City Printing.

Resolved.

That Messrs Bradford, Cory, J. B.
 Barnaby and Aldrich, with such as the
 Board of Aldermen may add, be and they

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are hereby appointed a committee to contract for the city printing for the present Municipal year.

(Concurred + ald. Knight added)

(Approved)

No. of City Documents to be printed.

Resolved.

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

(Concurred)

(Approved)

City Treasurer's Bond.

Resolved.

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

(Concurred)

(Approved)

Dredging Harbor money received from.

Resolved.

That Messrs Mauran, Persons and Shaw, with such as the Board of Aldermen may add, be, and they are hereby appointed a committee for the purpose of

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expending the money received from the Harbor Master, as already appropriated by Ordinance.

(Concurred + Ald. Tew added)

(Approved)

Fourth of July.

Com. of Arrangements.

Resolved

That Messrs W. W. Paine, J. S. Barnaby and N. Van Slyck, 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.

Resolved.

Appropriation for.

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

(Concurred + Ald. Ballou added)

(Approved)

Police Court.

Resolved.

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

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(Concurred)
(Approved)Mo. Report of
Chief Engineer.

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

(Concurred)
(Approved)Mo. Reports of
Harbor Master.

The Monthly Reports of the Harbor Master of arrivals & receipts, and of Dredging, are severally presented, read and received.

(Concurred)
(Approved)

Mo. Report of City Treas.

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

(Concurred)
(Approved)

Do.

Registered Bonds.

The Monthly Reports of the City Treasurer and of the Joint Standing Committee on the Reduction of the City Debt relative to the Issue of Registered Bonds are severally presented read and received.

(Concurred)
(Approved)

Annual Report

Fire Department.

The Annual Report of the Chief Engineer of the Fire Department is pre-

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sented and read, whereupon it is ordered that the same be received and printed for the use of the City Council.

(Concurred)
(Approved)Annual Report of
School Committee

Upon the Annual Report of the School Committee this day presented and read, Resolved.

That the same be received and that 750 copies thereof be printed in pamphlet form for the use of the City Council.

(Concurred)
(Approved)Annual Report of
Supt. N. B. Ground.

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

(Concurred)
(Approved)Annual Report of
Gauger General.

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

(Concurred)
(Approved)Annual Report of
Inspector of Kerosene.

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

(Concurred)
(Approved)

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Annual Report of Trustees of Sinking Fund for Bonds due 1893.

The Annual Report of the Trustees of the Sinking Fund to redeem 5 per cent. bonds due in 1893 is presented, read and received.

(Concurred)
(Approved)

Semi-Annual Report of Overseer of the Poor.

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

(Concurred)
(Approved)

Printing Annual Reports.

Resolved.

That the Joint Committee, who were appointed to cause the Mayor's Address to be printed & and they are hereby authorized to cause the following Reports to be printed in pamphlet form for the use of the City Council, viz:-

The Annual Report of the Quaker General;
The Annual Report of the Commissioners of the North Burying Ground;

The Annual Report of the Superintendent of the North Burying Ground;

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

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

(Concurred)
(Approved)

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Lockwood Street.

Expediency of laying out.

Resolved.

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

(Concurred)
(Approved)

Parade Street

Curbing of.

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

Resolved.

That the Surveyor of Highways be and he is hereby directed to pave the gutters and set the curbing on the West side of Parade street, from High to Cranston street.

(Ordered by the Mayor)

City Treasurer,

Uncollectable taxes.

383.

The Standing Committee on Finance to whom on the 9th day of May last was referred a communication of the City Treasurer, relative to certain uncollectable taxes, make Report recommending the passage of the accompanying resolution: which Report is received, and the following Resolution is thereupon read & passed viz:

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Taxes abated.

Resolved.

That the City Treasurer be, and is hereby directed to ~~abate~~ abate the several taxes assessed in the years 1864, '65, '66 and '67, repated by the Treasurer as uncollectable, and amounting to Fifty ten hundred and thirty one and ⁷/₁₀₀ dollars, as per accompanying list.

(Concurred)

(Approved)

Grand Army of Republic.

Thanks for appropriation

369.

A communication from the Grand Army of the Republic tendering their thanks to this body for liberal appropriation of money for Decoration Day is presented, read and received.

Mayor's Address referred.

Resolved.

That the several subjects mentioned in the Inaugural Address this day delivered by His Honor the Mayor, be and the same are (except when otherwise specially ordered, hereby referred to the proper standing committees to examine and report thereon.

Extension of Fountain St.

J. Com. to confer with parties damaged by 280.

Messrs Aldrich, Vanslyck and J. L. Spencer are appointed a Special Committee, under the Resolution passed February 7, 1870, to confer with parties damaged by the extension of Fountain street.

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Free Public Library

Vote on.

369.

A Resolution from the Board of Aldermen communicating the result of the vote May 11, 1870 upon the proposition to establish a Free Public Library in the City of Providence (viz. Ayes 833, Nays 1353) is presented, read, and received.

Raising buildings.

432.

418.

Moving buildings.

432.

418.

418.

Petitions of

Wm. Mc Elroy,

F. A. Wrightman,

for raising certain buildings; and of

James Dyer,

B. F. Patodie

Martin Damoty & Luther Waldron, for removing certain buildings, are severally presented received and referred to the S. Committee on the Fire Department.

Petitions of

Bowen Street

Sewer in 443.

Point Street Curbing of 441.

Fallman's Lane Sewer &c. in

Brown & Sharpe Mfg Co

Drains. 437.

Promenade Street.

Grade of 443.

John A. Field & others for sewer in Bowen street; of

B. F. Gilman & others for curbing portion of Point street; of

Allen Shaw & others for sewer and paring gutters in Fallman's Lane; of

Brown & Sharpe Mfg Co. for permission to build certain drains; of

Brown & Sharpe Mfg Co. & others in relation to the grade of Promenade street, are severally presented, received

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and referred to the S. Committee on Highways.

J.A. & H.N. Bidwell.

Removal of trees.

445.

A petition of Jason A. & Harriet A. Bidwell for removal of trees from State St. School House Lot is presented, received and referred to the S. Committee on Education.

School House & Lot on Atwells Avenue.

417.

Broadway - Straightening of.

446.

The several resolutions relating to School House and School House Lot on Atwells Avenue; and to straightening Broadway are again postponed till the next meeting.

Adjourn.

The Common Council adjourn till the second Monday in July (July 11th 1870) at 8 o'clock p.m.

Present - all the members.

A.M. Addiman
Clerk

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Common Council - June 8, 1870.

Special Meeting

Called by the Mayor as per his Warrant dated June 6, 1870, which is read.

Pursuant to said Warrant, the members of the Common Council assemble in their Chamber this day at 8 o'clock p.m. the President in the chair and a quorum present.

Quorum present.

Record read.

The Record of the last meeting is read and approved.

Mayor's Message.

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

Mayor's Office

City of Providence June 8, 1870

Gentlemen of the Common Council,

I have convened you this evening for the reason that there are matters of importance which require action on your part before the time to which you had adjourned.

Appropriation for

Public Schools.

These are first, the necessity of an appropriation for public schools, as there is not enough remaining in the Treasury of the amount heretofore appropriated to pay the salaries of the

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Teachers for the current quarter.

Vacation Schools.

Second. A resolution should be passed authorizing the School Committee to open "vacation Schools" during the approaching vacation as has been successfully done for two years past.

Lloyd Street.

Third. The report of the Commissioners of estimate and assessment upon the extension of Lloyd street which was returned to the Supreme Court on the twentieth ultimo.

Point St. Bridge.

Fourth. Application should be made to the General Assembly at its present session for the passage of an act regulating the passage of vessels through the draw of the Point street bridge, providing for draw tenders and for the protection of the bridge. I have requested the City Solicitor to prepare an act in proper form, taking as a basis the acts relative to the several draw bridges over Sekonk river, and

Highway Dept.

Re-organization of.

Fifth. The reorganization of the Highway Department, a resolution in relation to this subject having passed the Board of Aldermen on Monday last.

Thos. A. Doyle
Mayor.

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Highway Dept.

Committee on Re-organization of:
502.

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

Resolved.

That that portion of the Mayors Address referring to Highways be referred to a joint Special Committee consisting of the Mayor, Aldermen Spicer and Hopkins with such as the Common Council may add with power to report by ordinance or otherwise.

Messrs Burnton, Daboll and Colwell are added on the part of the Common Council.

(Approved)

Mr. C. S. Smith's
Resignation as mem-
ber of Com. on Education
accepted.

Mr C. S. Smith tenders his resignation as a member of the S. Committee on Education; a motion that he be excused from serving thereon is laid on the table. Subsequently said motion is taken from the table, and said resignation is accepted by a vote of 19 to 8.

Mr. F. E. Keep's
resignation as mem-
ber of Com. on Highways
accepted.

Mr Keep tenders his resignation as a member of the S. Committee on Highways, which resignation is accepted.

Mr. S. Waterman's
resignation as mem-
ber of Com. on
Accounts.

Mr Waterman tenders his resignation as a member of the Committee on Accounts,

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which is accepted.

Committee on Accounts.

Mr. F. E. Keep elected.

A ballot is then taken for filling the vacancy in said committee, and Mr Keep is declared elected, he receiving 26 votes to 4 for Mr Boynton.

Providence Dispensary.

Appropriation for.

Resolved

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

(Concurred)

(Approved)

Park at Field's Point.

Amendment to Act.
Petition for.

A communication is received from the City Clerk, announcing that a copy of the petition of Truman Beckwith sothers to the General Assembly of this state for an amendment to the act authorizing the City of Providence to establish a Park was filed in the City Clerk's office, June 2^d, inst pursuant to Chapter 2, Sect. 2, of the Rev. Stat. which communication is read & received in concurrence.

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Public Schools.

Appropriation for.

The Standing Committee on Education make Report that the appropriation for the Public Schools is nearly exhausted and recommend the passage of the accompanying resolution: which Report is received and the following resolution is read & passed.

Resolved

That the sum of Twenty one thousand eight hundred dollars be and the same is hereby transferred from Reserve Fund, and the sum of Forty two hundred dollars from the appropriation for contingencies, to the appropriation for Public Schools.

(Concurred)

(Approved)

Vacation Schools.

Resolved

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

(Concurred)

(Approved)

Resolved

That the City Solicitor be di-

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Point St. Bridge.
Legislation to pro-
tect passage of vessels.

rected to make application to the Gen-
eral Assembly at its present session for
the passage of an Act regulating the
passage of vessels through the draw of
the Point street bridge, providing for
draw tenders and for the protection of
the bridge.

(Concurred,
(Approved)

Resolved.

Purchase of wharf
Property etc. on S. Water
St. for Point St. Bridge.

That the joint committee on
City Property be and they are hereby au-
thorized to purchase of the Providence and
Worcester Railroad Company a parcel of
wharf property situate between South
Water street and the harbor line, bounded
northerly on Cent street and southerly on
land of Jonathon Pike and Farthing
street; provided a title thereto satisfac-
tory to the City Solicitor can be obtained
and that the cost thereof shall not
exceed twenty five thousand dollars, in-
cluding all damage to said company
by the widening of Cent street and
building Point street bridge.

Resolved.

That the aforesaid sum be charged to
the loan account of the city of Providence.

(Concurred,
(Approved)

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Dexter Donation
Purchase of fee.

Resolved.

That so much of the address of
the Mayor delivered on the sixth inst. as
relates to the purchase of the fee of the
Dexter Donation property be and the same
is hereby referred to Aldermen Jew and
Coggshall with such as the Common Coun-
cil may add to ascertain if the said
fee can be purchased and upon what
terms.

A resolution in the foregoing words, hav-
ing passed the Board of Aldermen is
sent down for concurrence and is read:
whereupon it is resolved that the Common
Council do concur therein, and that
Messrs Colwell, Waterman and Bradford
be added to said committee.

(Approved)

Resolved.

Invitation to join
in Convention.

That His Honor the Mayor and
the Board of Aldermen be invited to join
the Common Council in convention for the
purpose of confirming nominations for
Deputy Quagers and the transaction of
such other business as may legally come
before them.

Accepted.

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

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In Convention.

In Convention.

Deputy Gaugers.
Confirmed.

Amos Potter and Robert Sherman,
nominated by the Gauger General as
Deputy Gaugers are confirmed as such.

City Officers elected.

Stephen Brooks and James S. Hudson
are elected surveyors and corders of road;
Robert Sherman a weigher of hay in bales;
and James W. Riley a constable.

The two Boards separate.

Thayer Street.

Curbing & Paving of.

Resolved.

That the Surveyor of High-
way acting under the advice and di-
rection of the joint committee on High-
ways, be hereby directed to cause the
curbstones to be set and gutters paved
on Thayer street, from the Anthony line
of the school house lot (corner of Meeting
& Thayer streets, to Bowen street, the same
to commence forthwith.

(Concurred)

Resolved.

That the Surveyor of Highway
acting under the advice and direction of

Point Street
to be paved with
granite blocks.

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the Joint Committee on Highways, be and
he is hereby directed to pave Point street
from the new Bridge, to Richmond street,
with Granite blocks instead of cobble
stone, as per vote of the City Council
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(Concurred)

(Approved)

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

Resolved.

Point St. Bridge
Street leading from
to S. Water St. to be paved.

That the Surveyor of High-
ways acting under the direction of the
Joint Standing Committee on Highways
is hereby directed to pave the street lead-
ing from the Point street Bridge to
South Water street with granite blocks.

(Approved)

A resolution in the words following
having passed the Board of Aldermen,
and postponed till this meeting is sent
down, read and passed in concurrence, viz:

Resolved.

Atwells Avenue.

Purchase of land for
School purposes.

418.

That the joint Standing
Committee on City Property be and they
are hereby authorized and requested
to purchase the lot of land for school

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purpose, corner Atwell's Avenue and Bourn street, belonging to the heirs of the late Bradford Allen, provided the same can be had at a price, not to exceed the sum of one dollar per square foot, the same to be paid for out of the appropriation for Public Schools.

(Approved)

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

Martin Damoky,

Lyman H. Gady,

Henry J. Grant,

B. F. Sabodie,

Luther Waldron,

for permission to remove certain buildings,

and of J. A. Nightman

to raise a certain building, make Reports recommending that the prayers thereof be granted: which Reports are received and resolutions in accordance therewith are thereupon read and passed.

(Concurred)

(Approved)

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

Moving buildings.
417

417.

417.

Raising building.
417.

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Lloyd Street

Extension of
235.

Whereas the commissioners of estimate and assessment, appointed by the Supreme Court at the October term A.D. 1869, to lay out a street of the width of sixty feet from the easterly line of Hope street, opposite the termination of Lloyd street, to the westerly line of Arlington Avenue, under and pursuant to the act entitled "An Act in relation to the laying out, enlarging, straightening or otherwise altering streets in the City of Providence", made their first report to said Court on Monday May 30. 1870.

Now therefore within thirty days after the making of said report to said Court,

Resolved.

That the City Council do elect to make said improvement.

It is moved that the Common Council do concur with the Board in the passage of said resolution, upon which motion the yeas and nays are ordered as follows, viz:

Ayes. Messrs President, Aldrich, Armingtton, A. J. Barnaby, Claflin, Colwell, Dexter, Fenner, Harris, Metcalf, Paine, Persons, Shaw, C. S. Smith, Snow, Sweet, Tucker, Vanslyck & Waterman, 19

Nays. Messrs Burgess, Cory, Hunt, Joelin, Parkhurst, J. L. Spencer and W. Spencer, 7

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And the Common Council therefor con-
cur in the passage of said resolution.
(Voted by the Mayor)

Fourth of July
Additional appropriation
(not passed)

A draft resolution making an addition-
al appropriation of \$1500 for the celebration
of the approaching 4th of July is present-
ed, read and not passed (by a vote
of 14 to 15.)

Roger Wms. Spring.

497.

A draft resolution in regard to the
Roger Williams Spring is presented,
read & referred to the S. Committee on City
Property with power to act, if in their
judgment it is deemed expedient.

Adjourn.

The Common Council adjourns till
Monday July 11. 1870 at 8 o'clock p.m.

Members present.

Present - all the members except
Messrs Boynton, Keef, Mauran, Potter
and White. 5.

M. Addeman
Clerk.

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Quorum present.

The Common Council meet pursu-
ant to adjournment - a quorum present.

President pro tem.

The President being absent - Mr T. W.
Aldrich is elected President pro tem.

Record read.

The Record of the last meeting is read
and approved.

Mayor's Message.

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

Resignation of
Mr. J. Boynton

Mayor's Office

Provided July 11. 1870

Gentlemen of the Common Council.

I have received from
Jesse Boynton Esq. his resignation as a
member of the Common Council from the
sixth ward and I transmit the
same herewith, that you may order an
election to fill the vacancy occasioned
thereby.

Thomas A. Doyle
Mayor.

Do.

A communication from Mr Boynton
tendering his resignation as a member
of the Common Council is read and received.

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Special Election in
Sixth Ward.

Resolved.

That an election be held in the Sixth Ward for the purpose of electing one member of the Common Council to represent said ward in the place of Jesse Brynston resigned.

Resolved.

That said election be held on the 29th day of July 1870 and that the ballots be sealed up, and counted by the Board of Aldermen as provided for by law in the election of City Council.

(In Board of Aldermen
Read & election ordered.)

Mayor's Message.

Purchase of land
from P. & W. R.R. Co.

A Message from the Mayor relative to payment of interest on the purchase money for land on South Water Street bought of the Providence & Worcester R.R. Company is presented and read.

Do.

Payment of interest.

Resolved.

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

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

(Concurred)

(Approved)

Ordinance creating

Water Loan -
amended

A communication from the Committee on the reduction of the City Debt relative to the form of Water Bonds and interest warrants is received; and a bill for "an Ordinance in amendment of an Ordinance entitled 'An Ordinance creating a Water Loan for the city of Providence'", recommended by said committee, is thereupon read and passed.

(Concurred)

(Approved)

School Committee

Petition for sundry
appropriations.

457

458

A communication from the School Committee relative to the employment of teachers of French and eloquence; the removal of certain desks in the Brigham School House; the enlarging of the Public street school house; removing and altering the Square St. School House; the erecting of a brick school house on the Square St. lot; and asking for an appropriation of \$50,000 for the same, is pre-

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sented and read, whereupon it is resolved that the same be received and referred to the Joint Committee on Education to examine and report thereon.

(Concurred),
(Approved),

Reform School.

Resolved.

Salaries of Officers

471.

That so much of the Address of the Mayor delivered on the sixth of June last as relates to the salaries of the officers of the Reform School be and the same is hereby referred to the joint committee on Police to examine and report thereon.

(Concurred),
(Approved),

Dexter Donation

Meeting of freemen.

A communication from the City Clerk enclosing a copy of a resolution passed at a town meeting of the freemen of the city of Providence held on the last Saturday in June 1870 and recommending the purchase of all the right, title and interest of the heirs-at-law of Ebenezer Knight Dexter in and to the lands devised to the city of Providence by the will of said Ebenezer Knight Dexter, at a sum not to exceed fifty thousand dollars, is presented and received.

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(Concurred),
(Approved),

City Auditor

Appropriations

A communication from the City Auditor relative to appropriations for the extension of Fountain and Brook streets, and the widening of Weybosset and North Main streets, is presented, read and received.

(Concurred),
(Approved),

Appropriation to pay awards for extension of Fountain, Brook Weybosset and North Main streets.

449.

Resolved

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

(Concurred),
(Approved),

Mo. Report of Chief Engineer.

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

(Concurred),
(Approved),

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Harbor Master's

Mo. Report.

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

(Concurred)

(Approved)

Do.

Dredging Harbor.

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

(Concurred)

(Approved)

City Treasurer's

Mo. Report.

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

(Concurred)

(Approved)

Do.

Registered Bonds.

The Monthly Reports of the City Treasurer and of the Committee on the Reduction of the City Debt on the Issue of Registered Bonds are presented, read and received.

(Concurred)

(Approved)

3rd Quarterly Report

of Water Commissioners.

The third Quarterly Report of the Water Commissioners is presented, read and received.

(Concurred)

(Approved)

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Cove Lands,

Committee on.

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

Resolved.

That His Honor the Mayor, with Aldermen Snow and Coggshall and such as the Common Council may add, be, and they are hereby appointed a committee to take into consideration that portion of the annual message of the Mayor that refers to the Cove Lands, and recommend to the City Council such action as will tend to the proper laying out, prudent management and judicious disposal of said lands.

Whereupon it is resolved that the Common Council do concur therein, and that Messrs Dexter, Colwell and Bradford be added to said committee.

(Approved)

Orphan's Shelter

Stone Steps for.

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

Resolved.

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

(Approved)

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Report of Committee

Fourth of July.

The Special Committee on the Municipal celebration of Fourth of July last make their Report, which is read and received.

(Concurred,
(Approved)

Public Market.

Committee on.

Resolved.

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

(Concurred & Ald. Ballou added,
(Approved)

Lamp Department

Appropriation for.

449.

Resolved.

That the sum of eight thousand dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated for the use of the Lamp Department - the same to be charged to the Loan Account of the City of Providence

(Concurred,
(Approved)

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Fire Alarm

Telegraph.

Resolved.

That the committee on the Fire Department be and they are hereby directed to contract for an entire new system of Fire Alarm Telegraph to consist of at least fifty alarm stations and two bell towers, the same to be automatic in its operation, and to be furnished at a cost not to exceed fifteen thousand dollars.

Appropriation.

Resolved.

That the sum of fifteen thousand dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated from the funds of the Fire Department to carry the above resolution into effect.

(Concurred)
(Approved)

Ordinance estab-

lishing joint rules

&c. amended.

A bill entitled "An Ordinance in Amendment of an Ordinance entitled 'An Ordinance establishing certain joint rules and joint standing Committees of the City Council' (adding a joint standing committee on Sewers), is presented, read and passed

(Concurred,
(Approved)

The joint Committee on Education to whom

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Greenwich St. School House to be enlarged. was referred the subject of enlarging the Greenwich street School House, make Report, recommending the accompanying resolution, which Report is received, and the following resolution is thereupon read and passed, viz:—

Resolved.

That the Superintendent of Public Buildings be and he is hereby instructed, under the direction of the committee on City Property to cause a second story to be added to the E. of the Greenwich street school house, provided the expense thereof shall not exceed the sum of Fifteen Hundred Dollars; to be paid out of the appropriation for Public Buildings

(Concurred)

(Approved)

Resolved.

That Messrs Shaw, Comington and Fenner with such as the Board of Aldermen may add, be and they are hereby authorized and empowered to cause a proper copy to be made of the portrait of the late Hon. Samuel N. Bridgman, first Mayor of this city for the purpose of replacing the portrait now hanging in the Council chamber, the expense of said copy and frame to be charged to the appropriation for con-

Portrait of Mayor

S. W. Bridgman.

Copy to be made.

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tingencies.

(Concurred + Ald. Coggeshall added)

(Approved)

School House on

Atwell's Avenue.

390.

A resolution in the words following, having passed the Board of Aldermen and in Common Council postponed till this date is read and passed in concurrence, viz:

Resolved.

That so much of the Mayor's Communication of April 25. as relates to the petition of the School Committee relative to the erection of an Intermediate and Primary School House on the School House Lot on Atwell's Avenue be and the same is hereby referred to the joint Committee on Education to examine and report thereon.

(Approved)

Union R.R. Co.

Authority to lay rails.

Ordinance amended.

A petition of the Union Railroad Co. for authority to lay rails in certain streets is presented, received and referred to the Joint Committee on Railroads: whereupon said Committee make Report, recommending the passage of the accompanying Ordinance, which Report is received, and a bill entitled "An Ordinance in amendment of the several Ordinances per-

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mitting the several companies consolidated under the name of the "Union Railroad Company" to lay rails in certain streets in the city of Providence" is thereupon read and passed.

(Concurred)

(Approved)

Raising buildings.

407.

The committee on the Fire Department, to whom were referred petitions of

Jm Mc Elroy

Moulton + Ingraham

Richard White

to raise certain buildings; and of

Jr W. Breck,

James Dyer,

Cornelius Galvin,

Manton E. Hoard

Harris + Brayton, trustees.

Anthony Scanlan

Ezek Tallman

to remove certain buildings, make Reports recommending that the prayers of said petitions be granted; which Reports are received and resolutions in accorded therewith are thereupon severally read and passed.

(Concurred)

(Approved)

Moving Buildings.

407.

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Chas. G. Hendricks

Claim for reimbursement.

The joint Committee on Police to whom was referred by the Board of Aldermen a claim of Charles G. Hendricks for reimbursement make report and recommend the passage of the accompanying resolution: which report is received and the following resolution is thereupon read and passed, viz:

Resolved.

That the City Treasurer is hereby directed to pay Charles G. Hendricks the sum of (\$147¹⁴/₁₀₀) One hundred forty seven ¹⁴/₁₀₀ dollars and charge the same to the appropriation for Police

(Concurred)

(Approved)

William J. Cobb.

Claim for allowance.

Said Committee to whom was referred a petition of William J. Cobb, a disabled police constable for allowance of half pay, make report and recommend the passage of the accompanying resolution: which report is received, and the following resolution is thereupon read and passed, viz:

Resolved.

That the City Treasurer is hereby directed to pay William J. Cobb as a gratuity, the sum of one dollar and twenty five cents per day, for such

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time after his removal from the Police force as the Board of Aldermen shall determine, said payments to be made monthly, subject to the approval of said Board, - the same to be paid from the appropriation for Police.

(Concurred,

(Approved)

James Miner.

Petition for allowance.

Said committee to whom was referred a petition of James Miner, a disabled police constable for allowance, make report and recommend the passage of the accompanying resolution: which report is received, and the following resolution is thereupon read and passed, viz:

Resolved.

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

(Concurred,

(Approved)

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Petitions referred,

469.

471.

471.

Petitions of

William Goerner for remission of tax; of

Mary G. Pearce,

James D. Cook,

Oliver Johnson & Co,

John Mathews,

D. H. Broman,

C. C. T. Wheaton & H. Anthony,

S. C. Kingsley & Son & Co.

McCrillis, Harris & Co.

Deering & Monnell,

Henry Staples & Co.

all for damages, are severally presented, received and referred to the Committee on Claims.

Abatement of
nuisance.
458.

A petition of P. W. Gardiner & others for abatement of nuisances is presented, received and referred to the Committee on Ordinances.

Petitions of

Elm St.

450.

Eagle St.

Hope St.

Sewer on Broadway.

451.

Pardon S. Pearce & others for cross-roads on Elm street; of

The Richmond Mfg Co. for reclamation of Eagle street; of

Robert S. Burrough & others relative to widening Hope street;

also, a draft resolution to extend the Sewer on Broadway.

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all seasonally presented, received and referred to the committee on Highways.

Brook Street
Curbing &c. in
452.

A petition of Nathan Childs & others for grading, curbing and paving gutters in Brook street is presented, received and referred to the Committee on Highway with instructions to report at the next meeting of the Council.

Wm. Isten.
Raising building,
450.

A petition of William Esten to raise a certain building is presented, received and referred to the committee on the Fire Department.

Mary B. Padelford,
Weybosset St.
453.

A petition of Mary B. Padelford for reference of matter in controversy to referees under rule of Court is presented, received and referred to the Special Committee on the widening of Weybosset street.

City Engineer.
Appropriation for help.
466.

A communication from the City Engineer asking for further appropriation for help is presented, received and referred to the committee on Finance.

James Tully
Remuneration.

The Committee on Claims to whom was referred by the Board of Aldermen a petition of James Tully for remunera-

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tion, make report and recommend that the petitioner have leave to withdraw: which report is received and it is thereupon ordered that said petitioners have leave to withdraw.

Adeline Mauran
Remission of tax
390.
470.

Said committee to whom was referred a petition of Adeline Mauran for remission of tax make report without recommendation: which report is received and said petition is recommitted to said committee.

Brown & Sharpe Mfg Co.
Building drains
407.

The Committee on Highways to whom at the last meeting was referred a petition of Brown & Sharpe Mfg Co. for permission to build certain drains make report, recommending the passage of the accompanying resolution: which report is received and the following resolution is thereupon read and passed, viz:-

Resolved.

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

(Concurred),
(Approved),

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Keene Street
Reception of.Resolved.

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

(Concurred,
(Approved)Keene Street
Grading + Curbing.Resolved.

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

(Concurred,
(Approved)Thayer Street.
Grading + CurbingResolved.

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

(Concurred,
(Approved)

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Francis Street.
Reception of.

Said committee to whom was referred by the Board of Aldermen a petition of M. Woods others for reception of Francis street, make report recommending that the prayer of the petition be granted when the abutting owners build a suitable bank wall on said Francis street satisfactory to the Surveyor of Highways: which Report is received.

(Concurred,
(Approved)Plane Street
Curbing + paving.Resolved.

That the Surveyor of Highways acting under the advice and direction of the Joint Committee on Highways be and he is hereby directed to cause the curbstones to be set and gutters paved on Plane street from the termination of the present curbing to Public street, forthwith.

(Concurred)

Orms Street
Grading + Curbing

135.

Said committee to whom was referred a petition of Horace Crossman others for grading and curbing Orms street, make report recommending the passage of the accompanying resolution: which Report is received, and the following resolu-

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tion is thereupon read and passed, viz:

Resolved.

That the Surveyor of Highways acting under the advice and direction of the Joint Committee on Highways be and he is hereby directed to cause the curbstones to be set and the gutters paved on Orms street from Charles street to the Railroad Bridge, when the Worcester Railroad Co. will build a new and substantial bridge over the Railroad.

B. 250 on 144

Ocean Street
Curbing & paving
1884.

Said Committee to whom was referred a petition of Mr. M. Longstreet & others for curbing and paving gutters on Ocean street, make report recommending the passage of the accompanying resolution: which report is received and the following resolution is thereupon read and passed, viz:

Resolved.

That the Surveyor of Highways acting under the advice and direction of the Joint Committee on Highways be and he is hereby directed to cause the curbstones to be set and the gutters paved on Ocean street from Public street to Trumb's Avenue.

B. 250 on 144

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Point street
curbing of
407.

Said committee, to whom was referred a petition of Benj. F. Gilmore & others for curbing a portion of Point street, make report recommending the passage of the accompanying resolution: which report is received and the following resolution is thereupon read and passed, viz:

Resolved.

That the Surveyor of Highways acting under the advice and direction of the Joint Committee on Highways be and he is hereby directed to cause curbstones to be set in front of ^{lots} No's 141, 142, 144, Point street (about 140 feet.)

B. 250 on 144

Broadway
Setting back curb.

Said committee, to whom was referred a petition of J. D. Thompson & others to set back the curbstones in Broadway, make report recommending the passage of the accompanying resolution, which report is received, and the following resolution is thereupon read and passed:

Resolved.

That the Surveyor of Highways acting under the advice and direction of the Joint Committee on Highways be and he is hereby directed to set back the curbstones five feet on Broadway

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from Deau to Harkness street.

(Concurred)

Thurber's Avenue
Curbing of.

Said committee to whom was referred a petition of Edwin Richardson & others for curbing of Thurber's Avenue, make report, recommending the passage of the accompanying resolution: which report is received and the following resolution is thereupon read and passed: viz:—

Resolved,

That the Surveyor of Highways acting under the advice and direction of the Joint Committee on Highways be and he is hereby directed to cause the curbstones to be set and the gutters paved on Thurber's Avenue from Ocean street to the lot of land recently purchased by the City for the use of the highway (cont.)

(Concurred)

(Approved)

Vernon Street
Curbing of.

Said committee to whom was referred a petition of Mr. A. Warner & others for curbing of Vernon Street, make report recommending the passage of the accompanying resolution: which report is received, and the following resolution is thereupon read and passed, viz:

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Resolved,

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

(Concurred)

(Approved)

Point St. Sewer.

Said committee to whom were referred petitions of

James L. Hunt & others for sewer and paving of Point Street; of

Pearl Street

Continuation of.

367.

John D. Cranston & others for continuation of Pearl Street from Cranston to High streets; of

Brown & Sharpe Mfg Co.

Promenade St.

407.

Brown & Sharpe Mfg Co. & others in relation to grade of Promenade Street, make reports recommending that the petitioners have leave to withdraw: which Reports are received, and it is thereupon ordered that said petitioners have leave to withdraw.

Bowen St.

Sewer in.

407.

Said committee to whom was referred a petition of John A. Field & others for sewer in Bowen Street make report recommending

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the passage of the accompanying resolution: which report is received and said resolution is read and not passed.

Highway Department.

Rooms for.

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

Resolved.

That the committee on City Property be and they are hereby directed to hire suitable rooms for the use of the Highway Department, on or near Market Square, so as to be accessible to the City Building.

Whereupon it is resolved that the Common Council do concur therein with an amendment inserting the words "and for the Chief Engineer of the Fire Department" at the end of the third line, after the word "department".

(Concurred)

Cove Promenade

Settees for.

Resolved.

That the Joint Committee on City Property be hereby authorized to purchase twelve settees of the Central Park pattern, and to place the same on the Cove Promenade, provided the expense thereof shall not exceed one hundred

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and fifty dollars to be paid from the appropriation for public grounds.

(Concurred)

State St. School Int.

Removal of trees.

408.

The committee on Education to whom was referred a petition of J. A. Bidwell trustee for removal of trees, make report recommending the passage of the accompanying resolution: which report is received and the following resolution is thereupon read and passed, viz:

Resolved.

That the Superintendent of Public Buildings, acting under the direction of the committee on City Property, be and he is hereby instructed to cut down or trim such trees on the State St. School House lot, as they may deem advisable.

(Concurred)

Benefit Street.

Sand Catchers.

The committee on Highways to whom was referred a petition of James T. Rhodes relative to sand catchers in Benefit Street, make report recommending that the subject be referred to the Superintendent of Health: which report is received and it is ordered that the same be commu-

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nicated to the Board of Aldermen.

Broadway.
Straightening of.

408.
453.

The resolution relative to the straightening of Broadway which was postponed till this day is again postponed.

City Hall.
Resolution to build.

468.

Resolutions in relation to building a new City Hall are presented, read, and the consideration thereof postponed till the second Monday in September next.

Adjourn.

The Common Council adjourn till Monday, July 25. 1870 at 8 o'clock p.m.

Present - all the members except the President, and Messrs Cory J. L. Spence & White.

J. M. Addeman
Clerk.

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Common Council - July 25. 1870.

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

President pro tem.

The President being absent Mr Aldrich is elected President pro tem.

Record read.

The Record of the last meeting is read and approved.

City Auditor

Estimate of Receipts

& Expenditures.

A communication from the City Auditor submitting an estimate of the Receipts and Expenditures of the City for the financial year ending on the 30th day of September 1871, is presented, read and received.

(Concurred)

(Approved)

Resolution to lay

concrete on Halsey St.

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

That the Superintendent of Public Buildings be directed to cause the walk on Halsey street and adjoining to the Benefit street Grammar School house to be covered with concrete, said

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work to be done while the repairs on said building are being carried on, the same to be charged to the appropriation for sidewalks and curbing.

Whereupon it is resolved that the Common Council do concur therein with an amendment inserting in line 5, after the word "be", the words "re-curbed and."

(Concurred)

(Approved)

Market Square.

Paving of.

453.

A Resolution (from the Board of Aldermen), ordering the paving of Market Square, is read and referred to the Joint Committee on Highways.

Tax Ordinance.

A bill entitled "An Ordinance providing for the assessment and collection of a Tax upon the real and personal estate in the City of Providence" (reported by the Joint Committee on Finance), is presented, read and passed.

(Concurred)

(Approved)

Resolved.

Res. to hire money.

Purchase of land of

Prov. + Nor. R.R.

That the City Treasurer be and he is hereby authorized to hire under the direction of the Committee on Finance the sum of Twenty six thou-

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and dollars on account of an appropriation for land bought of the Providence & Worcester Railroad Co. approved June 8th 1870.

(Concurred)

(Approved)

Resolved.

Res. to hire money.

Opening of Streets.

425

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

(Concurred)

(Approved)

Resolved.

Appropriation for

Lamp Department.

428.

That the sum of eight thousand dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated for the use of the Lamp Department out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated.

(Concurred)

(Approved)

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

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Raising Buildings.

436.

John Crane,
John Merwether, vs
William Easton,

for raising certain buildings; and of

Moving Buildings.

John Shekar
Samuel Hedley vs
Owen Reid,

for removing certain buildings, make Reports recommending that the prayers of said petitions be granted: which Reports are received, and resolutions in accordance therewith are thereupon read and passed. (Concurred & approved)

Do.

Thos. J. Hamilton.

460.

A petition of Thomas J. Hamilton to remove a certain building, and a remonstrance of Joseph Martin & others against the same (reported back by said Committee) are postponed till the next meeting.

Film Street

Crosswalks on.

435.

The Committee on Highways to whom was referred a petition of Pardon S. Pearce & others for crosswalks on Elm street, make Report recommending the passage of the accompanying resolution: which Report is received and the following resolution is thereupon read & passed:
Resolved,

That the Surveyor of Highways

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acting under the advice and direction of the Joint Committee on Highways, be and he is hereby directed to cause crosswalks to be laid across Elm street at the corner of Chestnut street and Richmond street.

(Concurred)

(Approved)

Broadway.

sewer extended.

435.

Said committee to whom was referred a draft resolution to extend the sewer on Broadway make Report recommending the accompanying substitute, which Report is received, and the following resolution is thereupon read & passed, viz:-

Resolved.

That the Surveyor of Highways, acting under the advice and direction of the Joint Committee on Highways be and he is hereby directed to cause the sewer in Broadway to be extended from its present termination to the west side of Federal street.

(Non-concurred)

Gano Street

Reception of

Said committee to whom was referred a petition of M. H. Emmerton & others for reception of Gano street, make Report, recommending that the petitioners have

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leave to withdraw: which Report is received, and it is thereupon ordered that said petitioners have leave to withdraw.

Brook Street.
Grading &c. of.

436

477.

Said committee to whom was referred a petition of Nathan Childs & others for grading, curbing and paving gutters on Brook street, make report that in their opinion it is not necessary to set curbing and pave gutters at present, but recommends that the Surveyor of Highways be ordered to level the street and make it passable: which Report is received.

A draft resolution instructing the Surveyor of Highways to pave gutters and set curbstones on Brook street is introduced, read and referred to the Joint Committee on Highways.

Resolved.

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

(Concurred)

(Approved)

The Special Committee appointed

Committee on Highways
authorized to let out
work by contract.

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Mary B. Padelford.

Weybasset Street.

436.

to confer with parties interested in the widening of Weybasset street, to whom at the last meeting was referred a petition of Mary B. Padelford for reference of matter in controversy, make Report recommending the passage of the accompanying resolution: which Report is received, and the following resolution is thereupon read & passed, viz:

Resolved.

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

(Concurred)

(Approved)

Broadway

Straightening of.

446.

A draft resolution relative to straightening Broadway, postponed till this day, is taken from the table and indefinitely postponed.

Adjourn.

The Common Council adjourn till Monday August 8. 1870 at 8 p. m. - Present - all the members except Messrs President Cony, Mauran, Snow & Tanslyck.

J. M. Addemaney Clerk.

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Common Council - August 8. 1870.

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

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

Record read. The Record of the last meeting is read and approved.

Mr. J. E. Lester engaged. Mr John Erastus Lester, member-elect from the Sixth Ward, to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Mr Jesse Boynton, being present, is duly engaged by the Mayor.

Mayor's Message. A Message from the Mayor in the words following is presented and read, viz:
 in gold. Mayor's Office

Providence August 8. 1870
 Gentlemen of the City Council
 Parties holding the bonds of this City issued prior to February 25. 1862, have demanded that the coupons attached thereto shall be paid in gold and they have filed their protests with the City Treasurer in consequence of being compelled to receive

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payment in currency. I recommend that early attention be given to this matter and suggest whether in view of the fact that the city is soon to be in market for a heavy loan, it would not be best to order the payment in gold of the interest as it shall become due upon the loan of 1876 and the loan of 1885.

Thomas A. Doyle
 Mayor.

Whereupon it is resolved that the same be referred to the Joint Committee on Finance to examine and report thereon.
 (Concurred + approved)

City Treasurer's
 Mo. Report.

The Monthly Report of the City Treasurer is presented, read and received.
 concurred
 (Approved)

Harbor-Master's
 Mo. Report.

The Monthly Report of the Harbor Master is presented, read and received.
 (Concurred)
 (Approved)

Do.
 Dredging.

The Monthly Report of the Harbor Master on dredging the Harbor is presented, read and received.
 (Concurred)
 (Approved)

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Surveyor of Highways.
Quarterly Report.

The Quarterly Report of the Surveyor of Highways for Quarter ending May 31 1870, is presented, read and received.

(Concurred)
(Approved)

Res. to pay Police.
472.

A resolution (from the Board of Aldermen) to pay certain unconfirmed policemen, is read and referred to the Joint Committee on Police.

Appropriation for
Interest Account.

Resolved

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

(Concurred)
(Approved)

Com. on Finance

Extension of time.

The Committee on Finance ask for an extension of time, which is granted, to consider the petition of C. E. Paine, City Engineer, for appropriation.

Appropriation Bill.

474.

Resolved

That the Joint Committee on Finance be and they are hereby ^{instructed} to report in print on or before the second Monday

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in September next a bill making appropriations for the support of the City government for the financial year ending September 30. 1871.

(Concurred)
(Approved)

Appropriation for
Water Works.

A communication is received from the Water Commissioners asking for an appropriation of \$100,000, whereupon the following resolution is presented, read and passed, viz:-

Resolved.

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

(Concurred)
(Approved)

Samuel J. Howard.

Damages.

The Committee on Highways to whom was referred a petition of Samuel J. Howard for damages, make Report and recommend that the petitioner have leave to withdraw: which Report is received, and it is thereupon ordered

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that said petitioners have leave to withdraw.

Resolution to pave
Market Square.

444

Said committee to whom at the last meeting was referred a Resolution (from the Board of Aldermen), ordering wooden pavements for Market Square, make Report recommending concurrence in the passage of the same: which is read and said resolution is thereupon re-committed.

Ordinance prohibiting
certain animals from
going loose &c

435.
465.

The Committee on Ordinances, to whom on July 11th ult. was referred a petition of P. W. Gardiner & others for abatement of nuisance, make Report recommending the passage of the accompanying ordinance: which Report is received, and a bill entitled "An Ordinance prohibiting certain animals from going loose or unfastened in the streets of the city of Providence," is thereupon read and passed.

Bridgman St. School house

Removal of desks.

423.

The Committee on Education, to whom was referred that portion of the Mayor's Message asking in behalf of the School Committee that the single desks in the hall of the Bridgman St. School House be transferred to the rooms of the

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First and Second classes in said school, make report that they do not recommend the proposed change: which Report is received.

(Concurred,
(Approved)

Teachers of
French & Elocution.

423.

Said Committee to whom was referred the Mayor's Message relative to the employment of teachers of French and Elocution, make Report, recommending the passage of the accompanying resolution: which Report is received, and the following resolution is thereupon read and passed, viz:—

Resolved,

That the School Committee be and they are hereby authorized to employ a teacher of French at a salary of not exceeding Five Hundred Dollars, and a teacher of Elocution at a salary of not exceeding Two Hundred Dollars per annum, said sums to be paid out of the appropriation for the support of Public Schools.

Upon the passage of the foregoing resolution the Ayes and nays are ordered, with the following result, viz:—

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Ayes

Messrs Bradford, Claffin, Cory, Daboll,
Harris, Mauran, Metcalf, Parkhurst,
Persons, Root, Shaw, Sweet, Van
Slyck & White. 14

Nays.

Messrs Waterman, Burgess, Colwell,
Fenner, Hunt, Joslin, Keep, Lester,
Paine, C. S. Smith, J. L. Spencer, W.
Spencer, + Zucker 13

(Concurred)

(Approved)

Thos. J. Hamilton

Moving building
450.

The petition of Thomas J. Hamilton,
(postponed from the last meeting) for
permission to remove a certain build-
ing, is taken from the table, and the
accompanying resolution read & passed.

(Concurred)

(Approved)

Ordinance defining

the duties of certain officers
Amended.

A bill entitled "An Ordinance in
amendment of an Ordinance entitled
"An Ordinance in amendment of an Ordi-
nance entitled "An Ordinance defining
the duties of certain officers" is pre-
sented, read and passed. (directing
the Surveyor of Highways to omit certain details
from his Quarterly Reports.)

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Petitions for damages

Pearl St. Sewer.

Petitions are presented, received
and referred as follows, viz: -

Petitions of
Thomas J. Stebbins

Ann Andrews

James Rothwell

W. H. Barker

V. B. Nickerson

Albert G. Kindall,

for damages for overflow of Pearl Street
Sewer, of

Amanda M. Angell for re-

mission of certain taxes, - all referred
to the Committee on claims; of

Moulton & Ingraham & others

relative to the widening of Charles
and Mill streets - referred to the
Committee on Highways; of

Edward McElroy for raising

a certain building, referred to the Com-
mittee on the Fire Department.

Remission of Tax.
Amanda M. Angell.
469.

Charles & Mills Sts

Widening of.

Edward McElroy
Raising building.
467.

Adjourn.

The Common Council adjourn till
Monday September 12, 1870 at 8 o'clock p.m.

Present - all the members except Messrs
President, Aldrich, Armington, A. J. Barnaby,
J. B. Barnaby, Daxter, Potter, F. M. Smith,
Snow, 9.

A. M. Addeman
Clerk.

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Common Council September 12. 1870.

The Common Council meet pursuant to adjournment - the President in the chair and a quorum present.

Quorum present.

Record read.

The Record of the last meeting is read and approved.

City Treasurer's

Mo. Report.

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

(Concurred)

(Approved)

Do.

Registered Bonds.

The Monthly Reports of the City Treasurer and of the Joint Committee for the Reduction of the City Debt relative to the Issue of Registered Bonds are severally presented, read and received.

(Concurred)

(Approved)

Mo. Report of Chief

Eng'r of Fire Dept.

The Monthly Reports of the Chief Engineer of the Fire Department for July and August last, are severally presented, read and received.

(Concurred)

(Approved)

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Harbor-Master's

Mo. Report.

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

(Concurred)

(Approved)

Do.

Dredging.

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

(Concurred)

(Approved)

City Auditor asks

for appropriations.

A communication from the City Auditor asking for appropriations for Support of the Poor, Asylum Walls and Buildings, the Engineer's Department, the Police, and for Dredging the Harbor, is presented, read and received.

(Concurred)

(Approved)

Support of the Poor.

Appropriation for.

Resolved.

That the sum of one thousand dollars be and hereby is added to the appropriation for the Support of the Poor, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated.

(Concurred)

(Approved)

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Asylum Walls & Buildings

Resolved.

Appropriation for.

That the sum of five thousand dollars be and hereby is added to the appropriation for Asylum Walls and Buildings out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

(Concurred)

(Approved)

Police Dept.

Resolved.

Appropriation for.

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

(Concurred)

(Approved)

Harbor.

Resolved.

Appropriation for.

That the sum of twenty five hundred dollars be and hereby is added to the appropriation for Improvement of the Harbor out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

(Concurred)

(Approved)

Purchase of Hose.

Resolved.

That the unexpended balance of the appropriation for the Fire Department

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for the year ending Sept. 30th 1870 not exceeding the sum of Six thousand (\$6000) dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated for the purchase of new hose for the fire department.

(Non-concurred)

E.W. Reynolds.

Remission of tax.

A communication of the City Treasurer, recommending the abatement of tax against Francis W. Reynolds, is received and referred to the Joint Standing Committee on Finance.

Said Committee thereupon report the following resolution which is read and passed, viz:

Resolved.

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

(Concurred)

(Approved)

Ordinance prohib.

ing animals go-

ing loose &c.

The bill entitled "An Ordinance prohibiting certain animals from going loose or unfastened in the streets of the City of Providence", which passed the Common

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Council on the 8th of August last, it returned from the Board of Aldermen with their concurrence therein with an amendment, inserting after the words "Section 1", the words "From and after the first day of January A.D. 1871", whereupon said bill is referred to the Committee on Ordinances.

Resolved.

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

Resolved.

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

(Concurred)

(Approved)

City Engineer's office

Appropriation for.

The Joint Committee on Finance to whom on the 11th of July last was referred a communication of the City Engineer

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asking for further appropriation for help make Report recommending the passage of the accompanying resolution, which Report is received, and the following resolution is thereupon read and passed:

Resolved

That the sum of One thousand dollars additional to and the same is hereby appropriated for expenses in the department of the City Engineer, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated.

(Concurred)

(Approved)

Petitions of

- Jonas Ackroyd
- John Burns
- Geo. B. Francis
- R. H. Morgan
- Serill Mowry
- Edward McElroy (Aug. 8.)

for permission to raise certain buildings; and

Moving Buildings.

- Samuel W. Brown
- Catharine Cassidy
- James Maguire
- David W. Petty
- James Sherry

for permission to remove certain buildings are presented, received and referred to

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the Committee on the Fire Department.

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

(Concurred)

(Approved)

City Hall.

446.

449.

It is moved to take from the table the Resolutions relative to a City Hall, which on the 11th day of July last were introduced and postponed till this day; upon which motion the ayes and nays are ordered, as follows, viz:

Ayes.

Messrs A. J. Barnaby, J. B. Barnaby, Burges Colwell, Fenner, Harris, Hunt, Joslin, Keep, Paine, Potter, C. S. Smith, G. M. Smith, Snow J. L. Spencer, Sweet, & White 17

Nays.

Messrs President, Aldrick, Armington, Bradford, Claplin, Cory, Daboll, Dexter, Lester, Mauran, Metcalf, Persons, Root, Shaw, W. Spencer, Tucker, Van Slyck, Waterman. 18

Said motion is therefore lost.

The Committee on Claims to whom

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A. M. Angell, Exr.
Remission of tax.

461.

was referred a petition of Amanda M. Angell, Executrix, for remission of tax, make Report, recommending the passage of the accompanying Resolution: which Report is received and the following Resolution is thereupon read and passed:

Resolved.

That the City Treasurer be hereby directed to abate and remit the sum of Thirty and ⁶⁰/₁₀₀ dollars from the amounts assessed against Amanda M. Angell, Executrix in the City taxes of 1868 & 1869.

(Concurred)

(Approved)

Wm. Goerner

Remission of tax.

435.

Said committee to whom on July 11th was referred a petition of William Goerner for remission of tax, make Report recommending the passage of the accompanying resolution: which Report is received, and the following Resolution is thereupon read and passed:

Resolved.

That the City Treasurer be hereby directed to remit the sum of Nineteen and ⁵²/₁₀₀ dollars from the amount assessed against Wm Goerner in the City tax of 1869.

(Concurred)

(Approved)

470.

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Adeline Mauran.

Remission of tax.

437.

Said committee to whom was recom-
mended July 11th a petition of Adeline
Mauran for remission of tax, make Re-
port recommending the passage of the
accompanying resolution: which Report
is received and the following resolution
is thereupon read and passed, viz:—

Resolved,

That the City Treasurer be
hereby directed to remit the sum of Thirty
dollars from the amount assessed against
Adeline Mauran in the City tax of 1868.

Uriah R. Colwell.

Remission of tax.

390.

Said committee to whom on May 9th
was referred a petition of Uriah R. Col-
well for remission of tax, make Report
recommending the passage of the ac-
companying Resolution: which Report
is received, and the following Reso-
lution is thereupon read and passed:

Resolved,

That the City Treasurer be
hereby directed to remit the sum of Twelve &
²⁰/₁₀₀ dollars from the amount assessed a-
gainst Uriah R. Colwell in the City tax
of 1869.

(Non-concurred)

(Approved)

471.

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Leave to withdraw.

James D. Cook

435.

Mary G. Pearce.

435.

Said Committee to whom were referred
petitions of
James D. Cook, for remuneration, &
Mary G. Pearce for damages,
make Reports, recommending that the
petitioners have leave to withdraw:
which Reports are received, and it is
thereupon ordered that the petitioners
severally have leave to withdraw.

Resolved,

That the Superintendent of
Public Buildings be and he is hereby
instructed to report to this City Coun-
cil if any and what buildings have
been erected, or are now in process
of erection in violation of the
Statutes of the State or Ordinances
of the City.

(Non-concurred)

Supt. of Reform School.

Salary of.

424.

The Joint Standing Committee on
Police to whom was referred so much
of the Mayor's Inaugural Address as
relates to salaries of officers of the
Reform School, make Report and
recommend the passage of the ac-
companying resolution: which Report
is received and the following Resolution

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is thereupon read and passed, viz: -

Resolved

That the salary of the Superintendent of the Providence Reform School be fixed for the balance of the Municipal year at the rate of fifteen hundred dollars (\$1500) per annum, in addition to the board of himself and family.

(Concurred)

(Approved)

Resolution to pay unconfirmed Police.

456.

Said committee to whom at the last meeting was referred a resolution (from the Board of Aldermen) to pay certain unconfirmed Policemen, make Report, recommending the passage of the same; which Report is received and said resolution in the words following is thereupon read and passed in concurrence, viz: -

Resolved

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

| | | |
|-----------------|---------------------------|---------|
| Wm B. Smith | 12 days at \$2.75 per day | \$33.00 |
| Isaac B. Ballou | 12 " " " " " | 33.00 |
| Wm J. Booth | 22 " " " " " | 60.50 |
| Isaac Marv | 22 " " " " " | 60.50 |

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(Approved)

Resolution to pay certain police.

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

Resolved

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

| | |
|------------------|---------|
| Duty J. Greene | \$68.75 |
| Willard Smith Jr | 78.49 |
| Wm J. Booth | 68.65 |
| Isaac Marv | 85.25 |
| Wm H. Brown | 8.25 |

(Approved)

Ordinance in relation to Police amended.

A bill entitled "An Ordinance in amendment of an Ordinance entitled 'An Ordinance in relation to the Police'" having passed the Board of Aldermen, is sent down, read and passed in concurrence.

(Approved)

The following resolution (recommended by the Committee on Accounts) is presented, read and passed, viz:

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Com. on Ordinances
to report amendment
to Ordinance in relation
to the Harbor, &c.

Resolved.

That the Standing Committee on Ordinances be and they are hereby instructed to report at the next regular meeting of the Common Council an amendment to the Ordinance entitled "An Ordinance in relation to the Harbor of the City of Providence, and the powers and duties of the Harbor Master thereof," whereby, in addition to his other duties, it shall be made incumbent upon the Harbor Master to superintend - under the direction of the Standing Committee on the Harbor - the dredging of the Harbor, and to certify all bills for labor performed in that service, before such bills shall be approved by the Standing Committee on the Harbor.

Appropriation Bill.

456.

573.

The Committee on Finance, in accordance with instructions given at the last meeting report a bill entitled "An Ordinance making Appropriations for the support of the government of the City of Providence for the financial year ending on the thirtieth day of September A.D. 1871," which is thereupon

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read and passed.

Appropriation Bill.

amended.

A bill entitled "An Ordinance in addition to an Ordinance entitled 'An Ordinance making appropriations for the support of the government of the City of Providence for the financial year ending on the thirtieth day of September A.D. 1871.'" is presented, read and passed. (Making appropriation for Lamp Department.)

(Am-concurred)

Ordinance in rela-

tion to Water Commis-

sioners amended.

A bill (recommended by the Committee on Ordinances) entitled "An Ordinance in amendment of an Ordinance entitled 'An Ordinance in relation to Water Commissioners and Water Works'" is presented, read and passed. (Authorizing Water Commissioners to employ counsel.)

Vacancies in Com.

on Highway and

Education filled.

Mr Charles Sydney Smith is appointed to fill vacancy in the Joint Standing Committee on Highways;

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and Mr J. Erastus Leete to fill vacancy in Joint Standing Committee on Education.

Dudley Street.

Reception of 502

Petitions of

Jonathon S. Angell others for reception of Dudley street; of

Ives Street.

Grading etc. of.

Wm McLaughlin others for grading and curbing of Ives street; of Seth Padelford others in refer-

Cold Spring St.

ence to Cold Spring street, are severally presented, received and referred to the S. Committee on Highway.

Cyrus T. Eddy.

Moving Building

A petition of Cyrus T. Eddy for permission to remove a certain building is presented, received and referred to the S. Committee on the Fire Department.

John Donnelly

Damages from changing grade of Spruce St. 572.

A petition of John Donnelly for remuneration for damages caused by changing grade of Spruce and Dean streets, is presented, received and referred to the S. Committee on Claims.

Oak Street

Reception of.

The Joint S. Committee on Highway to whom was referred a petition of F. M. Andrews others for reception of Oak street, make Report recommending the passage of the accompanying resolution:

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

Resolved

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

(Concurred)

(Approved)

Brook Street.

Paving etc of

452.

Said committee, to whom on July 25th was referred a draft resolution to pave and curb Brook street, make Report recommending the passage of the enclosed substitute: which Report is received and the following resolution is thereupon read and passed, viz:

Resolved

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

(Concurred)

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Said committee, to whom was referred a petition of M. C. Stokes others

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Messer Street. Curbing of. Report recommending the passage of the accompanying resolution: which report is received, and the following resolution is thereupon read and passed, viz:
Resolved.

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

(Concurred)

(Approved)

Wood Pavement. A resolution (reported by said Committee) relative to laying wooden pavement in Market Square, is read and not passed by a vote of 15 to 15.

Resolved.

That the Surveyor of Highways acting under the advice and direction of the Joint Committee on Highway be and he is hereby directed to set the curb stones on North Main street from Market Square to Smith street to conform to the new grade, and put the

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street in passable condition for the coming winter.

(Concurred)
(Approved)

Resolved.

Weybosset Street Curbing to be set back.

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

(Concurred)
(Approved)

Resolved.

Greenwich Street to be brought to grade.

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

(Concurred)
(Approved)

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Resolutions to build.

446.
468.
494.

The Resolutions in relation to building New City Hall, which on the 11th day of July last were postponed till this date, are taken from the table.

The first of said resolutions in the words following is thereupon read and passed, viz:

Resolved.

That the City of Providence want the lot of land situated in the City of Providence in the State of Rhode Island, bounded northwily on Washington street, Eastwily on Exchange Place, Southwily on Fulton street, and Westwily on Eddy street, for the purpose of building a City Hall thereon.

Upon the passage of the foregoing resolution, the Ayes and Nays are ordered, as follows, viz:

Ayes

Mesrs A. J. Barnaby, J. B. Barnaby, Burges, Colwell, Daboll, Fenner, Harris, Hunt, Joslin, Keef, Paine, Parkhurst, Potter, Root, C. S. Smith, Snow, J. L. Spencer, Sweet, & White 19.

Nays.

Mesrs. President, Aldrich, Armington, Claplin, Cory, Dexter, Mauran, Metcalf, Persons, Shaw, W. Spencer, Tucker, Van Slyck, & Waterman 14

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A motion to adjourn is then made and lost by a vote of 15 to 18.

The second of said resolutions is then read, the blank therein is filled with the word "April", and the resolution is then read and passed, as follows:

Resolved.

That the City Solicitor &c and he is hereby instructed to give notice in writing to Russel M. Learned and Charles N. Harrington to quit and surrender up possession of said premises to the City of Providence on the first day of April A. D. 1871 - now held by said Learned and Harrington under written leases.

Upon the passage of the foregoing resolution, the ayes and nays are ordered, with the following result, viz:

Ayes

Mesrs A. J. Barnaby, J. B. Barnaby, Colwell, Daboll, Fenner, Harris, Hunt, Joslin, Keef, Paine, Parkhurst, Potter, Root, Snow, J. L. Spencer, Sweet & White 17

Nays.

Mesrs President, Aldrich, Armington, Burges, Claplin, Cory, Dexter, Mauran, Metcalf, Persons, Shaw, C. S. Smith, W. Spencer, 14

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Tucker, Van Slyck, & Waterman. 16

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The third of said Resolutions is then read.

It is moved to amend the same by adding the words "provided the title to said lot is satisfactory to said committee".

Upon which motion the Ayes and Nays are ordered, as follows, viz:

Ayes

Members President, Aldrich, Armington, Claplin, Cory, Dexter, Mauran, Metcalf, Persons, Shaw, C. S. Smith, W. Spencer, Tucker, Van Slyck, & Waterman 15

Nays

Members A. J. Barnaby, J. B. Barnaby, Burgess, Colwell, Daboll, Fenner, Harris, Hunt, Joslin, Keef, Paine, Parkhurst, Potter, Root, Snow, J. L. Spencer, Sweet & White. 18.

Said motion is therefore lost.

A motion to adjourn is then made, and lost by a vote of 15 to 18.

A motion to fill blank in said resolution with the words "first day of January

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A. D. 1875" is lost by a vote of 13 to 18.

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A motion to fill said blank with the words "first day of April A. D. 1871" is adopted.

Said Resolution in the words following is thereupon read and passed, viz:

Resolved.

That of the Common Council with such as the Board of Aldermen may add,

to and they are hereby appointed a committee to advertise for plans for a City Hall, to be built upon the lot in the City of Providence belonging to said city, bounded westerly by Washington street, Easterly by Exchange Place, Southerly by Fulton street, and westerly by Eddy street; and that said plans be presented to said committee on or before the first day of April A. D. 1871, and upon the following conditions:

That the city of Providence will pay to the person or persons, whose plans shall be selected by said committee and adopted by the City Council for the erection of a City Hall the sum of one thousand dollars;

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and will also pay the sum of five hundred dollars for such plans received by said committee and not adopted by said City Council in such manner and in such proportions as shall be determined by said City Council; the same to be paid for out of the Appropriation for Contingencies.

Upon the passage of the foregoing resolution the vote is taken by ayes and nays, as follows, viz:

Ayes

Members A. J. Barnaby, J. B. Barnaby, Colwell, Daboll, Fenner, Harris, Hunt, Joslin, Keep, Paine, Parkhurst, Potter, Root, Snow, J. L. Spencer, Sweet + White. 17

Nays

Members President, Aldrich, Armington, Burgess, Claflin, Cory, Dexter, Mauran, Metcalf, Persons, Shaw, C. S. Smith, W. Spencer, Tucker, Van Slyck + Waterman. 14

A motion to adjourn till the second Monday in October next is lost by a vote of 16 to 16.

A motion is then made to reconsider the vote whereby the first resolution was

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adopted, pending which a motion to adjourn for one week is lost; and a motion to adjourn for two weeks is lost by a vote of 16^{for} to 17 against.

A motion is then made to postpone the whole subject for one week, upon which motion the ayes and nays are ordered with the following result, viz:

Ayes

Members President, Aldrich, Armington, Burgess, Claflin, Cory, Dexter, Mauran, Metcalf, Persons, Shaw, C. S. Smith, W. Spencer, Tucker, Van Slyck, Waterman. 16

Nays

Members A. J. Barnaby, J. B. Barnaby, Colwell, Daboll, Fenner, Harris, Hunt, Joslin, Keep, Paine, Parkhurst, Potter, Root, Snow, J. L. Spencer, Sweet + White. 17

Said motion is therefore lost.

A motion to postpone the consideration of the subject for two weeks is then made, upon which motion the ayes and nays are ordered with the following result, viz:

Ayes

Members President, Armington, Burgess, Claflin, Cory, Dexter, Mauran, Metcalf, Persons, Shaw, C. S. Smith, W. Spencer, Tucker, + Van Slyck 14

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Ayes.

Members Aldrich, A. J. Barnaby, J. B. Barnaby,
Colwell, Daboll, Fenner, Harris, Hunt,
Joslin, Keep, Paine, Parkhurst, Potter,
Root, Snow, J. L. Spencer, Sweet, Water-
man & White

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Said motion is therefore lost.

A motion is then made to reconsider
the last mentioned vote (viz: on postponement
for two weeks) upon which motion the ayes
and nays are ordered with the following
result, viz:

Ayes.

Members President, Aldrich, Armington,
Burgess, Claplin, Cory, Dexter, Mauran,
Metcalf, Persons, Shaw, C. S. Smith,
W. Spencer, Tucker, Van Slyck, Waterman

16

Nays.

Members A. J. Barnaby, J. B. Barnaby, Col-
well, Daboll, Fenner, Harris, Hunt,
Joslin, Keep, Paine, Parkhurst,
Potter, Root, Snow, J. L. Spencer,
Sweet & White.

17

Said motion is therefore lost.

The motion to reconsider the
vote whereby the first resolution was
passed is renewed, whereupon a motion
is made to postpone this motion for
fifteen minutes which is lost by a vote of
10 for to 17 against

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The motion to reconsider the vote
whereby the first resolution was passed
is again renewed, whereupon it is ordered
that the vote be taken by ayes and nays,
which is done with the following result:

Ayes

Members President, Aldrich, Armington,
Burgess, Claplin, Cory, Dexter, Mauran,
Metcalf, Persons, Shaw, C. S. Smith,
W. Spencer, Tucker & Waterman

15

Nays.

Members A. J. Barnaby, J. B. Barnaby, Col-
well, Daboll, Fenner, Harris, Hunt,
Joslin, Keep, Paine, Parkhurst,
Potter, Root, Snow, J. L. Spencer,
Sweet & White.

17

Said motion is therefore lost.

The fourth of said resolutions is
then read.

It is moved to amend the same
by adding the words "provided the City
Solicitor shall give a written opinion
that the City has a good legal title
to said lot." Upon which motion, the
vote is taken by ayes and nays, as
follows, viz.

Ayes.

Members President, Aldrich, Armington,
Burgess, Claplin, Cory, Dexter, Mauran,

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Metcalf, Persons, Shaw, C. S. Smith,
N. Spencer, Tucker, Tucker, Van Slyck,
Waterman

16

Nays.

Members A. J. Barnaby, J. B. Barnaby,
Colwell, Daboll, Fenner, Harris, Hunt,
Joslin, Keep, Paine, Parkhurst, Potter,
Root, Snow, J. L. Spencer, Sweet & White, 17

Said motion is therefore lost.

A motion to adjourn is then made
and lost by a vote of 14 for to 16 against.

It is then moved to amend said (4th)
resolution by inserting after the word
"Resolved", the following words, viz:

"That in the opinion of this Council
the title to the lot described in the fore-
going resolutions is a good and reliable
title; that the present time is a suitable
one in which to pledge the City of Provi-
dence to the expense of erecting a
City Hall thereon notwithstanding the
inevitable increase to the tax of the
City which will be involved in the
construction of the water works, and
of an extensive system of sewerage,
both of which are essential to
the welfare and growth of the city
and neither of which is yet paid for."

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Upon which motion the vote is taken by
ayes and nays with the following result:

Ayes.

Members President, Aldrich, Armington,
Burgess, Clafflin, Levy, Dexter, Mauran,
Metcalf, Persons, Shaw, C. S. Smith, N.
Spencer, Tucker, Van Slyck, Waterman
& White.

17

Nays.

Members A. J. Barnaby, J. B. Barnaby, Col-
well, Daboll, Fenner, Harris, Hunt,
Joslin, Keep, Paine, Parkhurst, Potter,
Root, Snow, J. L. Spencer, & Sweet, 16

Said motion therefore prevails.

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

Resolved.

That in the opinion of this
Council the title to the lot described in
the foregoing resolutions is a good and
reliable title; that the present time
is a suitable one in which to pledge
the City of Providence to the expense
of erecting a City Hall thereon,
notwithstanding the inevitable increase
to the tax of the City which will be
involved in the construction of the
water works and of an extensive sys-
tem of sewerage, both of which are
essential to the welfare and growth

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of the city and neither of which is yet paid for, and that the City Council will erect a City Hall upon the lot named in the foregoing resolutions, when possession of the same shall be obtained from the present lessees, Russell M. Larned and Charles N. Harrington.

It is then moved that said resolution as amended pass, upon which motion the vote is taken by ayes and nays with the following result, viz:

Ayes.

Members A. J. Barnaby, J. B. Barnaby, Colwell, Daboll, Fenner, Harris, Hunt, Joslin, Keef, Paine, Parkhurst, Potter, Root, Snow, J. L. Spencer, Sweet + White 17

Nays.

Members President, March, Armington, Burgess, Claplin, Cory, Dexter, Mauran, Metcalf, Persons, Shaw, C. S. Smith, N. Spencer, Tucker, Vanslyck + Waterman 16

Said resolution, as amended, is therefore passed.

It is then moved that the blank, for the committee, in the third of said resolutions, be filled.

The President declining to fill said blank, it is moved that the same be

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filled by the Council. Pending which the Common Council adjourn till October 10-1870 at 7 1/2 o'clock p.m.

Present - all the members.

J. M. Addemaury
Clerk

A. B. Adjourned at 3.15 A. M.

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The Common Council meet pursuant to adjournment - the President in the chair and a quorum present.

Quorum present.

Record read.

The Record of the last (communication) meeting is read and approved.

Mo. Reports.

Chief Eng. of the

Fire Dept.

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

(Concurred)

(Approved)

Harbor Master

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

(Concurred + Approved)

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Mn. Reports. -

City Treasurer.

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

(Concurred)

(Approved)

Do.

Registered Bonds.

The Monthly Reports of the City Treasurer, and of the Committee for the Reduction of the City Debt, relative to the Issue of Registered Bonds, are severally presented, read and received.

(Concurred)

(Approved)

Notes issued by City.

since May 1. 1870.

The Report of the City Treasurer relative to notes issued by the City since May 1. 1870 is presented, read and received.

(Concurred)

(Approved)

1st Quarterly Report

Water Commissioners.

The Fourth Quarterly Report of the Water Commissioners is presented, read and received in concurrence.

(Approved)

Quarterly Report

of Surveyor of Highways

The Quarterly Report of the Surveyor of Highways, for quarter ending August 31. 1870 is presented read and received.

(Concurred)

(Approved)

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Res. to pay un-

confirmed Police.

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

Resolved.

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

| | |
|------------------|---------|
| Duty J. Greene | \$82.50 |
| Millard Smith Jr | 82.50 |
| Wm J. Booth | 82.50 |
| Isaac Weaver | 82.50 |
| Wm H. Brown | 66.00 |
| Chas. F. Church | 82.50. |

(Approved)

Mayor's Message.

Lighting Street

lamps by electricity.

A Message from the Mayor relative to lighting street lamps by means of electricity is presented and read.

Do.

Appointment of a

committee to test.

A draft resolution, providing for the appointment of a committee to test the practicability of lighting the public street lamps by the use of the "Pneumatic Electric Apparatus", is presented, read and, together with the subject matter of the above Message of the Mayor, referred to the Committee on the Fire Department to

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examine and report thereon.

(Concurred)

(Approved)

(Ordinance establish-
ing a Com. on Lights)

A bill entitled "An Ordinance in amendment of an Ordinance entitled 'An Ordinance establishing certain Joint Rules and Joint Standing Committees of the City Council'" (establishing a Joint Standing Committee on Lights) is presented, read and passed.

Not Concurred

Concrete pavement on
sidewalks of real estate

A resolution (from the Board of Aldermen) for covering with concrete the sidewalks in front of real estate owned by the city, is sent down for concurrence, read and referred to the Joint Committee on City Property.

Olney Street.

Suspension of work.

A resolution (from the Board of Aldermen) for suspending work on Olney street, is sent down for concurrence, read and referred to the Joint Committee on Highways.

City Hall.

491.

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Said motion therefore prevails.

Arnold St. School.

Repairs on.

Resolved.

That the Superintendent of Public Buildings, be hereby directed, under the advice of the Joint Committee on City Property, to cause the out-buildings and fences at the Arnold street School house to be repaired at an expense of not over one thousand dollars.

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examine and report thereon.

(Concurred)

(Approved)

(Ordinance establish-
ing a Com. on Lights)

A bill entitled "An Ordinance in amendment of an Ordinance entitled 'An Ordinance establishing certain Joint Rules and Joint Standing Committees of the City Council'" (establishing a Joint Standing Committee on Lights) is presented, read and passed.

Joint Concurred

Concrete pavement on
sidewalks of real estate
owned by the city.

A resolution (from the Board of Aldermen) for covering with concrete the sidewalks in front of real estate owned by the city, is sent down for concurrence, read and referred to the Joint Committee on City Property.

Olney Street.

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to be paid from the appropriation for School houses and lots.

(Concurred)

(Approved)

Benefit St. School.

Resolved.

Single Desks for.

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

(Concurred)

(Approved)

Explosion of Steam-

er No. 6.

Report on.

The Joint Committee on the Fire Department, make a Report relative to explosion of Steamer No. 6, on the night of Sept. 20, 1870, while on duty at the corner of Benvolent and Cook streets, which is received, and recommend the passage of the following resolution, which is thereupon read and passed, viz:-

Resolved.

That the Standing Committee on the Fire Department be and they are hereby authorized to purchase a

Res. to purchase

of new steamer.

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steam fire engine to replace the one destroyed Sept. 20th 1870.

(Concurred,

(Approved,

Resolution to

purchase Hose.

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Resolved.

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

(Concurred)

Resolution to

purchase new

Steam fire Engine

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Resolved.

That the sum of four thousand two hundred and fifty dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated for the purchase of a steam fire engine, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated.

(Concurred)

Pump on Canal St.

420.

Resolved.

That the Overseer of Pumps and Wells be hereby directed, under the advice of the Joint Committee on City Property, to cause a pump to be placed on the westerly side of Canal street, and connect the same

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with the Roger Williams Spring as called, lying between South Main street and Canal street, that the inhabitants may have the use of the water from said Spring as heretofore.

(Concurred)

(Approved)

Pro. & N.Y. Steamship Co.
Switching Engine.

The Joint Committee on Railroads to whom was referred by the Board of Aldermen a petition of the Pro. & N.Y. Steamship Co. for permission to use a switching engine, make Report, recommending the passage of the accompanying resolution: which Report is received, and the following resolution is thereupon read and passed, viz:

Resolved.

That until otherwise ordered by the City Council, the Pro. and New York Steamship Co. are hereby granted permission to use a switching engine for moving cars on India street between their wharf at Fox Point and the India Point Depot of the Boston & Providence Rail Road Co, also between their wharf at Fox Point and the Coal wharf of the Providence & Worcester Railroad Co. on South Water street, under such rules and regulations as the City Council may from time to time enact, and until such rules or regulations shall be enacted subject at all times to the

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orders of the Chief Engineer or any Assistant Engineer of the Fire Department, during the continuance of any fire.

(Concurred)

(Approved)

Indices of
9th Ward.

Resolved.

That the sum of six hundred and fifty dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated for the purpose of printing the indices of the 9th ward conveyances, the same to be done under the direction of the Recorder of Deeds.

(Concurred)

(Approved)

Orms St.
Bridge on.
390.

The Joint Committee on Highways to whom May 9. 1870 was referred a petition of the Fletcher & Co. et al. for Bridge on Orms street, make Report recommending the passage of the accompanying resolution: which report is received, and the following resolution is read and passed:

Resolved.

That the Board of Aldermen be and they are hereby requested to order the Pro. & Worcester Railroad Co. to build a new and substantial Bridge across this track at Orms street, forthwith.

(Concurred)

(Approved)

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Resolution to pay

Account of W. Barstow & Co.

Said Committee recommend the passage of the following resolution, which is thereupon read and passed, viz:

Resolved

That the City Treasurer be and he is hereby directed to pay to William Barstow & Co. one hundred twenty five and ⁵⁴/₁₀₀ dollars in full for their account against the city for carpeting, mats &c. for the office of the Highway department, to be paid out of the appropriation for Public Buildings.

(Concurred & Approved)

Said Committee to whom were referred petitions of

Vinton Street

J. H. Manchester et al. for receiving of Vinton Street; of

Spruce Street

M. M. Bailey et al. relating to Spruce Street; of

Oak Street

Vaft. Meeden & Co. for curbing of Oak Street,

make Reports severally recommending that the petitioners have leave to withdraw: which Reports are received, and it is thereupon ordered that the petitioners severally have leave to withdraw.

The Joint Committee on Claims to whom was referred by the B. of Ald. a petition of

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Peter McElroy for remuneration, make Report and recommend the passage of the accompanying resolution: which Report is received and the following resolution is thereupon read and passed, viz:

Resolved

Peter McElroy

Damages from

Fountain St. fire.

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

(Concurred & Approved)

Spencer P. Read

Account allowed.

Said Committee to whom was referred the account of Spencer P. Read, make Report recommending the passage of the accompanying resolution: which Report is received and the following resolution is thereupon read and passed, viz:

Resolved

That the City Treasurer be and he is hereby directed to pay to Spencer P. Read the sum of Twenty seven & ⁸⁷/₁₀₀ dollars in full for his bill of repairs, the same to be charged to the Appropriation for Contingencies.

(Concurred & Approved)

Said Committee to whom was referred Sept. 12

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Patrick Donnelly a memorial of Patrick Donnelly for remuneration ask to be discharged from further consideration of the same; which is granted, and on recommendation of said committee, said memorial is referred to the S. Committee on Highways.

476.

Dudley Street Reception of. 476. The Joint Committee on Highways to whom was referred on the 12th of Sept. last a petition of Jonathan S. Angell et al for reception of Dudley Street Report recommending the passage of the accompanying resolution: which Report is received, and the following resolution is read and passed, viz:-

Resolved.

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(Concurred & Approved)

Special Committee on Highways requested to report. 476. The following resolution (recommended by said committee) is read & passed, viz:

Resolved.

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

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Raising Buildings

Moving (do.)

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Running of R.R. Cars thro' streets.

Com. to consider.

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City of Providence for the financial year ending on the 30th day of September A. D. 1871; which passed the Council at the last meeting is returned from the Board of Aldermen with their concurrence therein with certain amendments, in which the Common Council non-concurs.

Petitions are presented, received and disposed of, as follows, viz:—

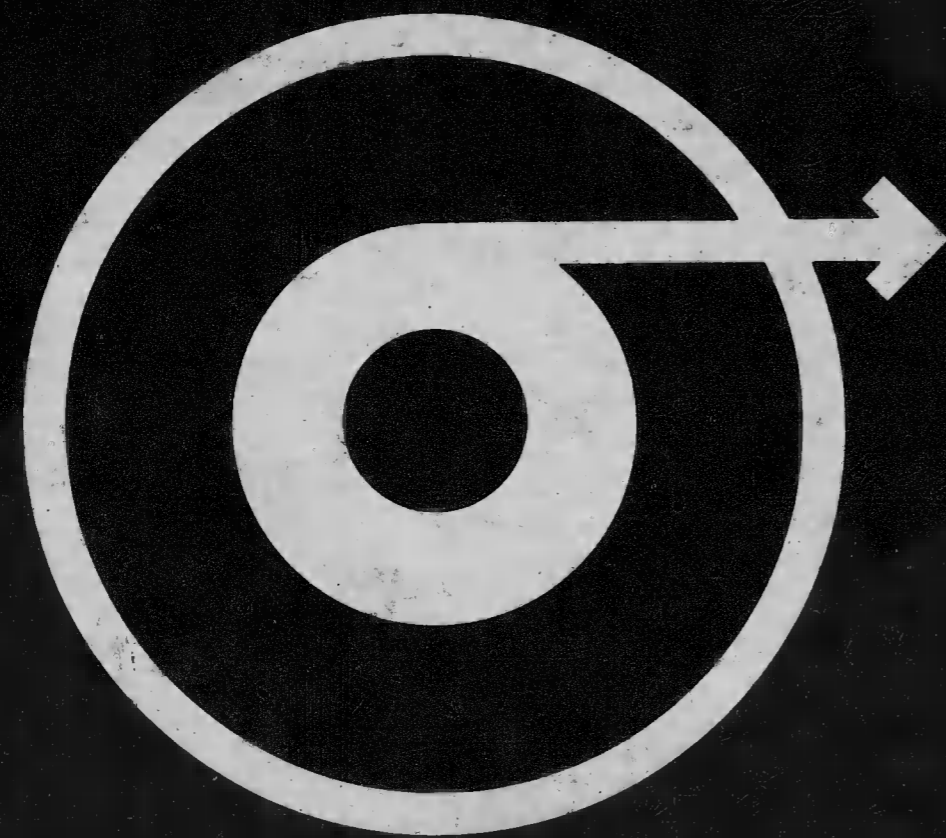
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 Dummy Engine. to use Dummy Engine at other times than those authorized by Ordinance; and of
 Pawtucket Horse Cars. James B. Peck tother in regard to rates of
 Rates of fare. Fare on the Pawtucket line of Horse cars — both referred to the S. Committee on Railroads;
 Barton St. Of Simon M. Peck tother for curbing &
 Curbing, &c. of. on Barton street, — referred to the S. Committee on Highways;
 Albert F. Allen. Of Albert F. Allen to move a certain road.
 Moving Building. on building, — referred to the S. Committee on the Fire Dept.
 School-Houses in 9th Ward. A draft resolution relative to building school-houses in the 9th ward is presented, read and referred to the S. Com. on Education.

Appointment of Com. on Sewers postponed. The appointment of a joint Standing Committee on Sewers is postponed.

Adjourned. The Common Council adjourn till November 14. 1870 at 7th o'clock p. m. — Present, all the members except Mr. Shaw.

S. Addenauy Clerk.

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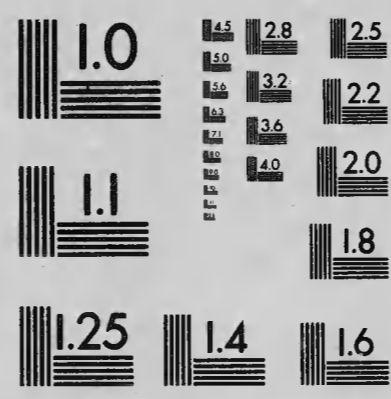
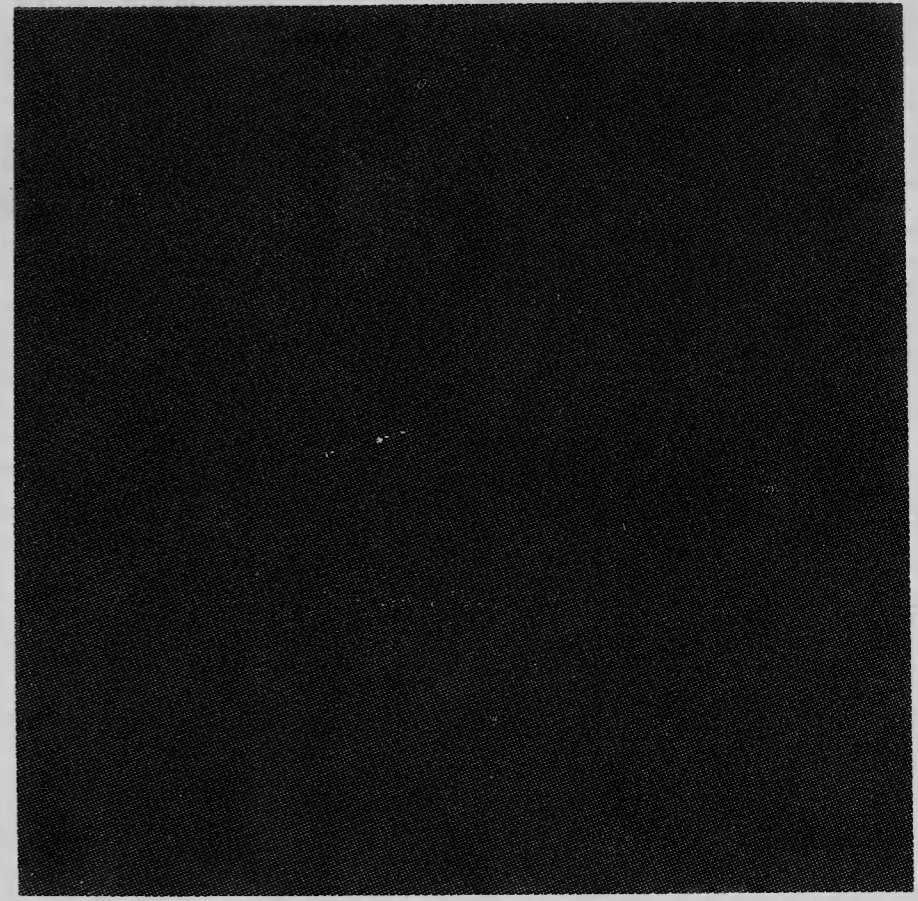
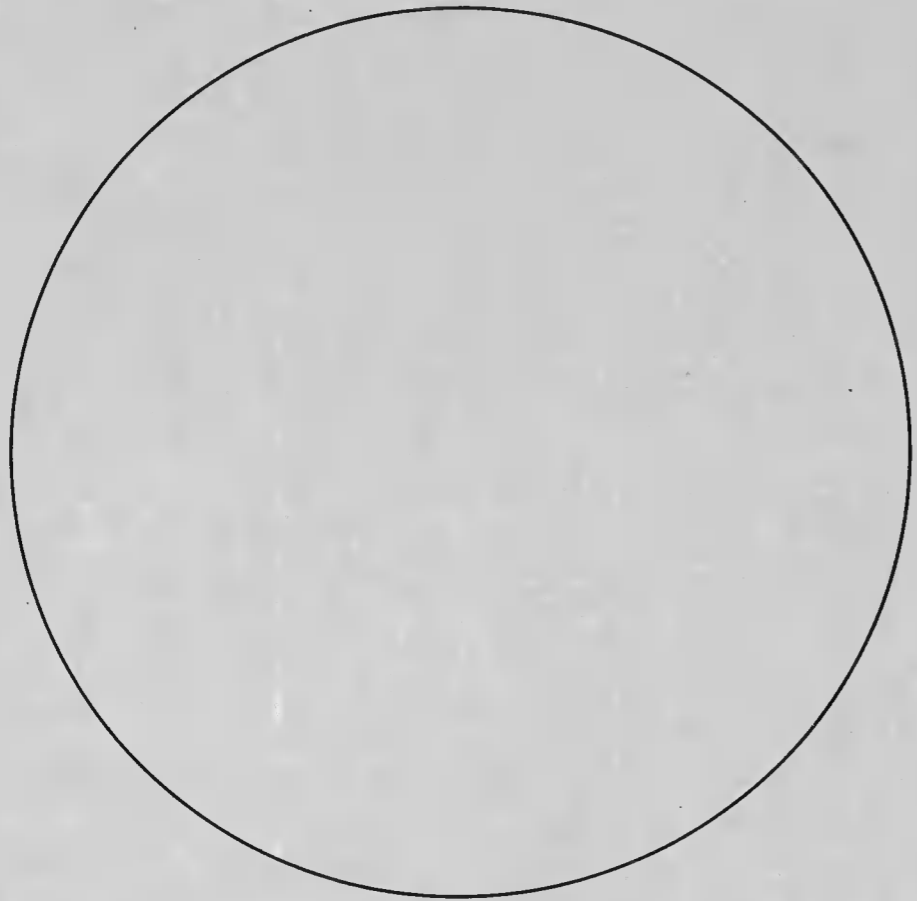
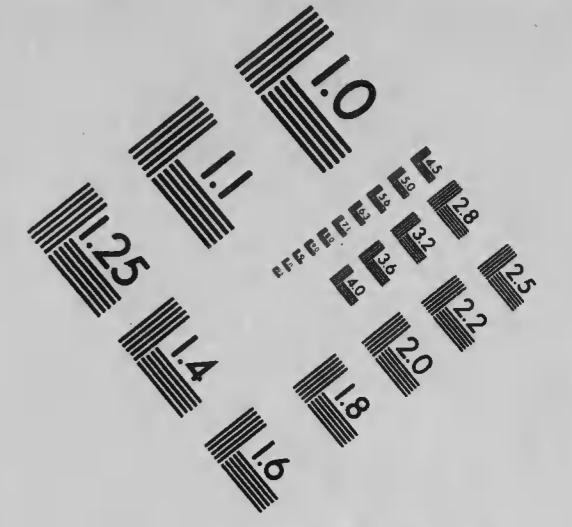
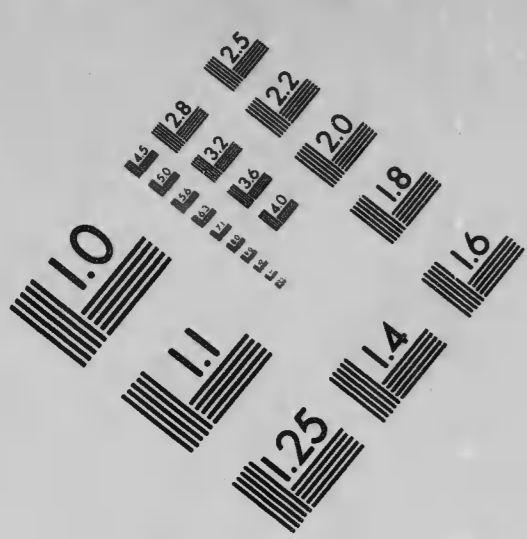
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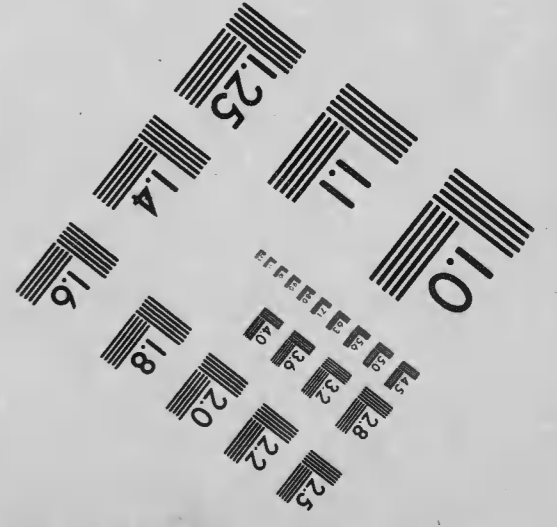
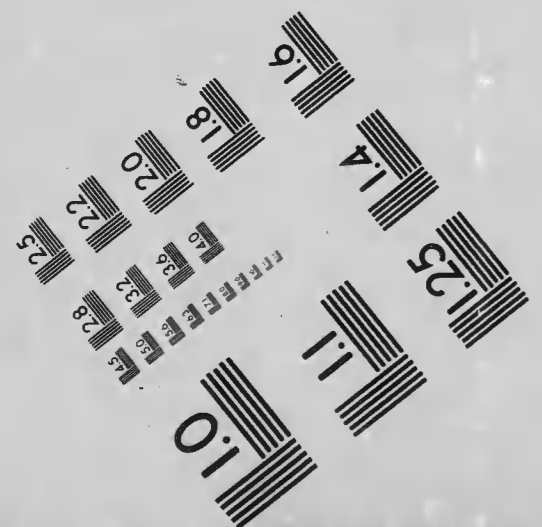
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