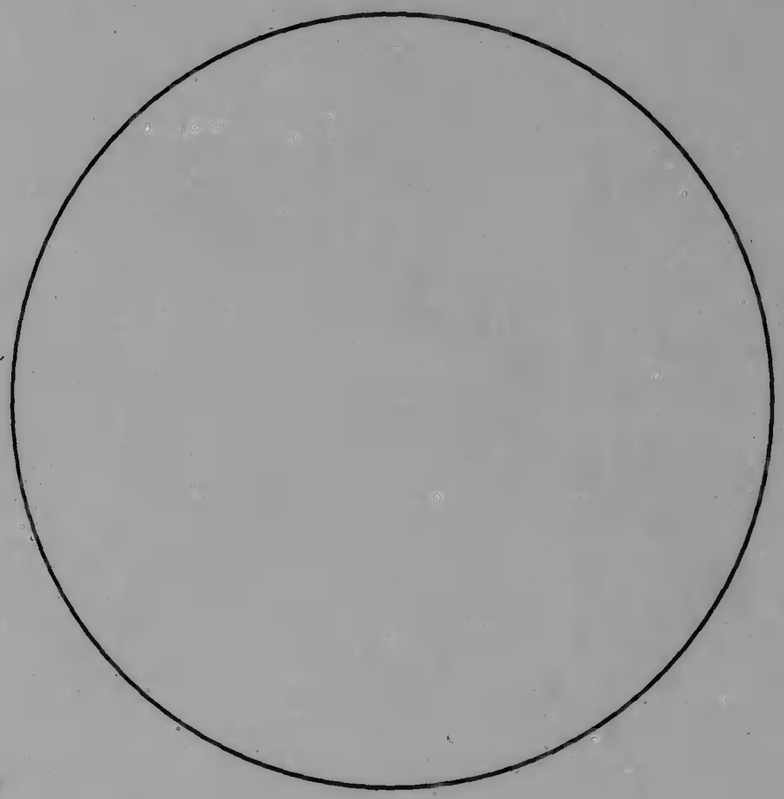
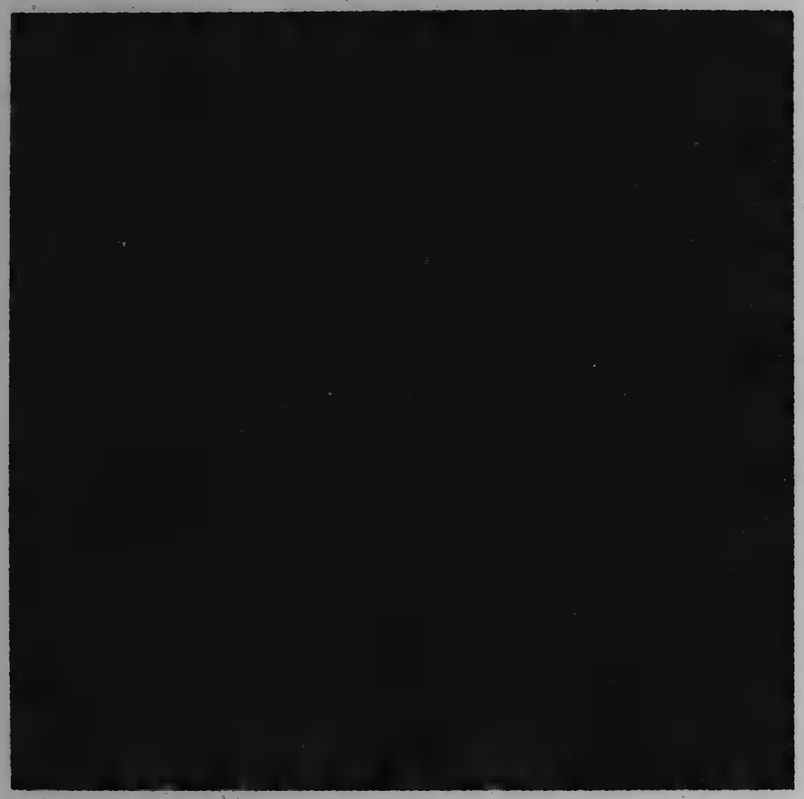
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City Treasury

On a Communication from the Mayor in relation to the death of the City Treasurer, and suggesting that some different arrangement should be made in the Treasury Department of the City - Read ____ Whereupon it is

Resolved that the same be referred to the Standing Committee on Finance

Passed February 19 1849

Stephen Tripp

It having been announced, that on the fourteenth day of February instant, Stephen Tripp Esq, the Treasurer of this City, while engaged in the actual discharge of his official duty, was suddenly called from this mortal life;

It is therefore, Resolved, That in causing a notice of this melancholy event to be entered upon the Records of the City, we desire to express our estimation of the many worthy traits which adorned the Character of our departed fellow citizen; and in an especial manner, our deep sense of the ability, industry and fidelity with which he discharged the duties of his important and responsible office, to the last hour of his life.

Resolved, That we respectfully tender to the family of the deceased, an assurance of our sympathy with them in their bereavement; and that the Mayor be requested to transmit to them, an attested copy of these Resolutions.

Resolved, That the preceding Resolutions be published in the newspapers of this City

Passed February 19. 1849

In Convention February 19th 1849

The two Boards met in Convention for the choice of a City Treasurer in place of Stephen Tripp Esq deceased

City Treasurer Elected

On the fourteenth ballot George W. Hall Esq having received a majority of the Votes is declared to be duly elected City Treasurer for the remainder of the Municipal Year.

The Surveyor General of Lumber presents the names of the following persons to be approved by the City Council as Deputy Surveyors of Lumber viz

over

Aborn Arnold
Robert Manchester Jn
Benjamin Bogman 1st
Jacob Silloway
Nathaniel C Bushee
Christopher Rhodes
William C Davenport
Esek A. Tillson
Chas C Lee for mahogany and other ornamental Lumber
James Salsbury for Oak & other Hard Wood for Ship Building

Voted, That the City Council do hereby approve and confirm the foregoing named persons as Deputy Surveyors of Lumber for the ensuing year.

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

Committee to take Bond of City Treas.

Resolved, That Alderman Hoppin and Messrs Walcott Waterman and Anthony of the Common Council, be and they are hereby appointed a Committee to take a Bond of the City Treasurer with sufficient surety or sureties for the faithful discharge of the duties of his Office, for the present municipal year; and that said bond be for the same of Thirty Thousand dollars

Passed February 19. 1849

North Main Street

Whereas the General Assembly of this State, at their January Session directed the agent of the Providence and Pawtucket Turnpike to put and keep in repair that part of North Main Street which leads to said Turnpike which lies north of a line across the same and four hundred and fifty feet north of the termination of the present pavement of North Main Street, whenever this City shall cause to be paved the said space of four hundred and fifty feet, therefore

Resolved, That the Surveyor of Highways be and he is hereby directed to cause said piece of North Main Street measuring four hundred and fifty feet to be paved at the expense of the City; and that when completed he give notice to the State agent of said Turnpike that the City has complied with the Condition of said Resolution of the General Assembly

Passed March 12 1849

Mayors Salary

Resolved, That the salary of the Mayor, for the year ensuing the first Monday in June next, shall be One thousand dollars payable quarterly

Passed March 12. 1849

Pearl St

Resolved That the Surveyor of Highways, be and he is hereby directed to grade, set the Curbing, pave the gutters and finish that part of Pearl Street lying between Transton Street and Pine Street, and to make such alterations in Broad Street as may make Pearl Street and Broad at their junction to conform to the grade established by the Street Commissioners and also to finish the Southerly end of Pearl Street, as required in the Lease from Edward Dexter whenever the following conditions are complied with viz

That the owners of the adjoining land pay into the City Treasury the sum of two hundred and forty eight dollars and fifty three cents and also furnish all the curbing except that against the Mumford Meadow so called

Passed March 12th 1849

Fields Point Farm

Resolved That the City Treasurer, be and he is hereby directed, to execute a lease to Andrew Walton, of the Fields Point Farm (so called) for the term of One year commencing with the 15th inst, when his present lease expires; said Lease to be executed under the advice and direction of the Mayor.

Old Hospital Lot

Resolved That the City Treasurer under the advice and direction of the Mayor, be and he is hereby authorized to lease the Old Hospital and the land contiguous thereto

Passed March 12, 1849

City Funds

To the City Council of the City of Providence

The Standing Committee on Finance who were authorized to make an arrangement with one of the City Banks for receiving the deposites of the City for the year 1849 respectfully report

That they have arranged with the American Bank to receive deposites from the City Treasurer and to pay to the City for the same at the of four and three fourths per cent per annum

Respectfully submitted
Edward T Williams
for the Committee

Providence March 12. 1849

Read, whereupon, resolved that said report be received and approved

Passed March 12. 1849

Appropriation

Resolved

That the City Treasurer be and he is hereby authorized to pay such bills as are duly audited by the City auditor and such orders of the Board of Aldermen as may be presented before the second monday of April next

Resolved, That the sum of Eight Thousand dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated to be paid out, under the above resolution if required

Passed March 12. 1849

Fire police

An Ordinance in addition to an ordinance entitled "An Ordinance providing for the establishment of a public watch"

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

Section 1 Whenever the Mayor, by special order, or the Board of Aldermen by special order or by general regulation, shall require the members of the public watch or Constables or any portion of them to attend at any fires which may happen in said City, it shall be the duty of the watchmen or Constables so to attend and to use all diligence in preserving property and in keeping good order; and they shall be authorized to arrest and detain in the Watch House or other suitable place, any person who shall attempt to steal any property, or to injure any hose, engine, or apparatus for extinguishing fire: provided, that no person shall be detained for more than twelve hours, by virtue of the authority hereby given

Section 2 The compensation of the watch for the services hereby required shall be fixed by the Board of Aldermen

Passed March 12 1849

Tax Ordinance

An Ordinance providing for the assessment and collection of a Tax of fifty cents on each One hundred Dollars in value, of the Rateable Property in the City of Providence

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

Section 1. That a Tax of fifty cents on each One hundred dollars in value of the rateable property in said City, be assessed and levied upon the rateable property of the inhabitants and others owning such property in said City; and that said Tax be assessed on or before the first Monday in September next: and collected and paid into the City Treasury, on or before the first Monday of October next

Section 2. That the Collector shall advertise in the Manufactures and Farmers Journal and in the Republican Herald, for

three weeks successively, calling on all persons who may be assessed for said tax, to make payment at his Office, within ten days, ending on said first Monday in October next, and including that day— And during said ten days, said Collector shall attend at his said office, for the purpose of receiving said Tax, every day, (Sundays excepted) from nine o'clock in the morning until three o'clock in the afternoon; and the said Collector shall deduct three per cent from the respective sums assessed upon all those who shall make payment on or before said first Monday in October next

Section 3. That said Collector shall be allowed three and one half per cent for collecting said tax; he allowing out of his said Commission, three per cent to all those who shall pay him the amount of their respective taxes on or before said first Monday in October next

Section 4 That said Collector shall pay into the City Treasury without delay, all monies which he shall receive towards the tax aforesaid, by the first Monday in October next; collecting and paying over the residue, (if any) of said tax, as soon thereafter as may be; and that all persons who shall be delinquent in paying said tax by said first Monday in October next, shall pay interest afterwards; for which interest said Collector shall be accountable to said City

Passed April 9. 1849

Assessors Compensation

Resolved That the Assessors of Taxes shall be allowed and paid One hundred & sixty dollars each, as a full compensation for apportioning the City Tax, this day ordered; and also for apportioning the Registry and Militia Tax; for copying of Tax Book; and for obtaining all necessary information for the proper and just apportionment of said taxes; and for all other services in relation thereto.

Passed April 9. 1849

School Houses To be Erected & Enlarged

Resolved, That the City Treasurer be and he is hereby directed (under the advice of the Executive Sub Committee of the School Committee) to cause the Grammar School Houses in Arnold Street and Fountain Street to be enlarged in a manner similar to the enlargement of the Grammar School House in Summer Street

Resolved, That the City Treasurer be and he is hereby directed (under the same advice) to lease from the Commissioners of the Dexter Donation or to purchase a suitable lot and erect a brick School House of proper dimensions for the accommodation of a primary and an intermediate school, such lot to be located in the Sixth Ward.

Resolved, That the cost of carrying the above resolutions into effect be paid from any money appropriated for School Houses & Lots

Passed April 9. 1849

Culvert

Resolved That the Surveyor of Highways be and he is hereby directed to build a Culvert of suitable dimensions, in the Valley between Friendship Street and the Rhode Island Bleach House Pond, whenever the owners of the adjacent property shall prepare the land for such Culvert and shall pay to the City Treasurer One Dollar per foot

Resolved, that all resolutions heretofore passed in relation to a Culvert in said valley be and the same are hereby repealed

Passed April 9. 1849

City Hall

The Committee on the subject of a location for a City Hall

Report, That they have caused enquiry to be made as to the price of the "Fenner Estate" and find that it is valued at about One Hundred Thousand Dollars but that some of the owners will not at present sell their interest.

It is in contemplation to divide said Estate — your committee have prepared a plat shewing what part of said Estate would be required to make a handsome location for a City Hall, which plat has been exhibited to the Administrator on Gov Fenner's Estate

No intimation has yet been given to the committee as to what price will be demanded for the part of the Estate required or whether the heirs of Gov Fenner will be disposed to make a division in the manner which the Committee have suggested

Which is respectfully submitted
For the Committee
Thos M Burgess

Providence
March 7 1849

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

Passed April 9. 1849

Thos J Hill
Liberty to build

Upon the Report this day made by the Standing Committee on City Property, upon the petition of Thomas J Hill, it is Resolved, That liberty be, and the same is hereby granted to said Hill, to erect upon the land purchased by him from the City, bounding on Hospital Park, a small building according to the plan annexed to his said Petition

Passed April 9. 1849

Treas. Bond

The joint Committee who were on the 19th of February last appointed to take a bond from the City Treasurer in the sum of Thirty Thousand Dollars, with surety or sureties, having on the 12th of March last reported that such bond had been duly executed. It is resolved that said bond be by said Committee deposited in the offic of the City Clerk

Passed April 9 1849

Prov'd Wor. Rail Road Company's Work

City of Providence

Mayor's Office April 8. 1849

Gentlemen of the City Council

I respectfully recommend that a Committee be appointed, or some officer designated to examine, on behalf of the City the work which the Providence and Worcester Rail Road Co have executed in pursuance of the resolutions of the City Council passed February 17. 1846 — This recommendation is made at the suggestion of the President of that Company, so that they may understand what work the City authorities expect them to do

Most of the work is done is very satisfactory — the only important parts yet unfinished are, as far as they are known to me

1 The paving of one bridge
2 The furnishing of water on Cove Street at low tide, for protection against fire
3 The taking of the mud from the Cove

It is possible that for some parts of the above named work, other improvements may be substituted to the advantage both of the public and the Rail Road Company; and for that reason it may be better to refer the subject to a Committee of the Council rather than to a single officer

Tho M. Burgess Mayor

Read, Whereupon it is resolved, that the same be referred to Messrs Williams, Hill and Waterman of the Common Council and the Mayor and Aldermen Whitaker, to examine the work and report how much of said work is done, and what alterations may be for the public interest

Passed April 9. 1849

Temporary Loan

Resolved, That the City Treasurer acting under the advice and direction of the Standing Committee on Finance, be and he is hereby authorized to hire by temporary loan or loans, a sum or sums of money, not exceeding in the whole the sum of thirty six thousand dollars for a period not exceeding one year at a rate of interest not exceeding six per cent

Passed April 9. 1849

Judge Municipal Court Return

To the Hon City Council

The Judge of the Municipal Court hereby makes Report.

That the whole amount of his fees charged for business transacted in said Court, during the year ending on the first Monday in March last, as appears by the Accounts kept by the Clerk of said Court, is 556.56
Of which there has been collected 348.61
Leaving uncollected 207.95

Thomas Burgess
Municipal Judge

Providence Apl 9. 1849

Read. Whereupon it is resolved that the same be received

Passed April 12. 1849

Clerk of Probate Report

To the Hon^ble City Council

The undersigned, Clerk of the Municipal Court as required by the Ordinance of February 9^th 1846 hereby makes Report

That the whole amount of Clerks fees charged for the business transacted in said Court, for the year ending on the first Monday in March last $1963.06

Of which there has been collected 583.89

Leaving uncollected 379.17

He herewith presents the requisite certificate of the Judge, relative to the records and papers of the Court

Albert G Green
Clerk Mun^l Court

Providence April 9 1849

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

Passed April 12 1849

City Clerks Report

To the Honorable City Council

In compliance with the Ordinance passed February 9th 1846 I herewith present a Statement of Fees received the past Financial year viz

From March 1st 1848 to February 28. 1849 inclusive

I have received	Cash	$ 1259.06
"	on Credit	4.
		1263.06
Less for Clerk Hire		233.
Nett		$ 1030.06

Respectfully Submitted

Albert Pabodie
City Clk

Providence March 17. 1849

(Note The certificate of the Mayor was presented with the above Statement as required by law)

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

Passed April 12. 1849

City Auditor Report to be printed

Upon the Report of the City Auditor this day made to the City Council, It is Resolved, that the same be received and referred to the Standing Committee on Finance; and that said Committee be, and they are hereby directed to cause the same, or so much thereof as is required to be published, by the fourth Section of the City Charter, together with a Schedule of the property of the City, to be printed in the Newspapers employed to do the City Printing.

Resolved, That said Committee be and they are hereby authorized to cause not exceeding five hundred copies of said Report to be printed in pamphlet form, for the use of the City Council

Passed April 12. 1849

Com^e to report bill fixing compensation

Resolved, That the Standing Committee on Finance be, and they are hereby directed to report at the next regular meeting of the City Council a Bill fixing the compensation of the Officers for the Municipal year, commencing on the first Monday in June next

Passed April 12. 1849

Johnston Town line

Resolved, That the Mayor and Alderman Knight and Messrs Potter, Hill and Anthony of the Common Council, be and they are hereby appointed a Committee to ascertain and survey the line between the City of Providence and the town of Johnston, and to cause suitable Stone Monuments to be erected at such places and points on said line as they deem proper; and to invite the Town of Johnston, to unite in such survey and placing of Monuments

Passed April 12. 1849

Almy Gas Light Co Contract

To the Honorable Mayor, Board of Aldermen and Common Council of the City of Providence

The Subscribers having relinquished the Gas business respectfully ask of your honorable body to be released from further fulfillment of a certain contract with said City for furnishing Gas for Street Lamps and public buildings made and entered into October 20 A D 1848

Giles M Almy
for the Almy Gas Light Co.

Prov April 9. 1849

Read, Whereupon, it is resolved, that the same be received, and referred to Alderman Knowles and Messrs Williams, Potter, Waterman & Carpenter, to examine and report thereon

Passed April 12 1849

Dr City of Providence in Account

1848						
April 14	To paid Mrs Ann Keegans order for the balance due to Estate of John Keegan per Resolve of City Council			25	98	
May 1	" " S. Cahoone Genl Treas R.I. for one half amount Licenses & Tax on Billiard Tables & Bowling Alleys	1527.80				
	and Commisions on do paid Board of Aldermen	39.17		1566	97	
27	" " Prov. D. B. & C. Co. for a Lot of Land adjoining to and for an addition to the Valley S. H. Lot per Deed			375	00	
June 23	" " Fanning & Budlongs bill for removing Valley S. House repairs fencing &c. paid from money received of N.Y. Prov. & Boston Rail Road Co. for part said Lot & City April 22			326	50	
July 8	" " Alpheus Burgess for amt over paid by him 2d May			10	00	
August 29	" " Charles Potter, per Resolve of Board of Aldermen remitting all the Tax paid by him on Bowling Alley 1847 except $10			13	75	
Octr 18	" " D. K. Chaffee, Marshal for fees paid E Dexter vs City Septr Term			8	69	
Novr 15	" " D. Burt for piece land on Back St per deed & by Resolve of City Council			189	89	
18	" " B. Anthony, U.S Marshal for fees &c pd Simmons & Dexter vs City, U.S Circuit Court			18	80	
24	" " Do " do do do do			31	80	
Decr 4	" " J. L. Kimball pr resolve City Council for Tax 1847 remitted & interest			28	62	
1849 January 10	" " Gen. Capron do do for injury to horse & Chaise			45	00	2.641 00
13	" 7 Notes issued payable to Charles Potter on the 13th Jany 1850 with Int & paid in payment of his Deed of Lockwooden Hotel Estate viz Nos 117, 118 & 119 3 Notes of $3000. ea.		9000.			
	" 120, 121, 122 & 123 4 do " 1000. "		4000.			13 000 00
Feby 16	" Support of Public Schools			18.474	78	
	" Support of the Poor at Asylum		1798.49			
	do " do " Large		6476.16			
	do " do " Butler Asylum		3981.33	12 255	98	
	" Highways	24.093.70				
	Paving Stones	4.816.26		28.909	96	
	Bridges			397	03	
	Fire Department			9218	58	
	Salaries			4806	47	
	City Watch			7070	93	
	Lighting Streets			3286	29	
	Contingencies			5042	68	
	Police Department			2446	13	
	Public Buildings			481	06	
	Pumps & Wells			211	17	
	Asylum Walls and Buildings			507	74	
	Celebration of American Independence			658	95	
	School Houses & Lots			2482	50	
	Names of Streets & Nos on Houses			353	57	
	Cadet Armory			450	00	
	Improvement on Cove Park			900	00	
	Ventilation of Asylums			1524	83	
	Triangular Bridge			1000	00	
	Filling Lot N° 15 Lockwood			86	00	
	Gas Light Fixtures			1291	65	
	Addition to Summer St Grammar S House			976	32	102832 62
	Notes Receivable, for Amount of 15 Notes on hand payable 4th June at Bank & depd for collection			2015	00	
	Isaac Brown, Treas acc Jany 1. 5 mo			1.334	83	3.349 83
	Amt forward					121823 45

with Stephen Tripp City Treasurer Cr

1848					
March 6	By Balance viz Deposited in American Bank 15.587.11 Cash 14.77			15.601	88
April 11	" James Mumford for 1 quarters Tax on E Clarks 3 B. Tables to 16 March	50	00		
	1 " " B. Bogmans 5 B Alleys " 6th "	62	50		
	1 " " B & Thompson 4 do " 7th "	50	00		
	1 " " C G Arnold 3 do " 7th "	18	75		
	2 " " A Weaver 3 do " 7th "	37	50		
	1 " " S & Kinyon 5 do Novr 1. 1847	31	25		
		250	00		
	Less Commission @ 5 pc	12	50	237	50
22	" N. York Prov & Boston R.R. Co. for part of Valley School House Lot for Branch R Road as per Resolve City Council Apl 10. 1848. Deed given Agent			750	00
May 1	" one half amount received for City Licenses from 8th of March to 28 april 1848 which belongs to the State & is included in the sum remitted S Cahoone Genl Treasurer this day			108	75
2	" Alpheus Burgess for Entering a Drain into Sewer North Main St			20	00
8	" T. Almy do do " do Dorrance St			10	00
13	" James Mumford Collr for bal. due from A.B. Arnold on his personal Tax. assessed in 1846 & int to Sept 1847 uncollected & charged back 1847 now collected (Less his Commission)			101	54
June 5	" Auction dues. receivd of A.B. Dike 16.60 S. Hartshorn 1.53	18.13			
	M.R. Gardner 30.55 W. Wentworth 6.83	37.68			
	J.H. Ormsbee .36 W.W. Hale 4.50	4.86			
	Dyer & Hale 2.78 E.A. Nichols 1.00	3.78			
	T. Almy 5.92 S. Burr .06	5.98		70	43
17	" Jas Mumford Collr 1 qrs Tax on Simmons & K 5 Bowling Alleys to 7th inst less Com			29	69
29	" Wm E Greene for Thatch sold him standing			6	00
July 8	" A. Pabodie City Clerk for Old Papers sold from his office			1	25
"	" Benjn P Wilbur for entering Drain into C Sewer N. Main St			10	00
August 5	" Estate of Nath D Carlile for this sum received of N York Prov & Boston R. Road, being amt of damages on said Co. to said Carlile for the Change made in the location of High St			75	00
25	" T.W. Hayward Warden States Prison &c for fine paid by F Quinnell convicted & sentenced by Court for Drunkenness			2	00
Sept 9	" J Mumford Collr 2 qrs Tax on D. Pickering 3. B Alleys to 15 Aug. less Com	47	50		
	2 " " R Almy 4 " dy " 1 " "	35	63		
	2 " " B & Thompson 4 dy " 6 Sept "	95	00		
	2 " " B. Bogman 5 dy " 9 " "	118	75		
	1 " " James Barnes 4 dy " 3 July "	35	63		
	1 " " C G Arnold 3 dy " 7 June "	17	81		
	1 " " E Clarke 3 B. Tables 16 " "	47	50	397	82
Oct 13	" Do for balance of Tax assessed in 1847 as per a/c this day settled			12874	44
Decr 4	" Auction dues receivd of A.B. Dike 25.76 M.R. Gardner 37.40	63	16		
11	E.A. Nichols 3.05 - 12th S Hartshorn 2.23	5	28		
1849 20	W. Wentworth 3.38 - 22d T Almy 5.58	8	96		
Jany 8	B. B. Dyer	8	37	85	77
Feby 16	" Rent a/c for amt of 15 Notes on hand payable 4th June at Bank receivd for Rent of Market Stalls	2015	00		
"	" City Licenses for 1/2 amt received since May 1848	114	25		
"	" City Standard Scales	36	97		
"	" City Debt Fund	9.203	63		
"	" North Burial Ground	235	39		
"	" James Mumford Collr Receivd of him on a/c of Tax assessed in 1848 at sundry times	105.800	00	117.434	24
	Amt forward			147.816	31

1849			
Feb'y 16	Amount brought forward		$ 121.823. 45
	To Balance due City of Providence viz		
	In American Bank	$ 25.767. 14	
	Cash on Hand	207.22	
	J. C. Sheridan a/c	6.00	
	Nathan Bishop a/c	12.50	25.992. 86
			$ 147.816,31

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

Passed April 12. 1849

Dr City of Providence in account

1849					
March 5	To amt paid for Support of Public Schools		8.496	85	
	" " " " Support of Poor at large		1.028	88	
	" " " " Highways		473	57	
	" " " " Fire Department		525	85	
	" " " " Salaries		1193	75	
	" " " " City Watch		576	53	
	" " " " Lighting Streets		107	20	
	" " " " Contingencies		144	57	
	" " " " Police		46	45	
	" " " " Public Buildings		31	64	
	" " " " Pumps & Wells		27	06	
	" " " " Asylums Walls & Buildings		79	65	
	" " " " Gas Light & Fixtures		119	02	12.851 02
	" Balance due City of Providence viz				
	In American Bank	10.779. 18			
	" Bank of North America	3.000. 00			
	Cash on Hand	219. 93			13.999 11
					$ 26.850 13

I certify that I have examined the accounts of George W. Hall City Treasurer, and that these amounts agree with the vouchers, and that on the fifth day of March 1849, there was a balance in the City Treasury of Thirteen thousand nine hundred ninety nine & 11/100 Dollars ($13.999.11)

S. T. Olney City Auditor

Providence March 20. 1849

Amount brought forward		$ 147. 816. 31
		$ 147. 816.31
Balance forward		$ 25. 992. 86

I certify that I have examined the above account of Stephen Tripp City Treasurer, and that after deducting thirty seven cents from the amount charged for Police and adding four cents for support of the Poor at the Asylum, the balance in the City Treasury should be Twenty five thousand nine hundred ninety three and 19/100 Dollars, which sum the present City Treasurer received upon taking the office

I also certify that I have found vouchers on file in the City Treasurers Office for all the expenditures in the above account with the single exception of a bill audited and charged as paid 17th May 1848 for Twenty eight 25/100 Dollars

With the above exception this account is correct

Stephen T. Olney City Auditor

Providence March 20 1849

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with George W. Hall City Treasurer Cr

1849					
Feb'y 21	By balance of a/c Stephen Tripp late Treasurer				25993 19
22	" amt received R Evans for City proportion City Standard Scales				43 52
24	" Ja's Mumford Coll'r for Taxes on Bowling Alley less his com'n viz				
	David Pickering		47	50	
	Simmons & Kinyon		17	81	
	Benjamin Boyman		59	37	
	Robert Almy		35	63	
	Chas G Arnold		35	62	
	Albert Weaver		53	44	
	Mary A Smith		35	62	284 99
"	" Ja's Mumford Coll'r on a/c tax assessed 1848				400 00
27	" John C Brown for Entering Drain in Sewer William Street				40 00
March 1	" Ja's Mumford Coll'r for Tax Geo W. Tompkins on Bowling Alley less com'n				19 13
5	" A Pabodie City Clerk for Licenses from Feb'y 21 to date				19 50
"	" North Burial Ground for Sale of Lots				45 63
"	" Patrick Cox for 1 Months House Rent				4 17
					$ 26.850. 13
	By Balance forward				13.999 11

E. Excepted

Providence March 6 1849. Geo. W. Hall City Treas'r

Read. Whereupon it is resolved, that the same be received & recorded

Passed April 12. 1849

Appropriations

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

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

For the support of the Public Schools, for the year ending on the first Monday in March A.D. 1850, together with and in addition to the sums which the City may receive for the same purpose from the State Treasury and Registry Tax; (the Expenditures under this appropriation to be made by the order and direction of the School Committee:)
Twenty seven thousand dollars.

For the support of the Poor and Removal of Paupers; (including Asylum) together with the income of the "Billinghast Fund" (so called) Twelve thousand Dollars: in the following manner, to wit;

For support of the Insane Poor at Butler Hospital		$ 4000.—
" do " " Poor at the Dexter Asylum		3000.—
" relief " " Out door Poor		5000.

For the Fire Department; Ten thousand Dollars.

For the Support of Public Bridges; One thousand Dollars.

For the Support of Public Watch: Eight Thousand dollars.

For Lighting the Streets: Four Thousand five hundred Dollars

For Salaries of the Mayor & Aldermen and other City Officers; Six Thousand Dollars.

For the Repairs of Public Buildings; Eight hundred Dollars.

For the Repairs of the City Pumps and Wells; Two hundred & fifty Dollars.

For the Police Department; Three thousand five hundred Dollars.

For Repairs of the Asylum Walls & Buildings; Five Hundred Dollars.

For Highways; Thirty thousand Dollars.

For Contingent Expenses; viz: Any claims which may be allowed by the Board of Aldermen or by the City Auditor not included in any of the preceding items; and also the compensation allowed to the assessors of Taxes and to Warden & Ward Clerks; Five thousand eight hundred Dollars.

For School Houses and Lots: Eight thousand Dollars.

For City Debt, in addition to the amount appropriated by Ordinance: Three thousand dollars.

For Improvement of the Cove Promenade: Fifteen hundred dollars.

For Gas Light Fixtures: Five hundred dollars

Resolved That the several sums, so appropriated (excepting the sums so appropriated for the fund established for the payment of the City Debt, as provided by Ordinance) be paid out of any monies in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated: and also that the Board of Firewards be requested to keep the Expenditures of their within the appropriation.

Passed April 12. 1849

City Map

To the Hon. the City Council

The undersigned having, with considerable trouble and expense, prepared a map of the City, which they believe to be complete and accurate, propose to sell to the City on reasonable terms, a sufficient number of copies to supply the Schools, engine houses, public offices &c

Respectfully submitted
Cushing & Walling

Read. Whereupon, Resolved that the same be received and referred to Ald.n Hoppin, Shipard, Davis and Green

Passed April 9 1849

Assessors

In Convention April 9. 1849

Voted. That six persons be appointed to assess the Tax this day ordered

Assessors Appointed

Voted. That the following persons be and they are hereby appointed Assessors to assess the Tax this day ordered viz

Isaac Thurber	First Ward
George W Jackson	Second do
Amherst Everett	Third do
Asa Pierce	Fourth do
Ezek Aldrich	Fifth do
John F Phillips	Sixth do

Collector

Voted. That James Mumford be and he is hereby appointed to collect the Tax this day ordered

Engine Men appd

Voted. That the following persons be and they are hereby appointed members of Engine Co No 5. Edwin R. Capron, Benj.n S Olney Jun.r William A. Andrews, John Fargerson, John Muir, Joseph C Miller,

The two Boards separate, the Board of Aldermen retire to their Chamber. (This meeting in Convention, should have been recorded on 9th page)

Cross Walks

Resolved, That the Surveyor of Highways be and he is hereby directed to cause Cross Walks to be laid in the following places viz One across Waterman Street, near the corner of Freeman Foster's house;
One across North Main, opposite the South side of Cady's Lane;
One across Pond Street on West side of Summer Street;
One across Summer Street, on South side of Pond Street;
One across Summer Street, on North side of Broad Street.

Passed May 14 1849

Leases Renewed

Upon the Report of the Standing Committee on City Property, upon the Communication from the City Treasurer;

It is Resolved, That the City Treasurer, (acting under the advice and direction of the Mayor,) be, and he is hereby authorized to execute Leases of certain city property; as follows, viz

A Lease to Richard W. Bush, of a Lot of Land on Charles Street; in renewal of his former lease;

A Lease to Henry R. Freeman, of the Fields Point Farm (so called)

A Lease to Nelson C Northup, of a lot of land, situate at the junction of the Smithfield and Branch Turnpike Roads; being a part of the Weldon Land (so called) for a term not exceeding four years

Passed May 14th 1849

Sessions Lot pipe to be repaired

Upon the Report of the Standing on City Property;

It is Resolved, That the City Treasurer be, and he is hereby authorized, under the direction of the Surveyor of Highways, to cause the pipes leading from the Fountain on the Sessions Lot, to be repaired and put in good condition

Passed May 14 1849

James Brattell's Bill

Upon the Report of the Standing Committee on Finance

It is Resolved, That the sum of Fifty Dollars be and the same is hereby allowed to James Brattell, in full payment of his account against the City, for services on the Committee for examining Chimneys, selling Stoves & Stove Pipes, to the 24th day of March 1849; and that said Sum be paid by the City Treasurer, from the appropriation for Contingencies

Passed May 14. 1849

Overseer of Poor Report

The Report of the Overseer of the Poor in relation to the Insane Poor sent to the Butler Hospital

Read, Whereupon it is resolved that the same be received

Passed May 14. 1849

Daniel Sweet

Upon the Report of the Standing Committee on City Property upon the petition of Daniel A Sweet and Silas A Sweet for relief;

It is Resolved, That the City Treasurer be and he is hereby directed to cancel and deliver up the note for the rent of a Stall in the Market House, signed by said Daniel Sweet and endorsed by said Silas A Sweet, for Eighty Dollars; on receiving one quarters rent of said Stall

Passed May 14. 1849

Clk Municipal Court

Resolved, That the Clerk of the Municipal Court be and he is hereby authorized to cause such additions to be made to the cases and shelves in his office, as he may deem necessary for the records and Papers therein; provided the Expense thereof shall not exceed sixty dollars

Passed May 14. 1849

Almy Gas Light Co

The Committee on Finance to whom the petition of the Almy Gas Light Co was referred respectfully report

That the Contract with the Almy Gas Light Co is substantially the same as with the Prov. Gas Co. except as to time; the City having a right at their option to renew the contract of the Almy Gas Light Co for two periods of ten years each.- the contract with the Prov Gas Co. expires in July 1854 The Prov. Gas Co in their contract are bound to furnish gas in any ward, within the line of their pipes, the city may direct, and any failure of the Almy Gas Light Co can be supplied under the contract with the Prov. Gas Co.

On account of the privilege of renewal it is desirable that the contract should be continued with the Almy Gas Light Co by a transfer of the same to the Prov. Gas Co. the Committee are of opinion that Messrs Almys are in duty bound to provide for the fulfilment of their contract inasmuch as their assiduity in pushing their claims has prevented a similar contract with the Prov. Gas Co.

The Committee recommend, that whenever an arrangement can be made for a transfer of the contract to the Prov. Gas Co, that the City consent to the same

Respectfully submitted
Edward S Williams
for the Committee

Providence May 14. 1849

Read whereupon it is resolved that the same be received and adopted

Passed May 14 1849

Hospital Park

Upon the Report of the Standing Committee on City Property, upon the petition of John H Dorrance & others

It is Resolved, That the sum of One hundred and fifty Dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated for the purpose of grading and otherwise improving the main avenue in Hospital Park; and that said sum be expended under the direction of the Surveyor of Highways

Passed May 14 1849

Rufus Read to remove wooden Building

Upon the petition of Rufus Read asking liberty to remove a certain two story building from its present location forty feet back from Richmond Street and to place the same on line of Richmond Street on the same lot also a Barn from its present location 67 feet in rear of Pine Street near said Reads Brewery and place the same 40 feet further back from Pine Street

Read whereupon it is resolved, that the Prayer of said petition be granted

Passed May 14 1849

Se Gov Fenner Pa Estate

A communication from the Mayor, in relation to the Gov Fenners Estate on Market Square is received and read

Whereupon it is resolved that the same be referred to the joint Committee on the subject of the City Hall

Passed May 14 1849

Ja Cross Walk

Resolved, That the Surveyor of Highways be and he is hereby directed to cause a Cross walk to be laid across Broad Street, opposite the door of the Second Universalist Meeting House, and a Cross walk across Eddy Street

Passed May 14. 1849

Smith St

Resolved, That the Surveyor of Highways be and he is hereby directed to cause that part of Smith Street lying between North Main Street and Shingle Bridge (so called) to be paved, whenever the owners of the adjoining land shall furnish curbstone

Passed May 14. 1849

High St

Resolved, That the Surveyor of Highways be and he is hereby directed to cause that part of High Street, lying between the termination of the present paving at the Hoyle Tavern (so called) and the West side of Codding Street, to be paved, whenever the owners of the adjoining land shall furnish curb stones one half to be done this season and the other half as soon as the condition of the Street work will admit

Passed May 14 1849

S Main St

Resolved, That the Surveyor of Highways be and he is hereby directed to cause that part of South Main Street, lying between the termination of the present paving and India Street, to be paved whenever the owners of the adjoining land shall furnish curbstone one half to be done this season and the other as soon as the condition of the Street work will admit

Passed May 14. 1849

Cushing St

Resolved, That the Surveyor of Highways be and he is hereby directed to cause the gutters to be paved and the Curbstone set on that part of Cushing Street, lying between Congdon & Prospect Streets, whenever the owners of the adjoining land shall furnish curb stone

Passed May 14. 1849

Franklin & Fountain Sts

Resolved, That the Surveyor of Highways be and he is hereby directed to cause the Curb stone to be set and the gutters paved on Franklin Street; and also on the South side of Fountain Street, between Jackson and Dean Streets, whenever the Owners of the adjoining land shall furnish the curbstone.

Passed May 14. 1849

Ship Street

Resolved, that the Surveyor of Highways be and he is hereby directed to cause the Sidewalk to be widened on the South side of Ship Street, between Elbow & Eddy Streets, under the direction of the Street Commissioners, whenever the Owners of the adjoining land shall furnish suitable curbstone; and also to cause a Cross walk to be laid across Richmond Street on the North side of Ship Street

Passed May 14. 1849

Hospital St

Resolved. That the Surveyor of Highways be and he is hereby directed to cause the curbing to be set and the gutters paved on that part of Hospital Street, lying between Point & Allen Streets whenever the owners of the adjoining land shall furnish Curb Stone

Passed May 14 1849

Hope Street

Resolved. That the Surveyor of Highways be and he is hereby directed to cause the gutters to be paved and the curbstone set on that part of Hope Street, lying between Benevolent and Manning Streets, whenever the owners of the adjoining land shall furnish Curb Stone

Passed May 14 1849

James St

Resolved. That the Surveyor of Highways be and he is hereby directed to cause the Curb Stone to be set and the gutters to be paved on James Street, whenever the owners of the adjoining land shall furnish the curbstone

Passed May 14. 1849

Halsey St

Resolved. That the Surveyor of Highways be and he is hereby directed to cause the gutters to be paved and the curbing set on that part of Halsey Street lying between Benefit Street and the east line of the estate of Stephen R Weeden, whenever the owners of the adjoining land shall furnish the curb Stone

Passed May 14. 1849

President of the U States

Whereas it is understood that Zachary Taylor, President of the United States, contemplates a journey through the Eastern States, and citizens of all parties among us are desirous of greeting one who has rendered to his country such distinguished services; therefore,

Resolved, that this City Council, acting in behalf of their fellow citizens of this City of Providence, respectfully invite the President to visit this City at such time as he may please to designate.

Resolved That the Mayor and President of the Common Council be requested to communicate the above resolution to the President and to tender him the hospitalities of the City

Passed May 14. 1849

Eddy St

Resolved. That the Surveyor of Highways be and he is hereby directed to cause that part of Eddy Street lying between Ship Street and Pine Street to be paved whenever the owners of the adjoining land shall furnish curb stone

Passed May 17. 1849

Broad St

Resolved. That the Surveyor of Highways be and he is hereby directed to cause that part of Broad Street lying between Plain and Chesnut Street to be paved, whenever the owners of the adjoining land shall furnish curbstone (if any may be required) one half to be done this season and the other half as soon as the condition of the Street work will admit

Passed May 17 1849

W & Prov R.R.Co work to be examined.

Upon the Report this day made to the City Council by the joint Committee to whom, on the 9th of April last, was referred the Communication from the Mayor recommending an examination "on behalf of the City, of the work which the Providence and Worcester Railroad Company have executed in pursuance of the resolutions of the City Council, passed February 17 1846" which communication was so referred, with instructions "to examine the work, and report, how much of said work is done, and what alterations may be for the public interest."

It is Resolved, that said Report be received; and that the subject embraced therein be and the same is hereby recommitted to said Committee; with instructions, to cause such examinations and estimates to be made as said Committee may find necessary to a proper understanding of the subject; and to report the same to the City Council

Passed May 17, 1849

In Convention June 4th 1849 at 3 o'clock p.m.

This being the day fixed by law for the annual Organization of the Municipal Government of the City of Providence, the following Gentlemen, being the Mayor, Aldermen and Common Councilmen elect met in convention in the Council Chamber, to wit;

Tho's M. Burgess	Mayor and	
Edward C. Knowles	Alderman of	first Ward
Thomas Whitaker	Do	second "
Hiram Hill	Do	third "
William W. Hoppin	Do	fourth "
Samuel James	Do	fifth "
Robert Knight	Do	sixth "

Common Council

First Ward
William H Waterman
Parley M. Mathewson
Thomas Davis 2d
Edmund Thurber

Second Ward
John H. Hamlin
Richard W. Bush
Thomas P. Shepard
William T. Grinnell

Third Ward
William Earle
Enoch Steere
Rollin Mathewson
James H. Mumford

Fourth Ward
James G Anthony
Philip Case
Jabez C Knight
Joseph Martin

Fifth Ward
Daniel E. Carpenter
Thomas J Hill
Jacob Manchester
Henry A Howland

Sixth Ward
Joseph F Gilmore
Christopher C Potter
Zebdiel W. Holden
Samuel B Dunsee

James M Clarke Esq administered the oath of Office required by the City Charter to Thomas M Burgess Mayor Elect

The Mayor then administered the like oath to the aforenamed Aldermen and Common Council men Elect excepting Henry A Howland who affirmed and Thos Davis 2d who was not present and thereupon the Convention proceeded to ballot for City Clerk and on counting the ballots it appeared that Albert Pabodie was elected to that office, and he was then duly engaged by the Mayor

The Mayor then delivered his Annual Address to the City Council

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

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Fixing Compensation of Officers

An Ordinance fixing the compensation of certain Officers for the year ending on the first Monday of June A.D. One thousand eight hundred and fifty

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

Section 1. For the year ending on the first Monday in June A.D. 1850, the compensation to be allowed and paid to the several officers hereinafter named, shall be as follows; viz,

To the City Clerk, Two hundred and fifty Dollars;

To the Clerk of the Common Council, Two Hundred & fifty Dollars;

To the City Treasurer Eight hundred Dollars;

To the Overseer of the Poor, Five Hundred Dollars;

To the City Sergeant, Four Hundred Dollars;

To the Surveyor of Highways, Eight hundred Dollars;

To the Clerk of the Market, Two hundred Dollars;

To the Judge of the Municipal Court, (in addition to the fees allowed by law for business transacted in said Court) One hundred dollars;

To the Clerk of the Municipal Court (in addition to the fees allowed by law for business transacted in said Court) two hundred & fifty Dollars

To the City Sealer of Weights & Measures, One hundred & fifty Dollars;

To the City Auditor, One hundred and fifty Dollars;

Section 2. Said sums so appropriated, shall be paid out of the City Treasury, in quarterly payments, to the Officers respectively entitled thereto

Section 3 The fees allowed by law to Justices of the Peace, shall be in full compensation to the Justices of the Police Court, for their services as such

Passed June 4. 1849

City Marshal

An Ordinance, in addition to an Ordinance entitled "An Ordinance prescribing the duties of the City Marshal"

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

Section 1. The City Marshal is hereby invested with all the power and authority which were conferred upon the Committee on Nuisances, in and by the Ordinance entitled "An Ordinance in relation to Nuisances," and shall perform and discharge all the duties which said Committee were by said Ordinance required to perform.

Section 2. The City Marshal shall pay into the City Treasury, on the first Monday in March in every year, the amount of all fees which he may have received, during the preceding year, by virtue of any office held by him

Section 3. The City Marshal shall be allowed and paid, in full compensation for his services as such, for the year ending on the first Monday in June A.D. 1850, the sum of Eight hundred dollars, in equal quarterly payments.

Section 4 So much of the Ordinance entitled "An Ordinance designating the Officers to be appointed Annually by the City Council, in addition to those specially designated and required to be appointed by the City Charter," as requires the annual appointment of a Committee on Nuisances is hereby repealed.

Section 5. The second section of this Ordinance shall not be

so construed as to require the City Marshal to pay into the City Treasury, any fees which he may receive for the completion of any business already commenced.

Section 6 This Ordinance shall go into operation immediately after the next election of a City Marshal

Passed June 4 1849

In Convention June 4th 1849

The following City Officers are chosen

Judge of the Municipal Court	Thomas Burgess.
Clerk " "	Same
City Treasurer	Albert G. Greene
City Auditor	George W. Hall
City Sergeant	Stephen T Olney
City Marshal	James C Sheridan
	Daniel K Chaffee

City Constables — Jacob C Gould, Jabez J. Potter, Daniel K. Chaffee, James Sheldon, Augustus Ellis, John M Shaw, Jabez C Potter, Thomas W Hart, James Sherburne, William H Hudson, John H. Gould, Rufsell Clapp, Elisha Scott, Silas Hemenway, William G Mewethen, Peleg Johnson Christian M Johnston.

Surveyor of Highways — Henry G. Mumford
Clerk of the Market — Henry G. Mumford

Firewards — Benjamin Robinson, Robert Manchester Jun^r, Thomas Aldrich, Joseph W. Taylor, John B. Chace, Daniel E. Carpenter, Thomas J Hill, Stephen P Connell, Benjamin Dyer, Allen Baker, Richard M. Bush, Earl Carpenter, John S. Ormsbee, Elisha Dyer Jr, Henry J Grant, Israel G. Manchester, William H. Sweet.

Presidents of Firewards. — Benjamin Robinson, Thomas Aldrich, Hiram Hill, William Tallman, Edward S Williams.

Sealer of Weights & Measures — James Eames.

Surveyors of Hoops Staves & Heading — George S. Harwood, Peleg S. Shearman, Samuel Eathforth.

Undertakers — Judson Blake, John C Hopkins, Gardner T Swarts, Geo. N Briggs, Gideon Palmer, William C. Millard, Daniel Robinson, William O Briggs, Amos Fletcher, Patrick Wallace, Namon Miller, Jacob Weaver, George C Cleaveland, Maris Nichols, John L. Johnson

Overseer of Public Bridges — Menzies Sweet

Gaugers of Casks — Allen T Gladding, James Burrough, John A Bosworth, Peleg S Shearman, D. V. Ross.

School Committee — Moses B Ives, Edward B Hall, Amherst Everett, John J Stimson, Edward R Young, Thomas M. Burgess, Alexis Caswell, Alexander Duncan, Richmond Brownell, Geo. A Tillinghast, Amos D Smith, Edward P Knowles, Isaac Thurber, Samuel Osgood, Elisha Dyer Jun^r, Ezek Aldrich, Stephen T. Olney, Gamaliel L. Dwight, Shubael Hutchins, Amasa Manton, William C Snow, Thomas C Hartshorn, J P K Henshaw, James N Granger, William Gammell, S. Augustus Arnold, William J Breed, William W. Hoppin, Samuel G Arnold, Edward Walcott.

Surveyors & Corders of Wood — William Bradley, Thomas J Wardwell, Benjamin S Olney, Samuel B. Bullock, George B. Holmes, Nelson Chace, Joseph Robinson, William K Thurber, George T Bowen, Clark Steere, William W. Arnold, Nathan Thornton, James Brattell, Cyrus Potter, Sayles Brown.

Packers & Inspectors of Fish — Peleg S Shearman. Geo. S. Harwood

Collector of Taxes — James Mumford

Overseers of Hospital — Mayor & Aldermen

Fence Viewers — George W. Crocker. Henry G Mumford
Field Drivers — James C Sheridan
Inspector of Pot & Pearl Ashes. — Smith Bosworth & Amasa Manton
Inspector of Saleratus & Bicarbonate of Soda — Elijah Whitney
Advising Committee on Bridges — Mayor & Aldermen
Auctioneers — Sylvester Hartshorn, Daniel V. Ross, William T Greene, Rufus W Kimball, Albert Metcalf, Gideon Palmer
Inspector of Liquor to ascertain Proof
Overseer of Town House
Inspector of Beef & Pork
Sealer of Leather
Pound Keeper

Surveyors & Measurers of Stone — William Andrews, Leonard Blodget, Joseph T Gilmore, Cyrus Fisher

Inspectors & Measurers of Carpenters, Masons & Painters Work — William P R Benson, Leonard Blodget, John A Greene, Robert Manchester, Robert Manchester Jr, Emor Angell, James Lewis, Russell Greene, Weston A. Fisher, Cyrus Fisher, Jonathan S Angell, Horace Gray, John A Bosworth, Stephen C Arnold

Committee to Superintend Building Chimneys and Placing Stoves & Pipes — Cyrus Fisher, John C Jenches, Moses Richardson, James Brattell, Samuel Lewis

Measurers of Grain, Salt & Sea coal — Hazeltine Taft, Jonathan West, Joseph Smith, Stephen Smith, Edwin C Greene, Ellery Wesson, James Brattell, John A Bosworth, John L Clarke, Charles Hodges, Samuel Jackson 2^d

Measurers of Bran. Hazeltine Supt. Jonathan West

Assessors Isaac Thurber, Geo. W. Jackson, Amherst Everett, Asa Pierce, Esek Aldrich, John Jr. Phillips

Overseers of Pumps. South End William Coleman
North End Edward Harwood
High & Knight Street Enos A. Weeden
Pond, head Westminster & Broad Jacob C. Gould
Bassett Street Edward Field

Weighers of Anthracite Coal, James Burrough, James A. Mumford, Samuel Jackson 2d Henry C Clarke, Charles Hodges, Thomas Pearce, H. C. Mathewson, Seth W Baker, William H. Aborn, George B Peck, Stephen Burr Israel T Bullock, Colin C Baker, Stephen S. Salisbury, James W Allen, Christopher B Pearce, Henry G Tucker, William A. Hopkins, Charles Remington, James R. Halliday

Court of Magistrates Samuel W. Peckham, Francis E. Hoppin Charles Hart.

Street Commissioners Asa Pierce, Cyrus Fisher, Samuel B. Cushing

City Constables Resolved, That the refusal without good cause on the part of any Constable to serve civil processes shall be deemed by this Council ground for removal. - Based in Convention June 4 1849

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P City Constables Resolved That the City Marshal be directed to report to the Mayor any departure from duty or improper conduct on the part of any of the City Constables (Passed in Convention this day

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

Standing Rules Resolved, That the same Standing Rules which were on the fifth day of June A.D. 1848, adopted as the Standing Rules of the City Council for the Municipal Year last past, be and the same are hereby adopted, as the Standing Rules of the City Council, for the present municipal year.

Passed June 4 1849

Mayors Address Resolved, That Alderman Hoppin and Messrs Knight & Rollin Mathewson, of the Common Council be and they are hereby appointed a Committee, to wait upon the Mayor, and request him to furnish for publication a Copy of the Address this day delivered by him to the City Council; and to cause the same to be published in such manner as they may deem expedient

Passed June 4 1849

City Printing Resolved That Alderman Hoppin and Messrs Waterman, Shepard and Anthony of the Common Council be, and they are hereby appointed a Committee, to contract for the City Printing, for the present Municipal year

Passed June 4 1849

Police Court Resolved, That from the Justices assigned to keep the Peace within this City,

Samuel W. Peckham
Francis E Hoppin and
Charles Hart

be and they are hereby selected, to compose the Police Court of this City, during the present Municipal year.

Passed June 4. 1849

City Treasurers Bond Resolved, That Aldermen Hoppin and Messrs Waterman Shepard & Anthony be, and they are hereby appointed a Committee, to take a bond of the City Treasurer, with sufficient surety or sureties for the faithful discharge of the duties of his office for the present Municipal year; and that bond be for the sum of Thirty Thousand Dollars.

Passed June 4 1849

Reduction of the City Debt Whereas Messrs Waterman, Shepard and Anthony have, this day, been appointed by the Common Council, as the Committee on their part, for the reduction of the City Debt, for the present Municipal Year, pursuant to the requisition contained in the first section of the Ordinance entitled "An Ordinance in relation to the City Debt";

It is Resolved, that the names of said Committee be communicated to the Board of Aldermen, in order that said Board may add an Alderman to said Committee, pursuant to the requisition contained in said section

In Common Council June 4 1849
Read and Passed

In Board of Aldermen same day Read Whereupon
It is Resolved, That Ald^r Hoppin be added to said Committee

4th July Resolved That Alderman James and Messrs Grinnell, Martin & Knight be and they are hereby appointed a Committee of Arrangements, for a Municipal Celebration of the approaching Anniversary of American Independence.

Resolved, That the sum of Twelve hundred Dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated, for defraying the expenses of said Celebration, to be paid to the order of said Committee, by the City Treasurer, out of any monies in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated

Passed June 4 1849

Firemen

Resolved, That the sum of fifty cents be paid by the City Treasurer, to the Treasurer of the Providence Association of Firemen for Mutual Assistance, for each of the Firemen of the City; in order to entitle them severally to the benefit of the funds of that association; and that said sum be paid on the Certificate of the City Clerk, respecting the appointment of said Firemen, out of the appropriation for the Fire Department.

Passed June 4 1849

Auditor Report Printed

To the City Council of the City of Providence

The Standing Committee on Finance to whom was referred the report of the City Auditor with directions "to cause the same, or so much thereof as is required to be published by the fourth Section of the City Charter, together with a Schedule of the property of the City, to be printed in the Newspapers employed to do the City printing"; and also authorized "to cause not exceeding five hundred copies of said report to be printed in pamphlet form, for the use of the City Council" respectfully Report

That they have ordered the Entire report to be printed in the Newspapers employed to do the City Printing, and Two hundred and fifty copies of the same, to be printed in a pamphlet form for the use of the City Council.

Respectfully submitted for the Committee
Edward S. Williams
Chairman

Read whereupon it is resolved that the same be received

Passed June 4 1849

School Com^ee Report

*To the Honorable City Council of the City of Providence

The School Committee respectfully Report

That they have conducted the Public Schools upon the principles stated in their Report of last year, and have now in operation.

One High School
Six Grammar Schools
Twelve Intermediate Schools
Eighteen Primary Schools
One Grammar School for Colored Children
Two Primary Schools do

in all Forty Schools under the care of One Superintendant, Eleven Male Teachers and Seventy six female Teachers; together Eighty eight instructors

That the average number of Pupils belonging to the Schools, during the past year has been Five thousand four hundred seventy seven and the average attendance about Four thousand six hundred — The amount of orders drawn upon the City Treasurer by the Committee during the year is Thirty three thousand three hundred thirty two Dollars eight three cents

which is respectfully submitted For the Committee
Thomas M Burgess President
Edward R Young Secy

Prov. June 1, 1849

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

Passed June 4 1849

Remove Wooden Building.

On the Petition of John H Lonsdale requesting liberty to remove a certain two story Wooden Building &c

Read and it is thereupon resolved, That the prayer thereof be granted

Passed June 4 1849

Standing Committees of the City Council, appointed on the part of the Common Council on the 4th day of June, A.D. 1849. for the present municipal year

On Finance,
Messrs Waterman
Shepard
Anthony & Alderman Hoppin

On Highways,
Messrs Carpenter
P. K. Mathewson
Gilmore & Alderman Hill

To Engross Ordinances,
Messrs Steere
Mumford
Knight & Ald^n Knowles

On the Public Schools,
Messrs Potter
Grinnell
Howland & Ald^n James

On the Fire Department,
Messrs Manchester
Holden
Thurber & Ald^n Whitaker

On City Property,
Messrs Bush
Hill
Deuse & Ald^n James

On Police,
Messrs Hamlin
R Mathewson
Case & Ald^n Knight

On North Burying Ground,
Messrs Earle
Davis
Martin & Ald^n Knowles

In Common Council June 4 1849

The aforenamed members of this Board having been this day appointed as members of this Board, of the Standing Committees of the City Council, for the present Municipal year: It is resolved, that the aforegoing List be communicated to the Board of Aldermen, in order that an Alderman may be added to each of said Committees

Albert G Greene Clerk

In Board of Aldermen June 8. 1849

Read Whereupon, Resolved That the several Aldermen be and they are hereby added to the several committees to which their names are affixed

Albert Pabodie Clerk

Canal Street

Resolved, That the Surveyor of Highways be and he is hereby directed to repair or rebuild the bank wall on Canal Street between Weybosset and Washington Bridges and to widen said Street by bridging to as great a width as can be built upon the piles now standing and to pave and finish on proper grades the part of Canal Street between said Bridges

Passed June 11. 1849

N Burying Ground

Resolved, That Messrs Earle, Davis & Martin of the Common Council and Alderman Knowles, be and they are hereby appointed a Committee upon the North Burial Ground; with full power under, and to continue and carry into effect the provisions of any Ordinance or Resolution existing in relation to said Burial Ground

Passed June 11. 1849

Treasurers Bond

The Committee who were appointed to receive the City Treasurers official bond

Respectfully report, that they have received of the Treasurer a bond executed by him as principal, for the sum of Thirty Thousand dollars, and by Edward Carrington and Resolved Waterman as sureties, each in the sum of Fifteen Thousand dollars; that the bond is of the same tenor and form as that heretofore given by that Officer; and that they have deposited the same with the City Clerk

Wm H Waterman
for the Committee

Providence June 11. 1849

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

Passed June 11. 1849

City printing

The Committee appointed to contract for the City Printing for the present Municipal year

Respectfully, Report, that they have contracted with Messrs Knowles & Anthony for the sum of Three hundred dollars, to publish in the Daily, semi Weekly, and Weekly Journal all the City advertising and all the matter ordered to be published; and with the proprietors of the Republican Herald, for the sum of Seventy five dollars, to publish in that paper, all the notices of Ward and Town Meetings, and of canvassing the lists of voters, the notices of the assessors of taxes, the abstracts of interments, all special notices from the Mayor and City Clerk and all matter required by law to be published in the papers engaged to do the City Printing

Previously to the last municipal year, it had been customary to contract for the job printing of the City, at a certain per centage from the customary prices, but your Committee of the last year, concluding upon examination of the subject that the arrangement was of no advantage to the City, recommended its discontinuance, and no contract was made for that class of printing

Your present Committee are satisfied that the City has been as well and as economically served in that respect as previously; and recommend that the job printing be still left open to bargain and competition —

Your Committee have also had in consideration the memorial of the publishers of the Daily Evening Transcript, referred to them by the Council, and have received from the memorialist an offer to publish the same matter as the Herald, at the same price; but being divided in opinion as to the expediency of incurring any further expense for printing; beg leave to refer the decision of that question to the City Council

For the Committee
Wm H Waterman

Providence June 11. 1849

Read, Whereupon it is resolved that the same be received

Passed June 11. 1849

Tonnage Tax
Harbor

Upon the petition of Lewis P. Child & others, for an application to the General Assembly, for authority to assess and collect a tonnage tax, for the purpose therein mentioned; it is resolved, that the same be received, and referred to Messrs Knight, Grinnell, Hamlin and Alderman Whitaker, to examine and report thereon, and that said Committee be instructed to cause the depth of Water in the harbor to be carefully ascertained and compared with the soundings marked on the plat of the harbor in the City Clerks Office and report what is the difference

Passed June 11. 1849

City Treas. Report

Abstract of Issues and Payment of the City Debt June 11 1849

No	Notes Issued & to whom	when	when payable	Rate	amount
114	Stephen Waterman	Jan'y 2 1849	April 9 1861	5 p.c.	321 67
115	William H Waterman	" " "	" " "	"	321 66
116	Caleb Waterman	" " "	" " "	"	231 67
117	Charles Potter	" 13 "	Jan'y 13 1850	6 p.c.	3.000 00
118	Do	" " "	" " "	"	3.000 00
119	Do	" " "	" " "	"	3.000 00
120	Do	" " "	" " "	"	1.000 00
121	Do	" " "	" " "	"	1.000 00
122	Do	" " "	" " "	"	1.000 00
123	Do	" " "	" " "	"	1.000 00
124	Mrs Peddy Bowen	Febuary 1 "	Feb'y 1 "	5 p.c.	3 000 00
125	Providence Dispensary	" 7 "	Oct'r 1. 1849	"	1500 00
126	Providence Ins. for Savings	April 4 "	April 4. 1850	6 p.c.	6 000 00
127	American Bank (Temporary Loan)	May 11 "	Oct'r 1 1849	"	36 000 00
128	Was drawn in favor of Betsey Bowen but not taken, (canceled on Record)				—
129	Jos R Greene	May 4 1849	May 4 1850	6 p.c.	500 —
130	Providence Institution for Savings	" 7 "	" 7 "	"	6 000 00
131	Mrs Peddy Bowen	" 17 "	" 17 "	"	12.155 06
132	Prov. Institution for Savings	" 24 "	" 24 "	"	5 000 00
					$ 84.030 06

No	Notes paid & to whom	when paid	Rate	amt
41	R Waterman	January 2 1849	5 p.c.	875 00
106	Providence Dispensary	Febuary 7 "	"	1500 00
44	State of Rhode Island	May 7 "	"	8586 80
47	Do Do Do	" " "	"	2911 11
110	Mrs Peddy Bowen	" 17 "	"	11576 25
42	State of Rhode Island	June 8 "	"	7896 49
				$ 33.345 65

To the Hon'r City Council

City Treasurers Office
Providence June 11 1849

Gentlemen

Above is presented an abstrad of Notes Issued and paid on account of City Debt (Including Temporary loan made May 11/49) from Dec'r 11. 1848, to this date, Notes issued N° 114 to N° 125 were made by the late Treasurer as appears from the Books, also payments N° 44 and 106, the Balance have been Issued by the present Incumbent

Respectfully
Your Obt Serv't
Geo. W Hall City Treas'r

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

Passed June 11. 1849

Broad Street

Resolved, That the Surveyor of Highways be and he is hereby directed to grade Broad Street from Summer Street to Pearl Street, on One grade descending towards Pearl Street, and to pave the gutters, whenever the owners of the adjacent estates shall furnish curb stones; and also that he be authorized to alter, if he deem it expedient, the side walks, or any part thereof upon Broad Street, between Summer Street and Stewart Street.

Passed June 11 1849

Wooden Building to remove

On the petition of John McCartin to remove a certain Wooden Building the Committee to whom said petition was referred recommend that he have leave to move it about 12 fo north of its present location

Read, Whereupon resolved, that the petitioner have liberty to remove his building agreable to said Report

Passed June 11. 1849

Gen'l Z Taylor Letter

Washington May 26. 1849

Sir,

I have had the honor to receive your favor of May 21st transmitting resolutions of the City Council of Providence

It will afford me gratification in the event of a journey to the Eastern States, to visit your City, and I truly hope that I may find it practicable to do so.

I beg that you will convey to the council, my warm acknowledgments for their flattering invitation, and receive for yourselves the assurance of my respectful regard

I remain very respectfully
Yr. mo. obt. Servt
Z. Taylor

Messrs Tho's M Burgess
& Ed. S. Williams
Providence RI

Read, Whereupon resolved that the same be placed on file

Passed June 11. 1849

In Convention June 11 1849

The Superintendant of the North Burying Ground makes return of fees received the past year, agreable to Ordinance, and asks for additional Compensation.

Read Whereupon it is

Resolved, That the same be received and referred to the joint Committee on the North Burying Ground

Philip W Martin is appointed Superintendant of the North Burying Ground.

William F Greene is appointed Overseer of the Poor

The Convention proceed to elect the following Fire Companies viz

Hydraulion Co	No 1		Engine Company	No 5
Do "	2		Do Do	6
Fire Hook & Ladder Co	2		Do Do	7
Forcing Steam Engine Co	1		Do Do	8
Engine Company	2		Do Do	9
Do Do	3		Do Do	10
Do Do	4			

For Lists of names see Firemens Record

On Motion to appoint the Pioneer Company it is Voted That the subject be referred to a special Committee of four.

Whereupon it is Resolved That Messrs Whitaker, Earl, Anthony & Steere be and they are hereby appointed a Committee to examine and report upon the propriety of appointing the Pioneer Engine Company, Firemen of this City, and they are hereby instructed to report the second Monday in July next

J. W. Lovell & Orland W Prince are nominated for City Constables Whereupon it is Resolved, That said Nomination be laid on the Table

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

Dyer Street

Resolved, That the Surveyor of Highways be and he is hereby directed to construct Dyer Street as recently opened by the Board of Aldermen, to West Water Street, and to make the same passable

Passed July 9. 1849

Asylum Walls &c

Resolved, That the sum of Six hundred dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated (from any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated) for the improvement and repair of Asylum Walls and Buildings; to be expended under the direction of the Board of Aldermen

Passed July 9. 1849

Gas Light Fixtures

Resolved, That the sum of Five Hundred dollars be appropriated for Gas Light Fixtures in addition to the sum already appropriated and that the same be paid out of any monies in the Treasury, not otherwise appropriated

Passed July 9. 1849

Cranston Line

The undersigned Committee appointed to mark out the line between the City of Providence and the Town of Cranston respectfully

Report,

That according to the Acts of the General Assembly, passed in 1754 and 1759 by which Cranston and Johnston were sett off from Providence, the line between Cranston and Providence is a direct line from the head of Hawkins Cove, in such direction as (if continued) to strike the bend of Pochasset River a little to the northward of Charles Dyers, which Estate is now known as Dyers nursery.

There was no difficulty in finding the bend of the Pochasset River, but the land about Hawkins Cove is so much changed that it is not easy to determine exactly where the head of said Cove was. It was probably, at a point now covered by the Pond belonging to the Rhode Island Bleach Works.

After examining the ground and hearing the statement of aged citizens who had passed their lives in the vicinity of Hawkins Cove, the Committee agreed upon a point from which an experimental line should be run. Such a line was run, and found not to vary in any place more than One hundred feet from the reputed line, and not to change the jurisdiction over any building.

The Committee have caused bounds to be placed to indicate said line. as follows

1. On the Westerly side of the Providence & Pawtuxet Turnpike
2. About 258 feet easterly from the east side of Plane Street at the head of Hawkins Cove as fixed by the Committee
3. On the Plain and about 594 feet westerly from the westerly line of said Plane Street
4. On the west side of Broad Street formerly old Pawtuxet Road
5. On the West side of Greenwich Road
6. On the West side of Cranston Street
7. On West side of New York, Providence & Boston Rail Road and on the easterly line of Anna Jenkins farm.

Bounds were also placed on the continuation of the line as follows

1 On a Cross road.
2 On the road leading to C & D P Dyers nursery
3 On the top of the high bank on the east side of the Pochasset River.

As the interests of individuals in the vicinity of this line are increasing in value, and it is not practicable to determine with accuracy where the head of Hawkins Cove was, your Committee recommend that the General Assembly be requested to confirm the line as now run.

April 9. 1849

Thomas M Burgess
Robert Knight
Henry Anthony
C. C. Potter
} Com^ee of Providence

Olney W. Arnold
Daniel P Dyer
William V Dabole
} Com^ee of Cranston

Read, Whereupon it is resolved, that the same be received and recorded, and that the Mayor be and he is hereby requested, to make application to the General Assembly to establish the line aforesaid agreeable to the foregoing Report

Passed July 9. 1849

Salary of Female School Teachers

The Standing Committee on Public Schools to whom on the eleventh day of June last was referred a communication from the President of the School Committee, recommending an increase of the Salaries of the Female Assistant Teachers of the Grammer Schools.

Report That they think it inexpedient to increase the Salaries, as there is no lack of competent teachers at the present rate

For the Committee

C. C. Potter

Read and received, and it is resolved that the same be adopted

Passed July 9. 1849

Culvert in Westminster St

Resolved, That the Surveyor of Highways be and he is hereby directed to cause a suitable Culvert, to be constructed through that part of Westminster Street, lying between Union and Exchange Streets, whenever the owners of the adjoining estates on each side shall pay One dollar and twenty five cents per foot towards building the same, and subscribe to such rules and regulations as the Board of Aldermen shall adopt in regard to any drain they may wish to connect with it.

Resolved, That if the conditions in the above resolution are not complied with by the first of September next, said resolution shall become null and void, and that the Surveyor on Highways be directed to cause a suitable culvert to be built through that part of Union Street lying between Washington and Westminster Streets

Passed July 9. 1849

Evening Schools

Resolved, That the Standing Committee on Public Schools, be and they are hereby instructed to report a bill, providing for the establishment of public evening Schools

Passed July 9 1849

House of Reformation

Resolved, That Messrs Shepard, R Mathewson & Holden of the Common Council and Alderman Koppin be appointed a Committee to prepare an "Act for establishing a House of Reformation for Juvenile vagrants and offenders" and report the draft of said Act, to this Council at their next meeting, provided that said draft shall provide that said Institution shall be under the control of the City Council

Passed July 9. 1849

4th July

The Committee appointed to make arrangements for the celebration of the 4th of July, Report that they have drawn on the Treasurer for Nine hundred & Sixty 60/100 Dollars in full for all demands against them on account of said Celebration, with the exception of Bales & Martin's bill, which they considered exorbitant & declined paying, &c &c &c

The Report read and received
Passed July 9th 1849

Culvert in Richmond St

Resolved, That the Surveyor of Highways be and he is hereby directed to cause a Culvert to be built through that part of Richmond Street lying between Friendship Street and a point four feet South of the south line of Benjamin Whitis estate, whenever the Owners of the adjoining land shall pay each fifty cents per foot, towards defraying the expense of the same

Passed July 9. 1849

Broad St

Resolved, That the Surveyor of Highways be authorized under the advise of the Committee on Highways to cause Cross walks to be laid on Broad Street in such places as in their opinion the public convenience requires

Passed July 9. 1849

Swan Point Road

Report of Committee on Swan Point Road

To the Hon.ᵉ City Council

Your Committee to whom on the 2ᵈ of June last was referred the petition of John J. Stimson and others, beg leave to submit the following report viz

That they have been over the road and found it in a very good condition, except a small section near the bridge, which in the opinion of your committee, might be put in suitable condition for from 25 to 50 Dollars, and as the Surveyor of Highways is authorized to do that, they think that no action by the Council is necessary

Daniel E. Carpenter
for the Committee

Read, received and adopted

Passed July 9, 1849

A H & E F Man

Upon the Report of the Standing Committee on Police, upon the petition of Anna H. & Eliza F. Man; it is

Resolved, That the City Treasurer be and he is hereby directed to pay to them, from the appropriation for Contingencies" the sum of One hundred and forty six dollars and eighty seven cents; on receiving from them, a full discharge of all claims which they have against the City

Passed July 9. 1849

In Convention July 9. 1849

Pioneer Co

The Committee to whom was referred the subject matter of the Pioneer Engine Company Report as follows

To the Hon.ᵉ City Council

The Special Committee who were appointed, on the 18 of June last "to examine and report upon the propriety of appointing the Pioneer Engine Company Firemen of the City," having taken the subject into consideration, do hereby report as the result of their deliberations; that they unanimously recommend to the City Council to admit the members of that Company, as members of the Fire Department; such admission to take effect, whenever the Board of Firewards shall furnish them with apparatus and a location; and also, that the City Council appropriate the sum of fifty cents for each of the members of that Company, in order to entitle them severally to the benefit of the funds of the Providence Association of Firemen for Mutual Assistance for the present Municipal Year

Enoch Steere for the Committee

July 9 1849

Voted That the Report of the Committee on the Pioneer Engine Company be received

Voted, That the papers accompanying said Report be read

It is moved that the Pioneer Company be appointed Firemen of this City as recommended in said report

It is moved, that the foregoing motion be amended by striking out the condition, the amendment is rejected whereupon it is

Voted, That the List of the Pioneer Engine Company, consisting of Henry W. Rodman and ninety nine others be and they are hereby appointed Firemen of this City subject to the condition, that said appointment is to take effect when the Firewards shall furnish them with apparatus and a location

Voted That Engine Company № 1 for list see Firemen Record be and they are hereby appointed Firemen of this City

Voted That Forcing Stationary Co. № 2 be not appointed (it being represented that said Company is disbanded) and that the list of members presented be laid on the Table

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

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D W Pettey

On the petition of David W. Pettey for leave to remove a wooden building, the Committee on Fire Department report adversely

Resolved, That the aforegoing Report be received, and that the petitioner have leave to withdraw

Passed August 6. 1849

Wm Beals

On the petition of William Beals asking additional compensation for Fireworks on the 4th of July

Read, Whereupon it is resolved, that the same be received and that the petitioner have leave to withdraw

Passed August 6. 1849

Primary School House

Resolved, That the City Treasurer be and he hereby is directed to cause the Primary School House on State Street to be so raised and altered as to provide accommodations for an Intermediate School, and that the Expense be paid from the appropriation for School Houses and School Estates

Passed August 13 1849

Town House

Resolved. That the Standing Committee on Police be and they are hereby authorized to cause such Alterations and improvements to be made in the Town House, for the accommodation of the Police Department, as they may deem necessary; provided the Expense thereof shall not exceed One Hundred Dollars

Passed August 13 1849

Fountain St Cross Walk

Resolved. That the Surveyor of Highways be and he is hereby directed to cause a Cross-walk to be laid across Fountain Street. East side of Aborn Street

Passed August 13. 1849

Cross Walks South, Butler Elm & Bassett Streets

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

One across South Street west side of Butler Street,
One across Butler, south side of Elm,
One across Butler, north side of Elm,
One across Elm, West side of Butler,
One across Butler south side of Bassett, &
One across Bassett west side of Claverick

Passed August 13. 1849

S Gangway from P Richmond & Page Streets

Upon the petition of Adnah Tackett, Thomas Davis, A.V. Potter and W. W. Keach, praying for liberty to close up a certain Gangway leading from Richmond Street to Page Street, in the rear of certain lots of land belonging to the City and to said petitioners respectively; it is

Resolved, that liberty be and the same is hereby given to said petitioners, under the advice and direction of the Mayor, to erect suitable gates, for the purpose of preventing any improper use of said Gangway; provided that no building, shed or other obstruction shall be placed on said gangway, nor the free passage through the same any otherwise obstructed, than may be necessary for the purpose aforesaid; and provided also, that said Gates shall be removed at any time hereafter upon the request of any party in interest

Passed August 13. 1849

Smith St

Resolved, That the Surveyor of Highways be and he is hereby directed to cause Smith Street, from Jefferson Street to North Providence line, to be finished according to the established grade, and to pave the gutters, whenever the owners of the adjoining lands shall furnish Curb Stones

Passed August 13 1849

Whereas James Mumford has represented to the City Council, that the taxes assessed on certain persons, in the year 1848, and committed to him to collect, are not collectable, by reason of errors in the assessment thereof, &c; And whereas the City Council are satisfied that the taxes in said year, in the respective amounts following, upon the persons hereinafter named, viz;

David C Holman	4 50	George B Garrabee	9 00
John D'Wolf	2 70	Albert Fuller	2 25
Patrick McCarty	1 89	William W Grinnell	4 05
William Randall	7 65	Thomas J. Thurston	2 25
Olney Logee	11 25	John H. Gladding	1 35
John H Kenyon	21 94	James Wilson Gladding	1 35
Pardon Hunt	5 40	Joshua Spooner	45 00
Hiram Goffe	9 54	Charles Smith	1 35
Abraham Alexander	4 75	James Martin	1 35
James Caffrey & James Drummond	4 05	Levi P Little	2 25
John Jenks (Fall River)	6 68	William Langley	1 35
Franklin Smith	3 15	Arnold B Pond	1 35
Wanton R Hazzard	9 90	Daniel V. Ross	1 35
Venoni Pearce	5 73	Dodge & Wilkins	13 50
Patrick Bushee	4 77	Sarah W Lippitt	13 50
John Fletcher	3 15	John B Palmer	9 00
John Atwood heirs Estate	27 00	Joseph Hoyt	11 25
Antonio L Crout & Wife	8 10	Ezra Luther	4 88
Samuel A Thomas	2 70	Nathaniel B Horton	1 35
Allen A Holbrook	14 40	I W McKee & Wife	2 70
T. Mitchell & James Ferguson	3 82	Ferdinand Barber	2 25
John Gillian	90	Dorrance & Machine Company	13 50
James McAnnerly	2 25	John C Magee	9 54
Michael Riley	2 87	Oliver W. Blake	4 50
James Paine	2 87	Magnetic Telegraph Company	4 50
Olney Logee (part of Tax 1847)	5 04	Chas W Tillinghast, heirs estate	90
John A Perry	9 00	Benjamin Robinson	13 50
John Hackel (North End)	90	Horatio Bassett	31 50
Horace E Tallman	1 80	Robert B Gray	1 35
Seth Padelford & others	5 85	Robert L Kelley	1 35
Mary Cole	9 90	Amasa L Wight	2 01
Nelson Walling	2 25	David T. Capron	17 59
Samuel W Coates	11 25	Thomas J Munroe	2 25
Smith Mowry	22 50	Thomas H Harrington	1 80
Wm McBailey & Wife	27 00	Joseph P Jones	1 35
Hezekiah Blaisdell	4 50	William Valley	4 50
Milton L P Hall	4 50	Walter R Collins	4 05
A.V. Dike, Assignee of S.A Davis	27 00	Samuel G Rawson	1 35
Urial Baker	4 50	James P Arnold	1 35
Theodore S Angell	1 35	Henry G Carpenter	9 00
William E Cutting	1 35	Josiah W Robinson	1 80
Russell Warren	1 35	Baxter & Company	9 00
Albert A Hazzard	2 25	Oliver Morse	2 25
John Jones	9 54	Charles H Moses	1 35
William A Hoyt	1 35	Charles Daniels	2 25
James P Dockray	1 35	Abraham B Greene	3 60
David G. Aldrich	6 75	Isaac Bullock	45 —
Anthony Depten & Wife	26 11	Freelove Miller	6 75
William F Almy	4 50	John Conron	4 50
Josiah Taylor heirs in part	10 12	Felix McCabe	5 85

Sylvester Lewis & Wife	1.35	Michael Germen	1.35
Thomas Welch	.90	Albert M Burgess	1.80
Patrick Wheeler	1.80	Thaddeus Simmons	1.35
Patrick Hynes	2.25	David W Borton	2.00
John Trainer	90	Richard M Hill	90

are not collectable; It is therefore Resolved, that the respective taxes aforesaid be and the same are hereby remitted and that the City Treasurer be and he is hereby authorized and directed to credit the amount thereof, viz: Seven hundred and thirty dollars and eighty four cents, to said James Mumford, in account with him, as Collector of Taxes, together with the interest which has accrued on said several items

Passed August 13. 1849

Swine

Resolved, That the Standing Committee to engross Ordinances, be and they are hereby instructed to report, at the next meeting of the City Council, a bill regulating the keeping of Swine in the City

Passed August 13. 1849

Culvert in Richmond St.

Whereas the City Council, on the 9th day of July last directed the Surveyor of Highways to construct a Culvert through Richmond Street, from Friendship Street to a point four feet beyond the Southerly line of B White's estate; upon payment of fifty cents per foot on each side of said Street, for all lands not owned by the City, and Benjamin White and Nathan Gorton are willing to pay said money on certain conditions; now therefore

Resolved, that if said Gorton & White shall pay said money, said Culvert shall be constructed; and said Gorton & White shall, under the direction of the Surveyor of Highways, be permitted to drain their Estates through said Culvert; and no other person or persons shall be permitted to enter said Culvert with a branch drain (before the expiration of twenty years from the passage hereof) without first paying said Gorton and White such compensation for such privilege, as the Board of Aldermen shall decide to be reasonable and just, said Culvert to extend Southerly four feet beyond the Northerly line of B White's estate. Provided that whenever said Gorton & White shall have received three fourths of the amount paid by them with 6 p cent interest, their right to receive further payments shall cease

Passed Sept. 10. 1849

Resolved, That the Surveyor of Highways be and he is hereby advised to purchase, for the use of the City, as many paving stones as he may deem expedient, in order to have a sufficient quantity on hand for the coming Spring work

Passed Sept. 10. 1849

Revelling

An Ordinance in addition to an Ordinance entitled "An Ordinance to prevent revelling and other disturbances in the public Streets"

It is ordained by the City Council of the City of Providence, as follows, viz

Section 1. Every Person who shall go upon any Street, highway, gangway, wharf, public place or public land in said City, clothed in a dress different from that usually worn by the sex to which they belong, shall forfeit and pay a sum not exceeding Twenty dollars, to and for the use of the City, to be recovered by proper legal process, before any Court of competent jurisdiction.

Passed September 10. 1849

Evening Schools

Resolved That two Public Evening Schools be established; one of which shall be located on the East side and the other on the West side of the River; and that the same be opened on the first Monday in October next, or as soon thereafter as the necessary arrangements therefor can be made; and be kept open four months, during the present Municipal year.

Resolved That the Mayor & Alderman Hoppin and Messrs C. C. Potter, William S. Grinnell, Zachariah Allen, Isaac Thurber, Owen Mason, George B. Holmes, be and they are hereby appointed a Committee with full power in their discretion to establish either one or two Schools, to procure suitable school rooms, engage the necessary teachers, designate the branches of instruction, superintend the Schools, and to make and carry into effect all such rules and regulations for the management thereof, not repugnant to the laws of this State, as they may deem proper; and that said Committee make Report of their doings to the City Council, on or before the first Monday in May next

Resolved. That the sum of fifteen hundred Dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated for the purpose of carrying the aforegoing Resolutions into effect; to be paid by the City Treasurer to the order of said Committee, out of any monies in the Treasury, not otherwise appropriated.

Resolved, That no pupil be admitted to said Schools under the age of fourteen, unless such pupil shall give a reason satisfactory to said Committee, for not attending a day School, and that neither a pupil of a day School nor any female shall be admitted to said Schools.

Passed September 10. 1849

Tax on Vessels in Harbor

Resolved, That Messrs Knight, Grinnell & Hamlin, and the Mayor be, and they are hereby appointed a Committee to to present to the Hon.ble General Assembly the accompanying bill entitled "An Act authorizing the City Council of the City of Providence to assess taxes on vessels arriving at that Port." and to request that the same be enacted as a law

Passed September 10. 1849

Swine

An Ordinance in relation to Swine

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

Section 1. From and after the first day of January next, no Swine of any description shall be kept within the limits of said City, unless the owner or keeper shall have first obtained permission in writing from the occupant of every dwelling standing within the distance of One hundred feet from the place where such Swine may be kept.

Section 2 Every owner or keeper of any Swine, in violation of the first section of this Ordinance, shall forfeit and pay the sum of Ten Dollars to and for the use of the City, for every such animal so unlawfully kept, to be recovered by proper legal process before any court of competent jurisdiction

Section 3 Every Owner or keeper of any Swine who shall persist in keeping such Swine in violation of this Ordinance, shall for every ten days, during which he or she so persist, be deemed guilty of a new offence, and be subject to the penalty above described.

Passed September 10. 1849

Municipal Court Clerks Assistant

Resolved, That the sum of One hundred & fifty Dollars be appropriated, and paid out of the appropriation for Contingencies, to the Order of the Clerk of the Municipal Court, for assistance in recording the papers in his Office

Passed Sept.r 10 1849

Appropriation to pay bills

Resolved, That the City Treasurer be and he is hereby directed to pay from the appropriation for Contingencies, the following accounts against the City, which have been referred to the City Council, by the City Auditor, viz;

Account in favor of Samuel Ames for One Hundred Dollars
Account in favor of John P. Knowles for One Hundred & Eleven 12/100 Dollars
Account in favor of Gardner T Swarts for Nineteen 5/100 Dollars
Account of C & D P Dyer & Co for One hundred and seventy nine 25/100 Dollars

Passed September 10 1849

J. Matthew

City of Providence
Mayors Office Sept 10. 1849

Gentlemen of the City Council

By request of several of our fellow citizens, I invited the Rev.d Theobald Matthew to visit this City. He has informed me that he will come on the evening of Wednesday the 19th inst and devote the three following days to exertions to diminish among us the evils of intemperance

I recommend that the Council authorize the procuring of a suitable public hall, where the Rev.d clergyman may have an opportunity of Meeting and addressing such of our inhabitants as are disposed to meet him

Thos M Burgess
Mayor

Read, Whereupon it is

Resolved, that the Mayor be and he is hereby authorized to procure a suitable Public Hall for the use of the Rev. Theobald Matthew during his visit to the City; and to draw upon the City Treasury for the expense of the same

Passed September 10 1849

In Convention Sept.r 10 1849

William Rea is appointed Overseer of the pump at the North End

William H Hudson is appointed Overseer of the Pumps in Broad Street, at the head of Westminster Street, Pond Street and High Street.

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

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T Almy Gas Fixtures

Resolved, That the City Treasurer be and he is hereby directed to pay Tillinghast Almy, One Hundred Dollars in full, for the Gas Fixtures now in the Market House

Passed September 24 1849

Cross Walks

Resolved, That the Surveyor of Highways be and he is hereby authorized under the advice and direction of the Standing Committee on Highways to lay Cross Walks on such Streets as he may be paving whenever, in their opinion, the public good requires

Passed September 24 1849

Evening Schools

An Ordinance in Addition to an Ordenance entitled "An Ordinance in relation to Public Schools"

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

Section 1 In addition to the Public Schools now authorized by law, there shall be established two public evening schools, for the instruction of male pupils only

Section 2. Said schools shall be located, controlled and regulated by the School Committee, who shall appoint suitable teachers and fix their compensation, and the expenses of said schools shall be paid to the Order of said Committee out of any money appropriated for public schools

Passed September 24th 1849

Repeal of Resolution on Evening Schools

Resolved, That the Resolutions, which passed the City Council, on the tenth day of September instant, appointing a committee with power to establish one or two Public Evening Schools during the present municipal year, be and the same are hereby repealed

Passed September, 24 1849

Gas Light Fixtures

Resolved, that the sum of Seven Hundred dollars be appropriated for Gas Light Fixtures and that the same be paid out of any monies in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated

Passed October 8 1849

Atwater Schubarth & Haynes

Resolved, That the City Treasurer be and he is hereby directed to pay to Messrs Atwaters, Schubarth and Haynes, the sum of Seventy Eight dollars and seventy five cents, being the amount of their account against the City for Surveying and platting the North Burying Ground

Passed October 8. 1849

American Library at Paris

Resolved, That His Honor the Mayor be authorized to transmit to Mr Patterman, to be presented to the American Library in Paris, a copy of every Book & pamphlet which has been printed under the authority of this City and of which the City may possess duplicates

Resolved, That His Honor the Mayor be requested to receive such books, printed in this State or written by Citizens of Rhode Island, as may through him be presented to the said Library; and cause the same to be forwarded to Paris, and that the City Treasurer be and he hereby is authorized to pay the expenses thereof to the order of the Mayor

Passed October, 8. 1849

Fields Point Farm

Whereas the City Council on the 14th of May last ordered the City Treasurer to execute a Lease of Fields Point Farm to Henry R. Truman, (which lease has not yet been executed) and whereas the said Truman wishes for a longer lease, that he may make permanent improvements thereon

Resolved, That the City Treasurer be and he is hereby directed to make a Lease of Fields Point Farm to Henry R. Truman for a Term of Five Years commencing on the 16th of March 1849 and ending on the 16th of March 1854, at an Annual Rent of Seventy five Dollars

Resolved, That the City Treasurer be and he is hereby directed to expend the rent aforesaid, under the direction of the Board of Aldermen in improving said farm — Provided, however, that if the Board of Aldermen should hereafter enforce the Quarantine Regulations, the services of said Truman as Sentinal shall be deemed equal to two thirds of said Rent, the balance to be expended as aforesaid, and provided further, that should the City wish to resume possession of said farm before the expiration of said Lease, they may do so by refunding any money that may have been expended in advance

Passed October 8. 1849

Town House

Resolved, That the Committee who were charged with the alteration of the Town House, be and they are hereby authorized to draw on the Treasurer in payment of bills for Ten $\frac{50}{100}$ dollars in addition to the amount heretofore appropriated

Passed October 8. 1849

Hay Scale

Resolved, That the City Treasurer cause a suitable Hay Scale to be placed on the Hay Market and that, there at present, to be sold, and that the cost be paid from the appropriation for contingencies Provided that no building or shed be erected over such Scale

Passed October 8. 1849

President of the U S A

Resolved, That the Mayor & Alderman Whitaker & Messrs Waterman Grinnell, R Mathewson, Anthony, Carpenter & Potter of the Common Council be and they are hereby appointed a Committee to make suitable arrangements for the reception of the President of the United States, on his expected arrival in this City; with power to draw upon the City Treasurer, for the expense of the same

Passed October 8. 1849

In Convention October 8 1849

The following communication is presented and read

To the Honorable City Council

The business arrangements that I have made, compel me to make this my resignation of the office of City Auditor

In making this resignation, it affords a pertinent occasion, to thank the Council, of my own loved native City, for the honors she has conferred on me, one of her humblest and most grateful Sons

Respectfully Your Ob Svt
Stephen T. Olney

Providence October 8. 1849

Voted That the Resignation of Stephen T. Olney be accepted

Voted That we now proceed to elect a City Auditor

Upon the first ballot George B Jastram received 18 Votes
Geo. W Jackson " 9 do whereupon
George B Jastram is declared to be duly elected City Auditor for the remainder of the Municipal year.

Upon the petition of the Bos. & Prov. and the Prov & Wor. Rail Road Companies asking that John B Barton may be appointed a police officer to be employed at their Station it is

Voted that John B Barton be and he is hereby appointed City Constable for the remainder of the Municipal year

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

Petition of P & W R R Co

Upon the petition of the Providence & Worcester Rail Road Company, this day presented to the City Council

Resolved, That the same be received and referred to Messrs Carpenter, Anthony and Shepard of the Common Council and Alderman Whitaker, to examine and report thereon

Passed October 12 1849

Report of Com^e received

The Report of the Committee appointed to take into consideration the petition of the Providence & Worcester Rail Road Company, asking leave to lay or continue their rails south of their Merchandise Depot on Canal Street Read Whereupon it is

Resolved that the same be received

Passed October 15 1849

P & W R R Co tracks South Depot

Cross Walks &c

Resolved that the Surveyor of Highways be and he is hereby directed to cause two Cross Walks to be laid in the following places viz One from the North side walk on Steeple Street, to the end of the North side walk of the Bridge, built by the Prov & Wor. Rail Road Company to connect Exchange Place with Canal Street: and one from the South side walk of Steeple Street, to the end of the South side walk of said Bridge, and to have only that part paved lying South of the North Walk so laid, instead of laying said walks and paving, as directed by the resolution of the City Council passed on the 13 th of Nov^r last

Resolved, that the Providence & Worcester Rail Road Company be directed to take up all their tracks that are in the way of doing the work ordered by the above Resolution and also by the Resolution passed by this Council on the 13 th of Nov^r last, and that they be allowed to relay so much of said tracks as now lay between their Freight Depot and the North Cross Walk ordered to be laid in the above Resolution, as may be used without allowing their cars to interfere with said walk

Provided however that said Rail Road Company will not allow their cars to remain south of said depot, except when required by necessity And provided also that this Resolution shall not be construed so as to prevent said tracks from being taken up whenever ordered by the City Council

Passed October 15. 1849

Appropriation

Resolved, that the following sums be severally appropriated to the Accounts to which they are respectively annexed, in addition to former appropriations, and to be paid out of any monies in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated

For the Support of the Poor at large. One thousand Dollars

For the support of the Poor at Butlers Hospital. Eight hundred Dollars.

For Public Bridges, Thirteen hundred dollars.

For Contingencies, One thousand dollars.

For Cove Promenade, Two thousand three Hundred & fourteen 3/100 Dollars

And whereas the sum of Three thousand eight hundred and fourteen dollars and thirteen cents, heretofore expended upon the Cove Promenade, has been charged to the appropriation for Highways. it is Resolved that the City Treasurer be and he hereby is instructed to credit the appropriation for Highways with that amount and to charge the same to the appropriation for Cove Promenade

Passed November 12. 1849

Highways Appropriation

Resolved, That in addition to the money appropriated for Highways there be appropriated from any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated. the sum expended for damages and law expenses in opening Dyer Street. viz; Two thousand nine hundred twelve Dollars eighty Seven cents

Passed November 12. 1849

Cove Promenade

Resolved, That the sum of Fifteen Hundred Dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated for improving and finishing the Avenue around the margin of the Cove; and that said sum so appropriated be paid out of any monies in the Treasury, not otherwise appropriated

Resolved That said work be done under the advice of Messrs P. M. Mathewson, Bush, Earle, Case, Carpenter and Gilmore of the Common Council and the Mayor and Alderman Whitaker

Passed November 12 1849

Fire Wells

Upon the Communication of the Board of Firewards concerning a Supply of water in the vicinity of Exchange Place

Resolved That in the opinion of this Council, the Providence and Worcester Rail Road Company, have not provided water in Exchange Place, for extinguishing fires, as they are by agreement bound to do

Resolved That the Board of Firewards be requested to examine the district of the City near Exchange Place, and if they consider too dangerous, the delay of waiting until a settlement with said Rail Road Company shall be made, they are hereby authorised and instructed to construct such reservoir as they deem absolutely necessary to provide for the safety of the City

Passed November 12, 1849

Cangway to be paved.

Upon the petition of Sillinghast Almy & others; it is Resolved That the Surveyor of Highways be and he is hereby authorized to cause the Street next north of Market Square to be paved, in connection with the work now in progress in Canal Street provided the Standing Committee on Highways shall so direct

Passed November 12 1849

Public Records

Resolved That Messrs Hamlin Carpenter and Martin of the Common Council and Alderman Hoppin, be and they are hereby appointed a Committee to examine and report what measures are necessary to be taken to ensure the safety of the public records of the City

Passed November 12 1849

Poor at Large

Resolved, That Messrs Waterman, Grinnell, Steere, Anthony, Manchester and Dunfee of the Common Council and Alderman Knowles be and they are hereby appointed a Committee to enquire and report what measures are necessary to be taken to reduce the expenditures for the support of the Poor at large in the City.

Passed November 12. 1849

Dexter Asylum

City of Providence
Mayor's Office Nov 12 1849

Gentlemen of the City Council

It is my duty respectfully to request you to appoint a committee to examine the Dexter Asylum and report upon the expediency or necessity of erecting additional buildings for the accommodation of the poor.

When the Board of Aldermen made their Quarterly visitation on the 3d inst the number of inmates was larger than ever before; being One hundred and ninety; and from the rapid immigration of Irish, we cannot flatter ourselves that the number of persons dependent upon public charity will diminish

In my opinion the present number of inmates is larger than is consistent with the implied obligation which the Town of Providence assumed when the freeman accepted the donation of Ebenezer Knight Dexter, which, in the language of his last will and testament was intended "to ameliorate the condition of the Poor"

It is therefore in my judgment needful to reduce the number of inmates or to increase the room for their accommodation

Thos M Burgess
Mayor

Read, Whereupon it is resolved, that the same be referred to Messrs Thurber, Shepard, R. Mathewson, Knight, Hill and Dunfee of the Common Council and Aldermen Knight & Whitaker to examine and report thereon

Passed November 12 1849

Wooden Building

On the Petition of Jacob Weaver requesting liberty to remove a One story Building from the East side of Snow Street and place the same on the opposite side of the Street

Read Whereupon it is resolved, that the Prayer thereof be granted

Passed Nov 12. 1849

State Tax

Resolved, That the sum of Eight thousand and seventy nine dollars and seventy five cents be appropriated for the payment of the proportion of the State tax apportioned to the City of Providence, and that the City Treasurer pay the same, out of any monies in the Treasury, not otherwise appropriated, whenever he shall be directed by the City Council so to do.

Passed Dec 10. 1849

Prov Gas Co's Tax

Upon the petition of the Providence Gas Co. for reduction of tax, referred to the Committee on Finance, that Committee beg leave most respectfully to recommend, that the petition be referred to the Assessors of Taxes to report the facts.

Your Committee are the more readily induced to recommend this disposition of the subject from the fact, that two of their own number are directors of the Providence Gas Co. and are reluctant to act in a case where they may be supposed to be personally interested; but apart from this consideration it seems a matter of courtesy to the assessors, that where their acts are called in question, they should have an opportunity of explanation directly to the body which appoint them

For the Committee

W. H. Waterman

Read. Whereupon it is resolved, that the same be received, and together with the accompanying petition be referred to the assessors of Taxes; and that said Assessors be requested to report to the City Council the facts in the case

Passed Dec^r 10^th 1849

Dexter Asylum

Upon the Report of the joint Committee upon the communication from the Mayor relative to an enlargement of the Dexter Asylum

It is resolved, that the same be received and recommitted to the same Committee, with instructions to examine and report a plan and estimates of cost of a suitable building or buildings for immigrant paupers on the Sessions lot, or some other location other than the Dexter Asylum Lot, and also to report a suitable plan for the enlargement of the Dexter Asylum

Passed Dec^r 10^th 1849

State Tax

Resolved, That the City Treasurer be and he is hereby directed to pay the General Treasurer of this State on or before the 1st of January next, the sum of Eight Thousand & seventy nine Dollars and Seventy Five cents, for the payment of the proportion of the State tax apportioned to the City of Providence, and that the City Treasurer pay the same out of any monies in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated

Passed December 10th 1849

App^n for Poor

Resolved, That the sum of Five Hundred Dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated for the support of the Poor at large; and that said Sum, so appropriated, be paid out of any monies in the Treasury, not otherwise appropriated

Passed December 10 1849

Prov & Worc R.R. Co

A Communication from the Mayor in relation to matters pending between the Providence & Worcester Rail Road Company and this City

Read, Whereupon it is resolved, that the same be referred to the Mayor & Alderman Whitaker and Messrs Anthony R. Mathewson & Potter, who are directed to meet such Committee as may be appointed by the Providence and Worcester Rail Road Company and to settle all matters in dispute between the City and the Rail Road Company for such pecuniary consideration, as a majority of said Committee shall fix

Passed December 10. 1849

Reform School

Resolved, That the Mayor and Messrs Shepard, Martin & Knight of the Com. Council, be and they are hereby appointed a Committee to apply to the Hon General Assembly of this State, in behalf of the City of Providence for the passage of the Act accompanying this Resolution, marked "Reform School Act N^o 3" and intitled "An Act to authorize the City of Providence to establish a Reform School."

Passed December 10. 1849

Wooden Building

On the Petition of Manchester & Hopkins requesting liberty to remove a Wooden Building from Bassett to South Streets

Read Whereupon it is resolved, that the Prayer thereof be granted

Passed December 10. 1849

Claims for Damages for Altering Broad Street

Resolved, That the following claims made against the City for damages occasioned (as they say) by the alteration of the grade of Broad Street: viz

Claim of Edward Burrows & Wife
Claim of Daniel Rounds
Claim of George E. Blake
Claim of Joseph R. Budlong,

be referred to the Standing Committee on Highways, to examine and report thereon; with power to consult legal counsel in the premises

Passed December 10. 1849

North Burying Ground

Resolved, That the sum of Four Hundred and fifty Dollars, be and the same is hereby appropriated out of any monies in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, for the purpose of paying certain bills, contracted for repairs in 1847 & 8 on Houses situated on the North Burying Ground Lot purchased of Samuel Whelden, and for the payment of the bill of the Superintendent of the North Burial Ground for labour

Passed Dec 10. 1849

Abstract of Issues & Payments of the City Debt

When Issued	No of Note	Notes Issued & to whom	Rate Int	Amount	
1849 May 27th	N° 133	Providence Institution for Savings	6 c/c	4500	00
July 3	" 134	Commissioners of Dexter Donation	"	1500	00
" 9	" 135	Providence Ins^ce for Savings	"	8500	00
Oct 1	" 136	Same	"	5000	00
Nov 2	" 137	Mrs Peddy Bowen	"	12.142	00
" "	" 138	Providence Dispensary	"	1500	00
				33.142	00

When paid	No of Note	Notes paid & to Whom	Rate Int	Amt	
1849 July 3	N° 27	State of Rhode Island	5 c/c	5500	00
17	" 2	Same	"	7221	34
"	" 3	Same	"	1410	83
Oct 1	" 56	Prov. Ins. for Savings	6 c/c	5000	00
4	" 127	American Bank (Temporary Loan)	"	36000	00
"	" 111	Edward Harwood	5 c/c	650	00
Nov 2	" 125	Providence Dispensary	6 "	1500	00
"	" 112	Mrs Peddy Bowen	5 "	5268	06
"	" 113	Same	"	6296	67
				68.846	90

City Treasurers Office Providence Dec^r 10 1849

To the Hon^ble City Council

Gent,

Annexed I present a Statement of Issues & Payments of the City Debt from June to December

Respectfully Yours &c

Geo. W Hall
City Treas

In Convention Dec^r 10. 1849

Joseph F Gilmore is elected Fireward

The following persons (see Firemens Record) are appointed Members of Fire Hook & Ladder Company N° 2

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

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Deposit of City Funds

Resolved, That the Standing Committee on Finance be and they are hereby authorized to make an Arrangement with one or more of the Banks in this City for the deposit of the City Funds for the year commencing on the first day of January instant, or any part thereof, on such terms as they may deem for the interest of the City

Passed January 14 1850

Appropriations

Resolved, that there be appropriated

For Public Schools, Five Thousand dollars.
For Salaries, Three hundred dollars.
For Police, Five hundred Dollars.
For Contingencies One thousand dollars.
For the Support of the Poor at large, One thousand dollars.

in addition to former appropriations; and that the same be paid out of any monies in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated.

Passed January 14 1850

Report of the Assessors Taxes

To the City Council of the City of Providence

The undersigned Assessors of Taxes for the City of Providence, to whom was referred by the City Council, the application of the Providence Gas Company, for a reduction of their tax, and also the application of John Pitman & Edward D. Pearce trustees of Earl D. Pearces Estate for a similar reduction, referred to them by the Board of Aldermen

Respectfully Report

That the only question as to the tax of the Providence Gas Co. is, whether the Pipes belonging to said Company, laid through the public Streets ought to be assessed against the individual stockholders; there being no dispute but what the amount assessed to said Company, was expended at the time of making the tax. The undersigned are fully of opinion that there is no legal or equitable claim for any abatement of the Tax assessed against said corporation

The application of John Pitman & Edward D. Pearce as trustees of Earl D. Pearce's Estate, is made exclusively upon the ground, that one of the trustees resides in the town of North Kingstown & thereupon that one half only of the said Estate should be taxed in this City, this question has never before been raised by others similarly situated, but the taxes have always been paid & the assessors do not perceive any legal or equitable ground, that these trustees can claim of the city any reduction of their tax. The Board have consulted Counsel in both of these cases & would state that the Counsel concur entirely with them in their opinion

Providence Jan^y 9 th 1850

Very Respectfully

Asa Pierce — John F. Phillips — Eseck Aldrich
Isaac Thurber — George W. Jackson — Amherst Everett

Read. Whereupon, Resolved, That the same be received and referred to Alderman Knight and Messrs Grinnell Knight and Thurber to examine and report thereon

Passed January 14. 1850

Aldana Lyon

Resolved, That the City Treasurer be directed to pay to Aldana Lyon, the sum of Twenty dollars and sixty two cts to be in full for damages sustained by him in consequence of coming in contact with a post in Charles Street, upon his giving a receipt satisfactory to the Mayor

Passed January 14th 1850

William D Barker

Upon the report of the Standing Committee of the Fire Department, on the petition of William D. Barker, for relief; it is resolved, that the City Treasurer be and he is hereby directed to pay to said William D. Barker, the sum of thirty five Dollars for injuries sustained by him at the fire on the second day of October AD 1849

Passed January 14 1850

Broad Street

Resolved That Alderman Knight and Messrs P. M. Mathewson, Gilmore and Anthony, be and they are hereby appointed a Committee, to enquire and report to the City Council what measures can be adopted to remove the obstruction now existing in the Westerly part of Broad Street, between Winter and Spring Streets

Passed January 14 1850

P W Martin

Resolved, That the sum of fifty dollars be and the same is hereby allowed to Philip W. Martin, the superintendent of the North Burial Ground, for services rendered by him during the year ending on the first Monday in June; in addition to the amount already received by him for services during said year; and that the same be charged by the City Treasurer, to the account of the North Burying Ground

Passed January 14th 1850

In Convention January 14 1850

Benjamin J Brown, Jabez C Olney & Benjn S. Olney Jr are appointed Corders and Measurers of Wood

Gilbert Richmond and Asel B. Pope are appointed Weighers of Anthracite and other Coal.

Twenty three additional members are appointed for the Union Fire Company No 3 (for names see firemen's Record)

Twelve additional members are appointed for Engine Company No 4 (for names see firemen's Record)

Thirty eight additional members are appointed for the Hydraulion Company No 1. (for names see firemens Record)

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

North Burying Ground

The Committee on the North Burying Ground, recommend that a further sum of fifty Dollars be allowed the Superintendent for services rendered, and that the same be placed to the account of North Burying Ground

Wm Earle
for the Committee

Agreably to the forgoing Report the Council allowed P W Martin the sum recommended (see page 56)

Resolved, that the within Report of the Superintendent of the North Burial Ground, be received

Passed January 14 1850

Till. Almy & others, pet'n Cove Street.

On the Report of the Joint Committee on Police to whom was referred on the 14th ult the Petition of Tillinghast Almy & others

Resolved, That the Report of the Police Committee on the within Petition be received

Passed February 11. 1850

Appropriation

Resolved, That the following sums be appropriated to the account to which they are severally annexed, in addition to former appropriations, to be paid out of any monies in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated

For the support of the Poor at large, One thousand dollars;

For Asylum Walls & Buildings, One hundred dollars;

For the Fire Department, Five Hundred dollars;

For Lighting Streets, One hundred dollars;

Passed February 11. 1850

North Burial Ground

Resolved, That the sum of One thousand Dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated out of any monies in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated; for the improvement of the North Burial Ground; and that the same be charged to the account of the North Burial Ground by the City Treasurer, and paid out upon the orders of the Committee on the North Burial Ground

Passed February 11. 1850

City Funds

The Standing Committee on Finance, having been authorized by a resolution of the City Council, at the last meeting to arrange with one or more Banks for the deposit of the City Funds for the year commencing on the first of January last

Respectfully Report, That they have made such an arrangement with the American Bank, the City to receive interest on their Deposit at the rate of 4 3/12 per cent per annum

for the Committee
W. H. Waterman

Providence Feby 11. 1850

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

Passed February 11. 1850

Finance Com^ee to report Tax Bill &c

Resolved, That the Standing Committee on Finance be and they are hereby directed, to report at the next meeting of the City Council, a Bill providing for the assessment and collection of a City Tax, for the year ensuing the first Monday of March next; and also, at the same time, to report a Bill making appropriations for said year.

Passed February 11. 1850

Return of Lumber Surveyed in the City of Providence

	White Pine Boards, Plank Finishing Joist &c Board Measure					Hard Pine Boards & Plank Board Measure		Hard Pine Hewn Timber Board Measure		Spruce Boards Plank and Sawed Timber B M		Hemlock Plank Sawed Boards
	N°1	N° 2	N°3	N°4	N°5	Merch	Refuse	Mer.	Ref.	Mer.	Ref	Mer.
Aborn Arnold	5315	52.426	76.546	184896	58677	70816	38.708	.....	....	612843	130337	66.777
Robert Manchester Jr	53319	107.504	170.579	841255	100398	473907	114.268	227019	1350	245919	15562	51.684
Jacob Sillaway	4273	57.464	240757	1012021	206720	139377	131.449	64.394	...	463514	171.854	25.849
Nathan^l C Buskee	12682	62.541	170339	531573	145319	161483	104.654	.....	...	648719	216452	31 824
Benj^a Bogman 1st	539	61.941	327488	852042	137796	30493	19.299	....	...	714156	111 410	42 031
Christopher Rhodes	9098	129.263	283.671	721046	243432	295202	89 634	51.471	5147	556538	69904	42 806
William C Davenport	6906	65.072	145696	708220	187852	28312	23 219	117.407	2649	594031	144446	94 193
Esek A Tillson	5453	41.857	175836	798904	37.226	47281	16.752	92.535	1306	382049	33 095	127.049
Charles C Lee	1033	1036	310	12358	47 694	10.189	378	....	...	17034	3722	...
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	100345	633469	1493464	5663405	1165114	1257310	539490	552826	10452	4234803	896782	412.210

Total feet of Board Measure 18.278.052

To the Honorable City Council

The Undersigned Surveyor General of Lumber presents the above report which contains the amount of all the Lumber Surveyed under his direction during the past year

Robert Manchester

Providence February 4th 1850

Brown St Cross Walk

Resolved, That the Surveyor of Highways be and he is hereby directed to cause a cross walk to be laid across Brown Street, on the South side of Charles Field Street

Passed February 11. 1850

Remove Wooden Building

Upon the petition of Davis & Sheldon requesting liberty to remove a three story Wooden building on the north side of Westminster Street, three feet back from its present location and also to remove an addition on the rear of said building, and place it on Exchange place

Read, and it is thereupon resolved that the prayer of the petition be granted

Passed February 11. 1850

Appr^n for Well

Resolved, That the City Treasurer be and he is hereby directed to pay the Expense incurred in sinking the Well at the South east corner of the Market House and charge the same to the appropriation for Contingencies

Passed February 11th 1850

For the Year Ending February 4th A. D. 1850

Board and Timber Meast Refuse	Hewn Timber Pine Board Meas^t Mer	Ref	Hewn Timber Spruce Board Meas Mer	Ref	Oak Board Plank & Joist Board Mea Mer.	Ref.	Ash Boards Plank & Joist Board Meas Mer	Ref	Birch & Maple Boards. Plank and Joist Board Meas. Mer	Ref	White Wood Boards Plank and Joist Board Meas Mer.	Ref	Cherry Bds Plank & Joist Board Meas Mer	Ref	Blk Walnut Boards Plank & Joist Board Meas Mer	Ref	Mahogany Boards Plank &c Bd Meas Mer	Ref	Deputy Surveyors Fees $	¢	Surveyor Generals Fees $	¢
36.616	.....	..	..	..	...		6015	1528	4572	1644	30544	2537	...	...	5753	3282			308	10	42	31
16233	.....	..	..	10759	985	19091	432	27.134	1244	97.038	4341	...	...	...	...			574	06	79	14
21261	.....	..	..	4330	852	5685	1430	8311	2460	7959	1305	...	...	...	...			571	24	78	22
27187	55830	6382	9732	515	1828	...	15975	4881	18.029	6750	1272	394	...	...	...	...			497	30	68	43
33972	.....	....	...	...	...	....	6334	244	8619	2543	33937	2194	...	...	3990	347			506	67	69	34
27331	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	16801	4591	...	...	2453	514	...	...			564	16	77	20
26824	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	12152	4935	17182	4126	...	...	...	...			483	58	66	16
13674	...	...	...	...	...	...	12392	706	...	...	45102	3912	3198	384	...	...			417	91	57	15
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203098	55830	6382	9732	515	18345	2055	96118	18526	144079	46399	378343	43943	16549	50644	76514	22473	38000	20937	4103	63	573	83

The Report of the Surveyor General of Lumber

Read: Whereupon it is resolved that the same be received and recorded

Passed February 11. 1850

Wooden Building to remove

The petition of R. R. Stafford asking liberty to remove a certain two story wooden building from its present location on the West side of Union Street and place the same on Washington Street on the lot formerly owned & occupied by Wm J. King

The aforegoing petition is read. Whereupon it is resolved that the prayer thereof be granted

Passed February 11th 1850

Hospital Land to be conveyed to R. I. Bleach & Cambric Wor Co

Resolved, That George W. Hall, the City Treasurer be, and he is hereby authorized and directed to sell to the Rhode Island Bleach and Cambric Works for the sum of One thousand dollars, the lots of land belonging to the City of Providence, numbered 18 (eighteen) 19 (nineteen) 20 (twenty) 21 (twenty one) and 22 twenty two on the plat of the Hospital Lands (so called) which plat was accepted and established by the City Council, on the Eighth day of May A.D. 1848, and is recorded in the City Clerks Office in Book of Plats No 2 page 17; And that said George W. Hall be, and he is hereby appointed and authorized, as the special agent of the City, to make, seal, execute and deliver in the name of the City, a good and sufficient deed to convey to said purchasers and their heirs and assigns, all the right, title and interest which the City has in and to said lots of land

Passed February 11th 1850

Report in relation to Settlement with P. & W. R. R. Co recd

The Report of the Joint Committee appointed to settle all matters pending between the City and the Providence and Worcester Rail Road Company

Read Whereupon it is resolved that the same be received

Passed February 11th 1850

P & W Rail Road Co authorizing Treas to Settle matt therein

Resolved, That the City Treasurer, acting under the advice and direction of the Mayor, Ald Whitaker and Messrs Anthony, Mathewson and Potter, be and he is hereby authorized and directed to discharge the Providence and Worcester Rail Road Company, from all claim and demand of the City or of any officer or person claiming under the authority thereof, for any omission or neglect of said company in carrying into effect the specifications appended to the Resolutions passed by the City Council on the seventeenth day of February A.D. 1846, authorizing the said Rail Road Company to fill up a part of the Cove above Weybosset Bridge; on receiving from said Rail Road Company, for the use of the City the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars; said sum to be paid into the Citys Treasury, in monthly payments of One thousand Dollars each; the first of which payments to be made on the first day of March next

Passed February 11th 1850

In Convention February 11th 1850

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

The resignation of George W. Hall City Treasurer is presented, read and laid on the Table

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

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Cove Wall

Resolved That the Mayor, Alderman Whitaker and Messrs Davis Bush, Mumford, Anthony, Manchester and Dunfee of the Common Council be and they are hereby appointed a Committee to enquire into, and report upon, the expediency of continuing the elleptical wall around the Cove, from its present South-Westerly termination

Passed February 13th 1850

Cove Promenade

Resolved, That the Surveyor of Highways under the advice of the Committee on the Cove Promenade appointed on 12th November last, be and he is hereby directed to enclose and finish the triangular piece of land situated between Washington and Cove Streets and the Stonington Rail Road.

Passed March 11th 1850

Market House

Resolved, That the Clerk of the Market be authorized (under the advice of the Committee on City Property) to provide suitable pumps and sinks, to permit the rise of the water from the Well at the South east corner of the market, by the tenants of the Stalls in the Market

Passed March 11th 1850

Report of Comm on 5th Ward Room

The Report of the Committee to whom was referred on the 4th inst. the petition of George B Holmes and others, requesting that the rooms in the Engine House on Richmond Street, be prepared and used for Ward Meetings &c

Read Whereupon it is Resolved that the same be received

Passed March 11th 1850

Sheldon St

Resolved That the Surveyor of Highways be and he is hereby directed to cause the Gutters to be paved on Sheldon Street between Brook Street and Hope Street and said Street to be graded when even the owners of lots shall furnish curb stones in front of their estates — provided no work shall be done until the Board of Aldermen shall have declared that said Street shall be repaired at the Citys Expense

Passed March 11th 1850

Ward Room for 5th Ward

Resolved, That the City Treasurer acting under the advice and direction of the Committee on City Property, be and he is hereby directed to make such alterations in the Engine House on Richmond Street as will fit the lower part of it for the Hook & Ladder Co. and the upper part for a Ward Room, and that he be authorized to pay for the same out of any moneys in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated

Resolved, That said Room may be occupied for a Public Evening School, whenever the School Committee shall deem it for the public interest

Passed March 11. 1850

Tax Ordinance

An Ordinance providing for the Assessment and Collection of a Tax of fifty three cents on each One Hundred Dollars, in value of the Rateable Property in the City of Providence

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

Section 1. That a tax of fifty three cents on each One hundred Dollars in value of the rateable property in said City, be assessed and levied upon the rateable property of the inhabitants and others owning such property in said City; and that said Tax be assessed on or before the first Monday in September next, and collected and paid into the City Treasury on or before the first Monday of October next

Section 2. That the Collector shall advertise in the Manufacturers and Farmers Journal and in the Republican Herald, for three weeks successively calling on all persons who may be assessed for said Tax, to make payment at his Office, within ten days, ending on said first Monday in October next, and including that day; And during said ten days, said Collector shall attend at his said Office, for the purpose of receiving said Tax, every day, (Sundays excepted,) from nine o'clock in the morning until three o'clock in the afternoon; and said Collector shall deduct three per cent from the respective sums assessed upon all those who shall make payment on or before said first Monday in October next

Section 3. That said Collector shall be allowed three and one half per cent. for Collecting said Tax; he allowing out of his said commission, three per cent to all those who shall pay him the amount of their respective taxes on or before said first Monday in October next.

Section 4 That said Collector shall pay into the City Treasury, without delay, all monies which he shall receive towards the tax aforesaid, by the first Monday in October next; collecting and paying over the residue, (if any) of said tax as soon there after as may be; and that all persons who shall be delinquent in paying said tax, by said first Monday in October next, shall pay interest afterwards; for which interest said Collector shall be accountable to said City.

Section 5 The tax hereby ordered, is intended to include, and shall be held to include, the sum paid by the City to the State in the year 1849, as the City's proportion of the State Tax

Section 6. The City hereby assumes the payment to the State, of the City's proportion of the State Tax, for the year 1850, and the assessors of Taxes are hereby directed not to assess said State Tax.

Passed March 11. 1850

Compensation of Assessors

Resolved, That the Assessors of Taxes, shall be allowed and paid One hundred & Sixty Dollars each as a full compensation for apportioning the City Tax, this day ordered; and also for apportioning the Registry Tax; for copying of Tax Books; and for obtaining all necessary information for the proper and just apportionment of said taxes and for all other services in relation thereto; and also for enrolling the Militia

Passed March 11. 1850

Mayor's Salary

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

Passed March 11. 1850

Auditor's Report to be printed

Upon the Report of the City Auditor, this day made to the City Council, it is resolved that the same be received

Resolved that said Report be referred to the Standing Committee on Finance; and that said Committee be and they are hereby directed to cause the same, or so much thereof as is required to be published by the fourth Section of the City Charter, together with a Schedule of the property of the City, to be printed in the Newspapers employed to do the City printing

Resolved, that said Committee be and they are hereby authorized to cause not exceeding five hundred copies of said Report to be printed in pamphlet form, for the use of the City Council

Passed March 11. 1850

Temporary Loan

Resolved, That the City Treasurer, acting under the advice and direction of the Standing Committee on Finance, be and he is hereby authorized to hire, by temporary loan or loans, a sum or sums of money not exceeding in the whole the sum of Forty Seven Thousand Dollars for a period not exceeding one year, at a rate of interest not exceeding six per cent

Passed March 11. 1850

Dr City of Providence in account with

1849					
May 4	To paid S Cahoone Treas. R.I. half amt received for Licenses & Taxes on Billiard Tables & Bowling Alleys		575 23		
	" Commissions on above paid Board of Aldermen		14 74		
July 23	" paid Pabodie Butt Company per Order City Council			589 97	
1850 March 4	" " Public Schools			100 00	
"	" " City Debt Fund			29.926 02	
"	" " Support of the Poor at Large			11.649 82	
"	" " Ditto " do . Butlers Hospital		7.726 51		
"	" " Ditto " do . Dexters Asylum		4.693 59		
"	" " Fire Department		2.452 26	14.872 36	
"	" " Highways			10.443 97	
"	" " Public Bridges			32.770 75	
"	" " City Watch			2.039 86	
"	" " Lighting Streets			7.342 89	
"	" " Salaries			4598 27	
"	" " Public Buildings			6.116 25	
"	" " Pumps & Wells			644 41	
"	" " Police			89 47	
"	" " Asylum Walls & Buildings			3.103 79	
"	" " Contingencies			1.172 81	
"	" " School Houses & Lots			7.707 45	
"	" " Cove Promenade			6717 00	
"	" " Gas Light Fixtures			3.814 13	
"	" " North Burial Ground			1.882 06	
"	" " Celebration of Am[a] Independence			220 69	
"	" " State Tax . City's proportion			969 60	
	" Amt of 12 Notes of hand pay[e] at Bank June 3/6 1850 Rec[d] for Rents of Stalls in Market House . deposited in American Bank for Coll[n] per Certificate of Cashier		2,030 00	8079 75	
"	" Amt of 9 Drafts accepted by Isaac Brown Treasurer Prov. & Wor. R Road Co. pay[e] the first Monday in each month from April to December inclusive for One thousand Dolls ea		9,000 00		
"	" Cash Bal. of A/c on Deposit in American Bank as per Cashiers Certificate		7598 14	18.628 14	
				173 479 46	

I hereby certify that I have examined the accounts of Geo. W Hall Esq City Treasurer for the year ending March 4. 1850 and that these accounts agree with the vouchers, and that on said fourth day of March 1850 there was a balance in the City Treasury of Seven Thousand five hundred ninety eight & 14/100 Dollars deposited in the American Bank as per Certificate of S K Rathbone Cashier

Providence March 8th 1850

G B Fastram
City Auditor

Cr George W. Hall City Treasurer

1849					
March 6	By balance in Treasury to new a/c				13.999 11
" 17	" James Mumford Coll[r] of Taxes for amt Collected of				
	Bliven & Thompson Tax on Bowling Alleys to Dec 6		47 50		
	Simmons & Kenyon " " less com[n] . Aug[t]		17 81		65 31
June 4	" Auction Dues . Rec[d] of M R. Gardner $34.90 A.B. Dike $13.93		48 83		
	" " S Hartshorn $1.92 C W Retford .09		2 01		
	" " Jas Hammond 2.24 T. Almy 2.64		4 88		
	" " E.A. Nichols 2.13 R. Wentworth 1.42		3 55		
	" " A.S. Wilbour 1.74 J.W. Lowell 05		1 79		61 06
8	" Isaac Brown Treas[r] for his Acc[t] paid at American Bank				1334 83
12	" Auction Dues . B. B. Dyer				20 46
Aug[t] 6	" Wm E Greene . City Thatch sold him Standing				3 06
Oct[r] 2	" James Mumford Coll[r] of Taxes for amt Collected (Less Com[n]) .				
	of Mary A Smith Tax on Bowling Alley to Apl 3		71 25		
	Ben[a] Bogman " " " " Sept 6		177 12		
	A Duncan & Wife " " " " Aug 15		47 50		
	Chas G Arnold " " " July 3		106 88		
	Rebecca Blodget " " " March 6		47 50		
	Humphrey Almy " " " May 17		19 49		
	E Emerson " Billiard Table in full		23 75		495 49
6	" Ditto for bal. of Tax assessed 1848 as per a/c Settled this day				16.606 50
17	" " " Harvey Perry for Taxes on Billiard Tables less Com[n]		71 25		
"	" " Rebecca Blodget " Bowling Alley to Sept 6 "		95 00		166 25
Dec 3	" Auction Dues Rec[d] of M R Gardner 28.61 A.B. Dike 18.66		47 27		
"	" " B H Wilbour 5.59 T Almy 2.75		8 34		
"	" " S Hartshorn .47 J Hammond 10.86		11 33		
1850	" " J. W. Lowell		.17		67 11
Jan[y] 17	" City Standard Scales, Rec[d] of R Evans City Proportion of Income to Dec 31/49				73 48
Feby 9	" James Mumford Coll[r] for amt collected of Jos. Gladding & others for 6 mos Taxes on Billiard Tables at Museum (less Com[n])				71 25
16	" R.I. Bleach & Cambric Works for Deed to them of Bart[l] Hospital land per Vote of the City Council Feby 11/50				1000 00
26	" Estate of Eben[r] Hale, bal. proceeds his property as per a/c				166 96
18	" Prov. & Wor. R.R. Co for Isaac Brown Treas[r] Acc[t] payable on the first Monday of each Month from March to Dec[r] inclusive, ten in number of One Thousand Dollars each, rec[d] for damages in non fulfilment of Contract dated March 14. 1846 as per Vote of the City Council Feby 11. 1850 amt				10.000 00
"	" Estate of Harris Reynolds, Rec[d] of G. L. Dwight Coroner, amt found at Inquest				12 90
March 4	" James Mumford Coll[r] of Taxes, on a/c Tax Assessed & Collected 1849 per Receipt				127.100 00
"	" Rent Account, amt 12 Notes of Hand, rec[d] for Rent of Stalls in Market House pay[e] 3/6 June 1850 in American Bank for Collection				2030 00
"	" City Licenses 1/2 amt rec[d] since March 1849				205 75
	E. E. Providence March 4. 1850				173.479 46

George W. Hall
City Treasurer

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

Passed March 11. 1850

Smith Street to be Repaired & Cross Walks to be Laid

Resolved. That the Surveyor of Highways be and he is hereby directed to cause that part of Smith Street lying between the Shingle Bridge (so called) and the Rail Road Bridge, to be repaired, and so much thereof paved, as in his opinion is expedient; and also to cause Cross Walks to be laid across State Street and one across Davis Street, on the North Side of Smith Street.

Passed. March 11. 1850.

Com^e to Transfer Treasurer Books & take Bond

Resolved that Alderman Hoppin & Messrs Waterman, Shepard & Anthony of the Common Council, be and they are hereby appointed a Committee to transfer the Books and Papers in the City Treasurer's Office, from the late City Treasurer, to the City Treasurer this day elected; and also to take a bond from the City Treasurer, with sufficient surety or sureties, for the faithful discharge of the duties of his Office, for the present Municipal year; and that said bond be for the sum of Thirty Thousand Dollars

Passed March 11. 1850

Report of Com^e appt to obtain Reform School Act

To the Hon. City Council

The Committee appointed to petition the General Assembly for the passage of the Reform School Act, respectfully Report

That the Act herewith presented has been enacted and that it is the same bill approved by the City Council, excepting that in the 2^d line of Section 4. the word "eighteen" is substituted for "Seventeen"

Which is respectfully submitted
For the Committee
Thos. M. Burgess

Prov. Feby 16, 1850

Read and it is thereupon resolved that the same be received

Passed March 11. 1850

Reform School

Resolved, That Alderman Hoppin & Messrs Shepard Martin and Case, be and they are hereby appointed a Committee to report a plan for the Establishment and organization of the Reform School which the City are authorized to establish by Act passed by the General Assembly at their January Session A.D. 1850. entitled "An Act to authorize the City of Providence to establish a Reform School"

Passed March 11. 1850

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

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

For the Support of Public Schools, for the year ending on the first Monday in March A D 1851 together with, and in addition, to the sum which the City may receive for the same purpose from the State Treasury and Registry Tax (the Expenditures under this appropriation to be made by the Order and direction of the School Committee;) Thirty two thousand Dollars.

For the Support of Poor and Removal of Paupers, including Asylum, together with the income of the "Fillinghust Fund" (so called) Fifteen Thousand Dollars.

For the Fire Department, Eight Thousand Dollars.

For the Support of the Public Bridges, One Thousand Dollars.

For the Support of the Public Watch, Eight Thousand Dollars.

For Lighting the Streets, Five Thousand Dollars.

For Salaries of the Mayor, Aldermen and other City Officers, Six Thousand three Hundred Dollars.

For the Repairs of Public Buildings, Eight Hundred Dollars.

For the Repairs of the City Pumps & wells; Two Hundred & fifty Dollars.

For the Police Department, Three Thousand Five Hundred Dollars.

For Repairs of Asylum Walls & Buildings; Five Hundred Dollars.

For Highways Twenty five thousand Dollars

For Contingent Expenses: viz; Any Claims which may be allowed by the Board of Aldermen, or by the City Auditor, not included in any of the preceding items; and also the Compensation allowed to the Assessors of Taxes, and to Wardens & Ward Clerks Six Thousand Dollars.

For School Houses & Lots, Seven Thousand Dollars.

For City Debt, in addition to the amount appropriated by Ordinance; Three Thousand Dollars.

For Continuing the Cove Promenade in addition to the Special appropriation. Two thousand Dollars

For the City's proportion of the State Tax. Eight Thousand and seventy nine 75/100 Dollars

For Gas Light Fixtures One thousand Dollars

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

Passed March 11. 1850

In Convention March 11th 1850

George W. Hall City Treasurer, having resigned the following Gentlemen (except J. Warren Taylor) are nominated to fill the vacancy.

	1st Ballot	2d Bal	3d Bal.
Esek Aldrich	12	15	17
Conrad S. Ellery	10	14	12
Geo. B Peck	4	1	1
Anthony B Arnold	1	0	0
Jos. W. Taylor	3	0	0

Esek Aldrich having received a majority of the Votes is declared to be duly elected City Treasurer

The Surveyor General of Lumber presents the names of the following persons to be approved by the City Council as Deputy Surveyors of Lumber for the Year ending the first Monday of February next

Aborn Arnold	Robert Manchester 3d
Benjamin Bogman 1st	Jacob Tillaway
Nath[l] C. Bushee	Chris[r] Rhodes
Wm C Davenport	Esek A Jillson
Jas P. Metcalf	

Charles C Lee for Mahogany & other Ornamental Lumber
James Salsbury for Oak and other hard Wood used in Ship Building

Whereupon resolved. that the City Council do hereby approve of the aforenamed persons as Deputy Surveyors of Lumber for the year ending as aforesaid.

The petition of John P Jones & others resident on Federal Hill, asking that a Constable may be appointed &c Read and laid on the Table.

Voted That Six Assessors be appointed to assess the Tax this day ordered

Voted That the following persons be and they are hereby appointed to assess the Tax this day ordered: viz.

Isaac Thurber for	first Ward
Welcome Congdon	Second "
Amherst Everett	Third "
Asa Pierce	Fourth "
Daniel Field	Fifth "
John F Phillips	Sixth "

Voted James Mumford be and he is hereby appointed to collect the Tax this day ordered

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

City of Providence
Mayor's Office March 11. 1850

Gentlemen of the City Council

I have the honor to send you a communication from Messrs Tully D Bowen & others. a committee appointed by the General Assembly to consider the expediency of erecting a new State House

The communication and accompanying resolution fully explain their object, I trust they will receive your respectful consideration

Tho[s] M. Burgess Mayor

Read. Whereupon it is resolved that the same with the accompanying papers. be refered to Aldermen Knight and Hoppin and Messrs P M Mathewson. Grinnell. A Mathewson. Anthony. Carpenter and Gilmore. to examine and report thereon

Passed March 18. 1850

The following is the Communication refered to above

Providence February 1850

Hon Thos M Burgess
Mayor of the City of Providence

Sir, The undersigned have been appointed a Committee agreeably to the enclosed resolutions, and in the furtherance of their duty beg leave to ask your early attention and through you the attention of the City Government to this subject

should it be the wish of the City of Providence to join the State in purchasing a lot, and in erecting a suitable building or buildings, that will give ample accommodations to the State

You will oblige us by stating at your earliest convenience its terms, and conditions, with full plans of such proposed building or buildings

T. D. Bowen
Stephen Branch
Nath[l] Greene
John Holden
C. G. Perry
Alfred Bosworth
Joseph Gavitt
Chas Goodwin

Cove improvements

Resolved, That the Mayor, Aldermen Whitaker and Messrs Davis Bush, Mumford, Anthony, Manchester and Durfee be and they are hereby appointed a Committee, to cause a dam, provided with proper draws or flood gates, to allow of the passage of scows or suitable boats at all times of the tide, to be built at or near the upper Bridge of sufficient height and strength, so as to cause the water to flow through the Culverts under Exchange place at least twelve inches deep at common low tides; and that they be authorized to draw on the City Treasurer for the cost of the same to be paid out of any money received of the Providence & Worcester Rail Road Co. in the Settlement of their accts with the City provided the cost of the same shall not exceed two thousand dollars

Resolved also, that One thousand dollars be appropriated out of any money not otherwise appropriated to be expended by the Surveyor of Highways (under the advice and direction of the same Committee) in continuing the ellipse wall as proposed in the report of said Committee

Passed Apil 8. 1850

Broad Street

Resolved, That the subject of the obstructions existing in the Westerly part of Broad Street, be again referred to the same Committee who have this day made Report thereon

Passed Apil 8 1850

Assessors of Taxes compensation

Resolved, That the Assessors of Taxes shall be allowed and paid two hundred Dollars each, as a full compensation for apportioning the City Tax Ordered on the eleventh day of March last, and also for apportioning the Registry Tax and Enrolling the Militia; for copying of Tax Books, and for obtaining all necessary information for the proper and just apportionment of said Taxes and for all other services in relation thereto

Resolved, that the Resolution providing for the compensation of said Assessors which passed the City Council on the Eleventh day of March last, be and the same is hereby rescinded

Passed Apil 8. 1850

Elm Street Grammar School House

Upon the Report of the Standing Committee on Public Schools; It is Resolved, that the City Treasurer be, and he is hereby directed under the advice and direction of the School Committee, to cause the Grammar School House on Elm Street to be enlarged in the same manner that the Grammar School House on Summer Street has been enlarged

Passed Apil 8. 1850

Report of Rail Road Committee

To the City Council of the City of Providence

The joint Committee appointed on the 11th February to advise the City Treasurer in matters relating to the Settlement with the Providence & Worcester Rail Road Co respectfully

Report

That they have attended to their duties & are informed by the City Treasurer that a Settlement has been made with said Company in conformity to the instructions of the Council

That inasmuch as it would be convenient to have the bridge finished and the fence erected forthwith, while the Surveyor is at work on the promenade, they recommend the passage of the resolutions herewith presented

That the other objects contemplated in said settlement, viz; the provision of water on Exchange Place to protect against fire, and the paving of Exchange Place, they recommend to the early consideration of the Council

The weakness in the bridge which connects Exchange Place & Canal Street, does not seem to require immediate attention, though it will ultimately be the cause of expense to the City

Which is respectfully submitted

Thos W Burgess
for the Committee

Providence March 11 1850

Read and Received
April 8. 1850

To Finish Promenade Bridge

Resolved

That the Surveyor of Highways be and he is hereby directed, (under the advice of the Joint Committee on the Cove Promenade appointed 12 Nov last) to finish the bridge across the main river connecting with the Cove Promenade and also to erect the proper fence (West of the Moshassuck river) to separate the rail road grounds from said promenade; and that the Expense of said work be paid from and out of the money paid to the City Treasurer by the Providence & Worcester Rail Road Company

Passed April 8. 1850

Treasurers Bond

The Committee appointed at the last meeting of the City Council, to transfer the books and papers in the City Treasurers Office, from the late to the present City Treasurer; and also to take a bond of the City Treasurer for the faithful discharge of the duties of his Office; respectfully

Report

That they have transferred the books and papers as instructed; having first received from the City Treasurer his official bond, in the sum of thirty thousand dollars, with Thomas Aldrich, Allen O Peck, and Lewis P. Child as sureties, jointly and severally holden: and that they have deposited the said bond with the City Clerk for the Committee

W. H. Waterman

Prov. April 8. 1850

The foregoing Report Read Whereupon it is resolved that the same be received

Passed Apriℓ 8, 1850

In Convention Apriℓ 8 1850

Messrs Asa Pierce and Welcome Congdon having declined serving as Assessors the following gentlemen are elected in their places

Abner Peckham and Welcome A Greene, to assess the Tax ordered the 11th of March last.

Hollis Chaffin is appointed Pound Keeper

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

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Cove Culverts

Resolved, That the Committee appointed on the 8th day of Apriℓ instant to cause the Cove wall to be extended be and they are hereby authorized to expend in extending the Culverts at and near the foot of Sabin Street, such portion of the money appropriated by the resolutions under which they were appointed, as shall in their opinion be needful

Passed Apriℓ 15, 1850

Wooden Building

The petition of Joshua R. Brown requesting liberty to remove a certain one story Wooden Building from 62 Bassett Street to N° 100 South Street

Read, Whereupon it is resolved that the prayer thereof be granted

Passed Apriℓ 15, 1850

Report Judge of Municipal Court

To the Hon. City Council

The Judge of the Municipal Court hereby makes Report.

That the whole amount of his fees charged for business transacted in said Court, for the year ending on the first Monday in March last; as appears by the account kept by the Clerk of said Court; is $1115.38

Of which there has been collected 702.34

Leaving Uncollected $413.04

Prov. Apriℓ 8, 1850

Thomas Burges Judge of the Municipal Court for the City of Providence

Read Whereupon it is resolved that the same be received

Passed Apriℓ 15, 1850

Report of Clerk of Municipal Court

To the Hon. City Council

The undersigned Clerk of the Municipal Court, as required by Ordinance, makes Report;

That the whole amount of Clerks fees, charged for business transacted in said Court, for the year ending on the first Monday in March last, is $1324.61

Of which, there has been collected 805.36

Leaving Uncollected $519.25

He herewith Presents the Certificate of the Judge of said Court, required by the Ordinance, relative to the records in his office

Albert G. Greene
Clerk of Municipal Court

Read Whereupon it is resolved that the same be received

Passed Apriℓ 15, 1850

Providence Apriℓ 6 1850 I certify that all the records in the Office of the Clerk of the Municipal Court are made up to the last day of February A. D 1850, and that the Books, Papers and Records in said Office, are in good order

Thomas Burges
Municipal Judge

Providence Apriℓ 4 1850

Report of City Clerk

To the Hon. City Council

As required by Ordinance, I hereby make report of the fees of my office, for the past financial year, and I also herewith present the certificate of the Mayor in relation to the records &c in my Office

From March 1. 1849 to February 28. 1850 inclusive

I have received in cash	$1207.37
Credit	7.13
	1214.50
Less for Clerk Hire	234.76
Nett	$979.74

To the Hon. City Council

I hereby certify that I have examined the Records and Papers in the City Clerks Office and find that all the Records are made up to the last day of February of the present year, and that the papers and books in said office are in good order

Thoˢ M Burgess
Mayor

Providence March 30 1850

Read, Whereupon it is resolved that the same be received

Passed Apriℓ 15 1850

Finance Com^e to repot Salaries

Resolved That the Standing Committee on Finance be and they are hereby directed to report, at the nextt regular meeting of the City Council a Bill fixing the compensation of the City Officers for the Municipal year commencing on the first monday of June nextt

Passed April 15. 1850

In Convention April 15 d 1850

The two Boards joined for the purpose of choosing an Assessor in the place of Welcome A Greene who declines serving

John J Stimson is elected an Assessor to assess the Tax ordered on the 11 th day of March last

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

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Augustus Ellis

Resolved, That the City Treasurer be, and he is hereby directed, to pay unto Augustus Ellis, the sum of Five Hundred Dollars, out of any money in the City Treasury, not otherwise appropriated, to be in full compensation for services rendered by said Ellis, in apprehending, and procuring sufficient evidence to convict Cornelius Donahue, at the last March term of the Supreme Court, for this County, for setting fire to a dwelling House in this City, in January last; that being the amount of reward offered by his Honor, the Mayor, to be paid to any person, who would apprehend, and procure sufficient evidence to convict any person of setting fire to any dwelling House in this City, between the first day of November 1849, and the first day of June 1850

Passed May 13. 1850

City Constables

Resolved, That the joint Committee on Police be and they are hereby instructed to enquire into the truth of any complaints which the Mayor or City Marshal may make known to said Committee as to irregular proceedings by any of the City Constables, and to report to the Council on the first monday of June nextt, the names of any such officer who the said Committee think ought not to be reappointed

Passed May 13. 1850

Benefit Street

Resolved, That the Surveyor of Highways be and he is hereby directed to cause Benefit Street from College Street to North Court Street, to be graded according to the grades established by the Street Commissioners and to pave the gutters thereon whenever the Curb Stones are furnished by the owners of Estates.

Passed May 13. 1850

Dog Ordinance

An Ordinance in addition to an Ordinance entitled, "An Ordinance in relation to dogs."

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

Section 1 The fourth section of the Ordinance to which this is in addition is hereby repealed

Section 2 It shall be lawful for any inhabitant of this City, at any season of the year, to kill any dog, who being at large shall bite or wound any person who is not a trespasser on the premises of the keeper of such dog; and the Board of Aldermen may in their discretion allow reasonable expenses for the killing and burying of any dog so killed, which expenses shall be paid from the City Treasury

Section 3 The Board of Aldermen at any time, and the Mayor, whenever in his opinion the safety of the inhabitants of the City is endangered by rabid dogs, may offer a reward of not exceeding One Dollar for the killing of any dog at large in this City and such rewards shall be paid from the City Treasury

Passed May 13. 1850

Wooden Building

On the petition of H.G. Tucker asking liberty to remove a Wooden Building from Dorrance Street to Dyer Street

Read whereupon resolved, that the prayer thereof be granted

Passed May 13. 1850

Wood Building

On the petition of Charles F. Tillinghast asking liberty to remove a small Wooden Building about twenty feet from its present location in rear of No 173 Westminster Street

Read, Whereupon resolved, that the prayer thereof be granted

Passed May 13. 1850

Wood Building

On the petition of Thomas Pearce asking liberty to a Wooden building 14 ft Square from one side of Dyer Street to the other, and also to remove his barn from its present location near his Coal Yard about 36 ft northeast

Read, Whereupon resolved, that the prayer thereof be granted

Passed May 13. 1850

Olney St

Resolved, that the Surveyor of Highways be and he is hereby directed to cause the Curb Stones to be set, and the gutters paved on that part of Olney Street lying between North Main & Prospect Streets whenever the owners of the adjoining land shall furnish suitable Curb Stones for the same; and also to turnpike and put in good traveling order that part of the same lying between Prospect Street & the Pawtucket new Turnpike (so called)

Passed May 13. 1850

Surveyors of Highways

Resolved, That the Committee on Highways be directed to enquire into the expediency of electing five Surveyors of highways, one of which shall have charge of the Streets and highways included & situated in the 1st 2d & 3d Wards; the other of those included & situated in the 4th 5th & 6th Wards, and that they report at the next meeting of the council. And also if in their opinion the interest of the City would be promoted by appointing a Surveyor or Superintendant of Streets in each ward who shall under the direction of the City Council have charge of all expenditures for repairs and construction on highways within said ward

Passed May 13. 1850

Appropriation to pay J. R. Budlong & John Atwood

Resolved, That the City Treasurer be and he is hereby authorized to pay to Joseph R Budlong and John Atwood the sum of One hundred and fifty Dollars each, whenever the said Budlong and Atwood shall have moved back to the Northerly line of Broad Street, their buildings which now stand over said line; and shall have made a Deed to the City of that portion of the said Street now claimed by them

Passed May 13. 1850

Trustees to confer with State Com^e

Resolved that the Trustees of the Providence Reform School be requested to confer with the Committee appointed by the General Assembly at this present May Session upon the subject of the admission of Juvenile Offenders from other parts of the State into the Providence Reform School

Passed May 13. 1850

Reform School Appropriation for.

1 Resolved, That the sum of two thousand dollars be appropriated out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, to be expended by the Trustees of the "Providence Reform School" for the purposes mentioned in the following resolution; and that the City Treasurer be and he is hereby authorized to pay said sum appropriated upon orders drawn by said Board of Trustees

2 Resolved, That the Trustees of the Providence Reform School are hereby authorized to appropriate such portion of the Tockwotten House and estate, and make such alterations therein and provide such furniture therefor as they may deem necessary for the purposes of said school, provided that the outlay for the same shall not exceed the sum appropriated by the previous resolution

3 Resolved, That the Trustees of the Prov. Reform School be requested to report a code of By Laws for the Government of said School, for the consent and approval of the City Council

Passed May 13. 1850

East St

Resolved, that the Surveyor of Highways be and he is hereby directed to cause the Curbstones to be set and the gutters paved on that part of East Street lying between Front and John Streets, whenever the owners of the adjoining land shall furnish suitable Curbstone for the same and

Resolved further that he be authorized to cause Cross walks to be laid upon the same whenever the public convenience may require under the advice and direction of the Standing Committee on Highways

Passed May 13 1850

Mathewson Street

Resolved, that the Surveyor of Highways be and he is hereby directed to cause that part of Mathewson Street lying between Westminsten and Sabin Streets to be paved, provided however it shall not interfere with, nor take precedence of any other paving already ordered

Passed May 13. 1850

Orange St

Resolved, that the Surveyor of Highways be and he is hereby directed to cause that part of Orange Street lying between Westminsten and Broad Street, to be paved, whenever the owners of the adjoining land shall furnish suitable curb Stones for the same

Passed May 13. 1850

Hope Street

Your Committee find on examination, that the Surveyor of Highways has been directed to set the curb Stones and pave the Gutters on that part of Hope Street lying South of Manning Street, and to turnpike that part lying between Manning and Angell Streets and that, in their opinion is all that is expedient to do at present

Daniel E Carpenter
for the Committee

Read, whereupon it is resolved, that the same be received and adopted

Passed May 13 1850

Cross Walks

Resolved, That the Surveyor of Highways be and he is hereby directed to cause Crosswalks to be laid in the following places viz. One across Waterman Street west side of Prospect Street; One across Prospect north side of Waterman Street; One across Prospect north side of Angell Street; and one across Angell west side of Prospect St

Passed May 13. 1850

An Ordinance, fixing the Compensation of certain Officers, for the year ending on the first Monday of June, A.D. One thousand eight hundred and fifty one

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

Section 1. For the year ending on the first Monday of June A.D. 1851, the compensation to be allowed and paid to the several officers, hereinafter named shall be as follows viz;

To the City Clerk Three Hundred dollars;

To the Clerk of the Common Council Two hundred & fifty dollars;

To the City Treasurer. Eight hundred dollars;

To the Overseer of the Poor. Five hundred dollars;

To the City Sergeant. Four hundred dollars;

To the Surveyor of Highways. Eight hundred dollars;

To the Clerk of the Market, Two hundred dollars;

To the Clerk of the Municipal Court (in addition to the fees allowed, by law, for business transacted in said Court) Two hundred and fifty dollars;

To the City Sealer of Weights and Measures One hundred and fifty Dollars;

To the City Auditor, One hundred and fifty Dollars;

To the City Marshal Eight Hundred Dollars;

Section 2. Said sums, so appropriated, shall be paid out of the City Treasury, in quarterly payments, to the Officers respectively entitled thereto

Section 3. The fees allowed, by law to Justice of the Peace, shall be in full compensation to the Justices of the Police Court; for their services as such

Passed May 13. 1850

Canal St

The Committee on Highways, to whom was referred the petition of S.G. Martin & others

Report. Your Committee understand that the North part of Canal Street has not been laid out its full width and therefore it is inexpedient to do more upon it than to keep it in good passable order, which the Surveyor is authorized to do, therefore no action by the Council is necessary

Daniel C. Carpenter,
for the Committee

Read, Whereupon Resolved that the same be received

Passed May 13. 1850

John Stokes et al have leave to withdraw

The Standing Committee to Engross Ordinances, to whom on the 8th of April last was referred the petition of John Stokes and others in relation to yards and pens for swine respectfully

Report

That they consider it inexpedient to make any exception under the Ordinance in relation to Swine and recommend that the petitioners have leave to withdraw their petition

For the Committee
Jabez C. Knight

Providence May 13 1850

Read, Whereupon it is resolved, that the same be received, and that the petitioners have leave to withdraw

Passed May 13 1850

Butler Hospital

Return of the Overseer of the Poor of persons in the Butler Hospital the past year at the Expense of the City say from December 31 1848 to December 31 1849 and paid $ 4.839.47

Read Whereupon it is resolved that the same be received

Passed May 13. 1850

Sundry petitions rejected

The Committee of Highways, Report that they do not recommend the granting of the following petitions which were referred to them viz;

A Sackett & others for paving sections of Pine and Dorrance Streets;
Owners of Property on Canal Street for a Bridge
H. Holden & others for Cross Walks on Eddy Street

Read and accepted

Passed May 13. 1850

In Convention May 13. 1850

Voted That Six Trustees be now appointed for the management of the Providence Reform School to continue in Office one year from this date

Resolved That Edmund Thurber,
William P. Bullock
Samuel G. Arnold
William S. Patten
Henry A. Rowland
Christopher E. Potter, be and they are hereby appointed Trustees of the Providence Reform School

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

In Convention June 3 1850 at 3 o'clock P.M

This being the day fixed by law for the Annual Organization of the Municipal Government of the City of Providence, the following Gentlemen, being Mayor, Aldermen and Common Council men elect met in Convention in the Council Chamber to wit

Thomas M. Burgess	Mayor
Edward P. Knowles	Alderman of First Ward
Thomas Whitaker	" " Second "
Hiram Hill	" " Third "
William W. Hoppin	" " Fourth "
Samuel James	" " Fifth "
Robert Knight	" " Sixth "

Common Council men

First Ward
Farley M. Mathewson
Edmund Thurber
Thomas Davis 2d
Joseph Durfee

Second Ward
John H. Hamlin
Richard W. Bush
Thomas L. Shepard
William T. Grinnell

Third Ward
William Earle
Rollin Mathewson
James H. Mumford
George W. Hale

Fourth Ward
James G. Anthony
Philip Case
Taber C. Knight
Walter Paine Jun.

Fifth Ward
Daniel C. Carpenter
Thomas J. Hill
Jacob Manchester
Cyrus B. Manchester

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Francis E. Hoppin Esq administered the Oath of Office required by the City Charter to Thomas M. Burgess Mayor elect

The Mayor then administered the like Oath to the aforenamed Aldermen and Common Councilmen elect, thereupon the Convention proceeded to ballot for City Clerk, and on counting the ballots, it appeared that Albert Pabodie was elected to that Office, and he was then duly engaged by the Mayor

The Mayor then delivered his Annual Address to the City Council

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Overseer of Public Bridges — Mengies Sweet

Gaugers of Casks — Allen J. Gladding, James Burrough, John C. Bosworth, Peleg S. Sharman, D. V. Ross

School Committee — Moses B. Ives, Edward B. Hall, Amherst Everett, John J. Stimson, Edward R. Young, Thomas M. Burgess, Alexis Caswell, Alexander Duncan, Richmond Bronnell, George H. Billinghast, Amos D. Smith, Edward P. Knowles, Elisha Dyer Jr, Esek Aldrich, Stephen T. Olney, Jamaliel L. Dwight, Shubael Hutchins, Amasa Manton, William C. Snow, Thomas C. Harthorn, J. P. K. Henshaw, James N. Granger, William Gammell, S. Augs. Arnold, William J. Reed, William W. Hoppin, Samuel G. Arnold, Edward Waleott, Zachariah Allen Owen Mason

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Collector of Taxes — James Mumford

Surveyors & Corders of Wood	Thomas J. Wardwell, Benjamin S Olney, Samuel B Bullock, George B Holmes, Nelson Chace, Joseph Robinson, William K Thurber, George T. Bowen, Clark Steen, William W. Arnold, Nathan Thornton, James Brattell, Cyrus Potter, Sayles Brown, Benjamin J Brown, Jabez C Olney, Benjamin S Olney Jun
Overseers of Hospital	Mayor and Aldermen
Fence Viewer	Henry G Mumford
Field Driver	James C Sheridan
Inspector of Pot & Pearl Ashes	Smith Bosworth, Amasa Manton
Inspector of Saleratus & Bicarbonate of Soda	Elijah Whitney
Advising Committee on Public Bridges	Mayor & Aldermen
Auctioneer	Sylvester Hartshorn
Inspector of Liquor to ascertain Proof	D. V. Ross
Overseer of the Poor	Postponed
Constables	do
Overseer of the Town House	do
Inspector of Beef & Pork	Rufus W. Kimball
Sealer of Leather	Postponed
Pound Keeper	Hollis Chaffin
Surveyors & Measurers of Stone	William Andrews, Leonard Blodget Joseph F Gilmore, Cyrus Fisher
Com[e] to superintend Building Chimneys & placing Stoves & Pipes	Cyrus Fisher, John C Jencks, Moses Richardson, James Brattell Samuel Lewis
Inspectors & Measurers of Carpenters, Masons & Painters Work	W. P. R Benson, Leonard Blodget, John H Greene, Robert Manchester, Robert Manchester Jr. Emor Angell, James Lewis, Russell Greene, Weston A Fisher, Cyrus Fisher, Jonathan S Angell, Horace Gray, John A. Bosworth Stephen C. Arnold
Measurers of Grain, Salt & Sea Coal	Hazeltine Tafe, Jonathan West, Joseph Smith, Stephen Smith, Edwin G Greene Ellery Wesson, James Brattell, John A Bosworth, John L Clarke Charles Hodges, Samuel Jackson 2[d]
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Assessors of Taxes	Isaac Thurber, John J Stimson Amherst Everett, Abner Peckham Daniel Field, John F Phillips
Overseers of the Pumps	South End — William Coleman North End — William Rea High & Knight St — Enos H Weeden Pond, head of — William H Hudson Westminster & Broad St — Edward Field Bassett Street
Weighers of Anthracite Coal	James Burrough, James H. Mumford, Samuel Jackson 2d, Charles Hodges Thomas Pearce, H. C. Mathewson, Seth W. Baker, William H. Horn George B. Peck, Stephen Burr, Israel J. Bullock, Stephen S. Salisbury James W. Allen, Christopher B. Pearce, Henry G. Tucker, William H. Hopkins Charles Remington, Gilbert Richmond A. B. Pope, Edward W Baker Job L Pratt
Court of Magistrates	Samuel W. Peckham, Francis E. Hoppin, Charles Hart
Street Commissioners	Samuel B Cushing, Asa Pierce Cyrus Fisher
Superintendent of the North Burying Ground	Philip W. Martin

Election of Firemen postponed

The Report of the Police Committee in relation to charges made against some of the Constables

Read whereupon it is

Resolved

That said Report be received and referred to the Common Council

Resolved, That the Election of Constables be postponed and the petitions of Augustus Carlton, Royal Daniels and Charles J Shelly to be appointed Constables be referred to the joint Committee on Police

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

Returns of Deaths

An Ordinance in addition to an Ordinance entitled "An Ordinance in relation to the interment of the dead"

It is ordained by the City Council of the City of Providence as follows. viz

Section 1. The Undertakers of the City are required hereafter to use the forms of returns prescribed by the laws of the State

Section 2 All the provisions of the Ordinance to which this is in addition excepting such as relate to returns, are continued in full force and effect

Passed June 3d 1850

Standing Committees of the City Council appointed on the part of the Common Council on the third day of June A.D. 1850 for the present Municipal Year

On Finance	Messrs	Potter Anthony Hall	Ald[n] Hoppin
On Highways	Messrs	Carpenter P.K. Mathewson Gilmore	Ald[n] Hill
To engross Ordinances	Messrs	Knight Mumford J Durfee Jr	Ald[n] Knowles
On Public Schools	Messrs	Grinnell Paine C.B. Manchester	Ald[n] James
On the Fire Department.	Messrs	J Manchester Holden Thurber	Ald[n] Whitaker
On City Property	Messrs	Bush Hill S.B. Durfee	Ald[n] James
On Police	Messrs	Hamlin R Mathewson Case	Ald[n] Knight
On the North Burial Ground	Messrs	Earle Davis Potter	Ald. Knowles

In Common Council June 3d 1850 The aforenamed members of this Board having been this day appointed as members of this Board of the Standing Committees of the City Council, for the present Municipal year

It is Resolved that the aforegoing

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To engross Ordinances Messrs Knight, Mumford, J Durfee Jr — Ald.n Knowles

On Public Schools Messrs Grinnell, Paine, C.B. Manchester — Ald.n James

On the Fire Department. Messrs J. Manchester, Holden, Thurber — Ald.n Whitaker

On City Property Messrs Bush, Hill, S.B. Durfee — Ald.n James

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On the North Burial Ground Messrs Earle, Davis, Potter — Ald. Knowles

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It is Resolved that the aforegoing

List be communicated to the Board of Aldermen; in order that an Alderman may be added to each of said Committees

A J Greene Clerk

In Board of Aldermen same day Read. Whereupon.

Resolved That the Aldermen above named, be added to the committees to which their names are affixed

Albert Pabodie Clerk

Standing Rules

Resolved, That the same Standing Rules which were on the fourth day of June A D 1849 adopted as the Standing Rules of the City Council, for the Municipal year last past be and the same are hereby adopted as the Standing Rules of the City Council, for the present Municipal year.

Passed June 3d 1850

Mayors Address

Resolved, That Messrs Hamlin, Case & Holden and Alderman Koppin, be and they are hereby appointed a Committee to wait upon the Mayor, and request him to furnish for publication, a copy of the Address this day delivered by him to the City Council; and to cause the same to be published in such manner as they may deem expedient

Passed June 3. 1850

City Printing

Resolved, That Messrs Potter, Anthony & Hall and Alderman James, be and they are hereby appointed a Committee to contract for the City Printing, for the present Municipal year.

Passed June 3d 1850

City Treas Bond

Resolved That Messrs Potter, Anthony & Hall and Alderman Koppin, be and they are hereby appointed a Committee to take a Bond of the City Treasurer, with sufficient surety or sureties, for the faithful discharge of the duties of his Office, for the present Municipal year; and that said bond be for the sum of Thirty Thousand Dollars

Passed June 3d 1850

North Burial Ground

Resolved, That Messrs Earle, Davis & Potter and Alderman Knowles be and they are hereby appointed a Committee upon the North Burial Ground, with full powers under, and to continue and carry into effect the provisions of any Ordinance or Resolution existing in relation to said Burial Ground

Passed June 3d 1850

School Committee Report

To the City Council of the City of Providence

At the last Quarterly meeting of the School Committee held at the Council Chamber February 22d the Subscribers were appointed a Sub Committee to draw up the Annual Report.

In accordance with this appointment they ask leave to submit the following statement of the condition & prospects of the Public Schools.

Since the Report made in 1848 five members of the Committee have withdrawn, viz Messrs S. W. Peckham, F. C. Hoppin, J. A. Wadsworth, J. Thurber, and Revd S. Osgood. their places have been supplied by the following Gentlemen Messrs C. Walcott, W. W. Hoppin, S. G. Arnold, Z Allen, and O Mason

There have been added three new Schools, One intermediate school in the first district, and one primary & one intermediate in the sixth district. Three Grammar School Houses have been enlarged, those of the third, fourth & sixth district, by an addition which furnishes three rooms, two on the lower floor as recitation rooms for the Primary and Intermediate Schools, and one on the upper floor as a recitation room for the Grammar Schools — enlargements which the crowded condition of these schools rendered necessary and the good effect of which has been very apparent — One new School House has been erected in the 6th District for the accommodation of the two schools recently established there, and two primary school houses have been raised and a substantial basement Story of brick built under them, One in the first district for the new Intermediate School and one in the third district for the same object — this latter work is not yet completed

The whole number of Schools now in operation under the control of your Committee is forty three, viz: the High School, employing six teachers; Seven Grammar Schools, employing twenty two teachers; fourteen intermediate schools, employing twenty eight teachers; and twenty one primary schools employing forty teachers; of this number One Grammar and two Primary schools are for colored children.

The number of School houses belonging to the City, including the large & elegant High School building is twenty three —

The corps of Teachers now employed by the City, including the Superintendent and the masters of drawing and music numbers ninety nine. Of these, thirteen are males, being the Superintendent, the teachers of Music & Drawing, Seven Masters of Grammar Schools and the three teachers in the boys department of the High School & eighty six are females.

In so large a number of teachers it is to be presumed that considerable diversity of attainments, as well as of aptitude in teaching will be found — The Committee on qualifications to whom is entrusted the selection of teachers have chosen from among the large number of applicants who present themselves whenever there is a vacancy to be filled, those who, after careful examination of their acquirments & of the testimonials brought by them, have appeared the best qualified for the position.

It is a pleasing fact to mention in this connection that very many of the recent appointments and among them some of the brightest ornaments of the corps of teachers, are from among those whose education was received in these Schools. Thus has the City begun already to reap the fruits of an enlightened & liberal policy which, by throwing wide the portals of learning to all its citizens, is preparing some of them at least to be competent and useful public servants. This new advantage will become more general as the system progresses. Every year the High School will send forth fresh candidates for the post of teacher, from among the young ladies whom we have there instructed; while our young men, making the High School a Stepping Stone to the University, will there be prepared in a few years for the more difficult position of masters and teachers in the Grammar & High Schools.

It may be proper in this connection to say that your Committee have heard with unfeigned satisfaction of the intended change in the system of instruction at Brown University. Nothing in their opinion could be devised so consonant with the plan of instruction already pursued by the City, as this contemplated enlargement of our University course. While the plan, if carried out embraces every department of practical science and at the same time retains, for those, who wish it, the old classical course, it commends itself to people of every pursuit and occupation in the State. It will be of equal service to the Mechanic, the farmer and the merchant, instead of being limited, as heretofore, in practical availability, to the professional man.

Among the most important of the many new features which the alteration will introduce is one which especially appeals to the Guardians of public instruction for their approbation and aid. The establishment of a Normal School is one of the objects proposed. No where in the State can there be found such a combination of facilities for this most desirable and important object as at the University. Commodious buildings, ample & well appointed apparatus for the illustration of many different departments of science and a large and costly library to which there is ready access for all who choose to avail themselves of its advantages, are already furnished as the foundation upon which may be established a Normal School unequalled in its facilities by any in the country and whose benefits will be felt to the latest generation in supplying our whole State with teachers more thoroughly accomplished in the Art & Science of instruction than we could otherwise expect to obtain.

It is not our purpose to enlarge upon the excellence or the importance of Normal Schools. The rapid strides which Rhode Island has made within the past few years in the education of her children and the noble system which has taken so deep root in the hearts of the people of this city prove that such a course on our part would be superfluous. but we desired to direct the public attention to this new movement in the cause of popular instruction which promises soon to become the crowning glory of our work.

At present the only approach to the Normal School which exists among us is found in the meetings which are held by the teachers in different parts of the State for mutual improvement by discussion and occasional instruction from competent persons. these meetings are called Teachers Institutes.

Agreeably to the 39th Art. of the By-Laws of the School Committee a meeting of the Institute was held in this City during the winter vacation in February last. It continued in session five days. Professor Mandeville, late of Hamilton College, gave instruction upon the cultivation of language calculated to illustrate the power of the English tongue in a manner more impressive than any we have ever before listened to, and accompanied by a course of drill exercises in reading, in which every teacher severally practised. the distinguishing peculiarity of Prof. Mr's method consists in varying the style of enunciation & emphasis to correspond with the sentiment conveyed. The interest manifested by the teachers upon these occasions affords pleasing evidence of their desire for further attainment and a commendable determination to avail themselves of every facility for improvement in their possession. It augers well for the success of our labors when we see those upon whom depends the whole practical benefit of the School System thus zealous in their work.

It gives your Committee much pleasure to report upon a new feature in our system of education which has been introduced within the past year. The subject of Evening Schools has in former years been repeatedly discussed in the School Committee and the whole matter decried as being inexpedient or unnecessary, but the rapid growth of our City, and the increasing demands for instruction by a class of young men whose daily avocations deprive them of the advantages of the day Schools moved your honorable body to make the experiment of establishing two evening schools, of which the sole direction was placed in the hands of the School Committee. It is gratifying to be able to state that the experiment has succeeded beyond the most sanguine expectations of its advocates. Two Schools were opened on the fifth of November, One on the East side & one on the West side of the rivers, and the applications for admission were so numerous that a large number were unavoidably refused. About 110 pupils were received in the School on the West side and 100 in that on the East side which numbers were pretty well sustained till the last month of the School, when the days becoming longer the usual alteration in the hours of labor caused the number to decrease to about 80 on the West side and 60 on the East side. The Schools were finally closed at the end of the winter term February 22d having been nearly four months in operation.

A Principal and two assistant teachers were employed in each school, the first three months, and when the decrease in the number of pupils took place in the last month, one assistant teacher from each School, was discharged. The Salaries of these Teachers were; for each Principal 35 Dolls a month, for each first Assistant 25 Dolls a month, for each second Assistant 15 Dolls a month. The nett sum paid by the City for tuition at the Evening Schools was 650 Dollars.

It was especially provided in the Ordinance for establishing Evening Schools, that those only, should be admitted to them who were deprived of the opportunity of attending the day Schools. Great care was taken by the Sub Committee, to whom the immediate conduct of the Evening Schools was committed that this provision of the Ordinance was strictly complied with.

That this most laudable and benificent movement on the part of the City was duly appreciated by those for whose benefit it was undertaken is evident from the general conduct of the pupils, & from the proficiency which many of them acquired in the elementary branches which were taught them, although the seasons of instruction was so short and the disadvantages under which they labored were so numerous. With few exceptions the scholers maintained a respectful and manly deportment, were obedient to their teachers and showed by their application the deep interest they felt in the pursuit of knowledge

When the Schools were closed for the season very many of them expressed in strong terms their gratitude for the opportunities they had enjoyed and their earnest hope that the same privilege would be extended another year. Your Committee regret that the ordinary limits of a Report forbid their presenting a more extended view of this branch of their subject — They recommend that the Evening Schools be made hereafter a permanent portion of our Educational System every winter. No more benificent charity can enlist the sympathy of the friends of humanity than one which extends the blessings of knowledge to that large and important class of our population who being dependent upon their daily labor for support, are hence deprived of the advantages freely offered to all who can attend our public Schools

Your Committee further recommend that the number of Evening Schools be increased to four; two on each side of the river, and that they be located with a view to the greater convenience of the pupils, most of whom reside in widely separated sections of the City — Had there been room to accommodate all who applied for admission last November, it is believed that 400 scholers would have gladly availed themselves of the opportunity By dividing the Schools in the manner suggested fewer teachers will be required to each school and the instruction can be more faithfully imparted. It is not probable that by doubling the number of schools next winter more than two additional teachers will be required, as two teachers will be sufficient to each school averaging fifty pupils

In the Report for 1846 there is a statistical table which from its value as showing the cost of education and the progressive increase in the number of scholars at our public Schools is deemed of sufficient interest by your Committee to lead them to continue it down to the present year. It shows at a glance 1 the average number of Pupils for each year; 2. the aggregate expense of tuition; 3. the expense of tuition per scholer: 4. the aggregate miscellaneous expenses; 5 the same per scholer; 6. the total expenses; 7. the same per scholar

Years	number of Pupils	Expenses of Tuition	Rate per Scholar	Miscellaneous Expenses	Rate per Scholar	Total Expenses.	Rate Per Scholar
1846 & 7	5327	25.461.57	478	3.907.78	.73	29.369 35	5.51
1847 & 8	5661	27.540.01	487	3.588.74	.63	31.129.75	5.50
1848 & 9	6156	28.882.80	4.69	4.450.03	.72	33.332.83	5.41
1849 & 50	6353	29.875.00	4.70	5.352.39	.84	35.227.39	5.54
		Average	4.76		73		5.49.

Within the time embraced by this table, the financial year has been changed to begin in March instead of June, but as no corresponding alteration has been made in the School year, the foregoing table is prepared from the Reports of the Sub Committee on Accounts & not from those of the City Auditor

It will be observed that the increase of pupils from year to year has been remarkably regular and the same increase is shown in the quarterly returns for the present year, which we subjoin

Average No of Pupils	1st quarter ending	August	1849	6224
" " "	2d do	" Nov	1849	6286
" " "	3d do	" Feb	1850	6311
" " "	4th do	" May	1850	6593
Making the average attendance the past year				6353

It appears from the tables that the increase in the number of scholars from 1846 & 7 to 1849 & 50 has been over 19 per cent. In the same length of time the increase as shown by the Report of 1846 was 39 per cent The total expenses increased 64 per cent in the five years prior to that Report, since which they have increased 29 per ct —

The average expense per scholar for the last four years is somewhat less than in 1845 & 6. a result confidently predicted in the Report of that year. the increase in the number of scholars during the last three quarters of the present years over that of the first Quarter is nearly 6 per cent

It will be observed that in these tables & estimates the Evening Schools do not appear, the Statistics relating to them are as follows

Paid for Tuition	$ 650
" " Rent	116
" " Gas	102
" " Fuel &c	52
Total Current Expenses	$ 920

Average number of Pupils 185 Cost per head $ 4.97

This Estimate does not include the outlay for fixtures requisite in commencing the schools, such as desks &c which are now the permanent Property of the City

While therefore there is a steady increase in the number of pupils and consequently in the aggregate expense of the Schools, it will be observed that the cost of instruction per scholar is not increased, but has remained nearly the same for several years — That the expenditures have been conducted on as rigid a scale of economy as is consistent with so extensive & liberal a System of education is apparent from the fact that the cost per head is

less in this city than in any other from which statistical reports have been received, while it is believed that in the extent & variety of instruction, in the facilities for imparting it, and in the general plan and arrangement of the Schools Providence stands second to no city in the Union The system has taken deep root in the minds of our people and they have given repeated evidence of their desire that it should be continued

As our city increases in population & wealth the demand for additional schools, will require proportionate increase in the appropriations. the same spirit which prompted the great movement in this direction in 1837 and prevailed over all opposition in 1843 while yet the benefit of the Schools was entirely prospective, will hereafter require, now that the good effects of the system are becoming apparent, that the noble work shall proceed unimpeded to the accomplishment of the highest purpose which an enlightened legislation can achieve - the fee, liberal and comprehensive education of the whole people

All which is respectfully submitted

Samuel Greene Arnold
Edward B Hall
William Gammell

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

Passed June 3d 1850

Appropriation for Firemen

Resolved, That the sum of fifty cents be paid by the City Treasurer, to the Treasurer of the Providence Association of Firemen for Mutual Assistance, for each of the Firemen of the City; in order to entitle them severally to the benefit of the funds of that Association; and that said Sum be paid on the Certificate of the City Clerk, respecting the appointment of said Firemen, out of the appropriation for the Fire Department.

Passed June 3d 1850

City Debt

Whereas Messrs Potter, Anthony & Hall have ben this day appointed by the Common Council as the Committee on their part, for the reduction of the City Debt; for the Present Municipal year, pursuant to the requisition contained in the first Section of the Ordinance, entitled "An Ordinance in relation to the City Debt"

It is resolved, That the names of said Committee be communicated to the Board of Aldermen, in order that said Board may add an Alderman to said Committee, pursuant to the requisition contained in said Section

In Common Council June 3d 1850 Read & Passed
A.G. Greene Clerk

In Board of Aldermen same day Read. Whereupon Resolved, That Alderman Hoppin be added to said Committee
Albert Pabodie Clerk

4th July

Resolved, That Messrs Knight, C.B. Manchester & Hall and Ald.n Hill, be and they are hereby appointed a Committee of Arrangements, for a Municipal Celebration of the approaching Anniversary of American Independence

Resolved, That the Sum of Twelve Hundred Dollars be, and the same is hereby appropriated for defraying the Expenses of said Celebration to be paid to the order of said Committee, by the City Treasurer, out of any monies in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated.

Passed June 3 1850

Police Court

Resolved, That from the Justices assigned to keep the Peace within this City,

Samuel W Peckham
Francis C Hoppin and
Charles Hart

be and they are hereby selected, to compose the Police Court of this City, for the present Municipal year

Passed June 3 1850

Sup N Bury ing Ground Report

To the Hon.d City Council

The Superintendent of the North Burying Ground respectfully reports, that from the first Monday of June 1849 to the first Monday of June 1850, he has caused to be dug in the Ground 393 Graves (45 of which were for reinterments from Avenues and yards) amounting to $605.50 of said amount $567.50 has been received 38 Dollars remaining unpaid a part of which will be lost

The Superintendent further reports, that he has issued within the above named period Certificates for 71 Lots amounting to 71 Dollars, of said Amt 59 Dollars has been received, leaving 12 Dollars for Certificates unpaid. the Deeds now remaining in the Treasurers Office

Amt receivd for Certificates 59.00
$ 626.50

Providence June 3d 1850. Respectfully submitted by

Philip W Martin
Sup of N. B. Ground

The Superintendent respectfully suggests the propriety of making it the duty of some one to collect the amount now due for deeds, remaining in the Treasurers Office for the two past years.

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

Passed June 3 1850

City Treasurers Quarterly Reports

Abstract of Issues and Payments of the City Debt from March 1850 to June 1850

When Issued	No of Note	To whom Issued	Rate of Int	Amt Issued
1850				
March 23	No 140	Trustees of H P Franklin's Estate	6 p/c	$ 10.000.—
April 8	141	Mrs Peddy Bowen	"	3.150.—
4	142	Prov. Ins. for Savings	"	6.000.
May 7	143	Same	"	6.000.
"	144	Job R. Greene	"	1.030.
11	145	Prov. Ins. for Savings	"	10.000.
24	146	Same	"	5.000.
29	147	Same	"	10.000.
				51.180.—

When paid	No,	To whom paid	Rate of Int	Amt Paid
1850				
April 8	No 124	Mrs Peddy Bowen	6 p/c	3.000,
May 7	" 129	Job R Green	"	500.—
"	" 126	Prov. Ins. for Savings	"	6.000,
"	" 130	Same	"	6.000.—
24	" 132	Same	"	5.000.—
				20.500.—

To the Hon^ble City Council

Gent^n I present the above Abstract of Notes Issued and Notes paid from March to June

Esek Aldrich
City Treas^r

Providence June 3^d 1850

Read, Whereupon it is Resolved that the same be received

Passed June 3 1850

Westminster Street Culvert

The following resolutions were passed previous to the meeting of the Convention and should have been recorded on page 80 —

Resolved, that the Surveyor of Highways be and he is hereby directed to cause a Culvert of suitable dimensions to be built through that part of Westminster Street lying between Exchange Street, and the Gangway separating the Museum (so called) from Howards Block, and to repave the same, whenever the owners of adjoining estates shall furnish for it suitable curb stones

Resolved, that twenty five hundred Dollars be added to the appropriation for Highways, the same to be paid out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated

Resolved, that the Resolutions passed by the City Council, on the Ninth day of July 1849 respecting the construction of a drain in Westminster Street be rescinded

Passed June 3 1850

Dorrance St Dock Appr to clear

Resolved, That the sum of Seven Hundred fifty Dollars be and it is hereby appropriated to be expended by the Surveyor of Highways, under the advice of the joint Committee on Highways, in excavating the sand and gravel from the dock at the foot of Dorrance Street and in erecting a bulk head to prevent the same from hereafter passing into said dock. Provided, that the owners of Property in the vicinity expend an equal sum for said objects

Passed June 10 1850

Masonic Hall

Resolved, That the City Treasurer be and he is hereby directed to communicate with the Officers of St Johns Lodge and to request to know upon what terms, that Corporation or any other persons interested in the matter, will deliver to the City the possession of the upper Story of the Market House; and that he report the result to the joint Committee on City Property; and that said Committee be and they are hereby instructed to take the subject into consideration and to report what course may be for the interest of the City; and that said Committee be requested to take legal advice if they think it desirable

Passed June 10. 1850

City Constables

Whereas it appears by a report made to the City Council by the joint Committee on Police, that several of the Constables of this City have engaged in irregular proceedings in certain prosecutions made within the last year therefore

Resolved, That the City Marshal, City Sergeant, Constables and Watchmen of this City, be and they are hereby informed, that the City Council consider that it is contrary to the true intent and meaning of our laws for any sworn officer to offer or to encourage any other person to offer an inducement for a violation of any law or ordinance duly enacted by proper authority; or to receive money or other valuable consideration for omitting to commence a prosecution or for withdrawing any prosecution after it is commenced; or to pay or give to any witness money or other valuable as a reward or encouragement for such witness to testify in any Court — And that the City Council will hereafter consider any such proceeding as a misconduct which will warrant and authorize the removal of such Officer from his office

Resolved That as the Constables of this City have under the license laws, the same authority as complainants appointed by the Electors, whenever any person shall at the same time be constable and complainant, he shall in all cases in which the powers of the two officers is the same, be considered as acting in the Capacity of Constable and liable to be called to account by the City Council as directed in the City Charter

Passed June 10. 1850

School Com^ee Report

Resolved, That Seven Hundred Copies of the Report of the School Committee, presented at the last meting of the City Council be printed in a pamphlet form, and distributed, under the direction of the Standing Committee on Public Schools.

Resolved, That the Committee appointed to contract for the City Printing, for the present Municipal year, be directed to include the Printing of said Report in the newspapes, in the contracts which they may make

Passed June 10. 1850

Wooden Building to remove

On the Petition of John S Tripp asking leave to remove a Wooden Building from the rear of Lot N^o 193 High Street & place the same against the rear of the House now Standing on said Lot

Read, whereupon, it is resolved that the Prayer thereof be granted

Passed June 10 1850

Wooden Building to remove

On the petition of Gardner Luther, requesting liberty to remove a One Story Wooden Building from the corner of Ship and Richmond Streets to the corner of Eddy & South Streets

Read Whereupon, it is resolved, that the Prayer thereof be granted

Passed June 10. 1850

In Convention June 10 1850

William F Greene is appointed overseer of the Poor

Voted, That the statement of William H Budlong in regard to Silas Hemenway be read

The following psons are appointed Constables all of them by ballot except Chaffee & Ellis

Jabez J Potter, Daniel K. Chaffee, James Sheldon, Augustus Ellis, Jabez C. Potter, Thomas W. Hart, James Sherburne, William H. Hudson, John H. Gould, Russell Clapp, William G. Merewether, Peleg Johnson, Christian M. Johnston, John B. Barton

On the petition of Daniel Field & others, it is Voted that Orland W. Prince be appointed City Constable (to take charge of the West Burying Ground on the Sabbath) Yeas 15, Nays 13.

Thomas Aldrich, Elisha Dyer Jr & Benjamin Dyer tender their resignations as Firewards Whereupon It is Voted That said resignations be refered to the joint Committee on the Fire Department

Messrs Burr & H^k Mathewson are recommended by the Board of Firewards as suitable persons to be appointed of that Board. and are nominated for that Whereupon it is Voted That the Election of Firewards be postponed

Voted That the Election of Firemen be postponed to a future meeting

William F. Greene is elected overseer of the Town House

App^n for 4th July

Resolved, That the sum of One Hundred & thirty six Dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, for the purpose of defraying the additional expenses, incurred by the Committee of Arrangements for the celebration of American Independence on the 4th inst in conformity with the request contained in their report, this day submitted

Passed July 8. 1850

Burgess St

Resolved, that the Surveyor of Highways, be and he is hereby directed to cause the Curb Stones to be set and the Gutters paved on Burgess Street, whenever the owners of the adjoining land shall furnish Curb Stones for the same

Passed July 8. 1850

E P Mason's Lease

Resolved, that the City Treasurer, acting under the direction of the Standing Committee on City Property, be, and he is hereby authorized to renew the present lease to Earl P. Mason, of a part of the Work House Lot (So called) for three years after the termination of said lease; for the Annual rent of Two Hundred Dollars: provided, that in case any business is carried on, upon said premises, that creates a nuisance, the City Treasurer shall be authorized to enter upon said premises and terminate said lease

Passed July 8. 1850

Report of Highway Work

The Standing Committee on Highways make report as to the expediency of appointing two Surveyors of Highways and also a detailed report of all the Highway work now ordered to be done and all that is asked for

Read Whereupon it is resolved that the same be received

Passed July 8. 1850

City Hall

Resolved That it is expedient for the City of Providence to unite with the State in building a State House and City Hall for the accommodation of both Governments at such time & place as may hereafter be agreed upon - Provided the same can be done upon terms satisfactory to the City Council

Passed July 8. 1850

Highway Work ordered

Resolved That the Surveyor be and he is hereby directed, unless otherwise authorized by the City Council, to cause the Highway work that has already been ordered to be done in the following order, Viz;

Benefit Street
High Street
Bliergess Street
Fountain Street
Franklin Street
South Main Street
Broad Street (Lower Section)
Westminster Street
Orange Street
Broad Street (Upper Section)
Hospital Street
Smith Street
East Street
Olney Street
Mathewson Street

Unless he finds it to his advantage to do two or more jobs at the same time, in which case he is allowed to have that privilege, taking them in the above order as near as may be.

Passed July 8: 1850

In Convention July 8 ot 1850.

The joint Committee on the Fire Department make Report in relation to the resignation of Firewards, also recommend the appointment of a special Com^ee to enquire whether any change in the organization of said Department is necessary

Report Read and Received Whereupon it is

Voted That the matter of the resignation of several of the Fire Wards be referred for consideration to the September meeting and that the balance of the Report be referred to the Com. Council.

The Members of the following Fire Companies as returned by their several Clerks are elected for the ensuing Municipal Year

Hydraulion	Company	No 1
Do	Do	2
Hook & Ladder	do	2
Engine	Do	1
Do	Do	2
Do	Do	3
Do	Do	4
Do	Do	5
Do	Do	6
Do	Do	7
Do	Do	8
Do	Do	9
Do	Do	10
Steam Forcing	Stationary	1

The Pioneer Company are elected on the same conditions as were imposed the last year.

Edward Burr & H. G. Mathewson are nominated for Firewards Whereupon

Voted, That the consideration of said nomination be postponed

Petitions asking that Silas Hemenway and Elisha Scott may be elected City Constables. Said petitions are read — whereupon after discussion it is

Voted that the two Boards now separate

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

On request from Common Council, that the Board join them in Convention for the purpose of chosing certain Constables

The two Boards join in

In Convention July 8d 1850

On Motion, that the consideration of the election of additional Constables be postponed to June 1851, it is

Voted That it be not so postponed

Voted That the Convention proceed to the election of two Constables

Silas Hemenway is nominated for Constable, ballot called for; upon counting the ballots it appears that 10 Voted Yea and 17 nay — he is not elected

On motion to postpone further action it is voted not to postpone but proceed in said election

Elisha Scott is nominated for Constable ballot called for, upon counting the votes it appears there are 11 yeas and 16 Nays — he is not elected

Voted That the two Boards separate

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

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Charles St.

Upon the Communication of the Surveyor of Highways, stating that he has, in grading Smith Street, altered the paving on abbut One hundred and fifty feet of the South end of Charles Street. It is

Voted and Resolved, that the same be confirmed and ratified

Passed July 10. 1850

Com^ee to enquire into the necessity of reorganization of Fire Department

Upon the Report of the Standing Committee of the Fire Department, this day made to the City Council, it is resolved

That the Mayor and Aldermen James and Messrs Davis, Grinnell, Hall, Anthony, C. B Manchester and Potter of the Common Council, be and they are hereby appointed a committee, to enquire whether any change of organization would produce more unity and efficiency in the Fire Department

Resolved That said Committee be instructed to consult with the Firewards upon the subject; and to invite the Engine Companies to appoint delegates to meet said Committee, and make suggestions respecting changes in the organization of the Fire Department

Passed July 10; 1850

Death of General Z Taylor

City of Providence, Mayors Office
July 10, 1850

Gentlemen of the City Council

I have requested you assemble this evening in order that you may give such directions as may be proper to manifest the sorrow felt by our fellow citizens for the death of the President of the United States, intelligence of which has this day reached us.

The funeral solemnities at Washington are expected to take place on Friday

Tho^s M Burges
Mayor

Intelligence having been this day received, that on the ninth day of July instant Zachary Taylor, President of the United States departed this life at the seat of the National Government.

It is thereupon Resolved, That in uniting in the expressions of sorrow and in the tokens of bereavement which extend throughout the land, we feel a mournful satisfaction in recording this testimonial of our high respect for the honesty of purpose, that unwavering devotion to duty, that strong integrity and stainless honor, which so eminently adorned the character of the deceased

Resolved, That while we bow in humble submission to the will of God, we mourn the event which has deprived our country of a Chief Magistrate who had won her confidence by a life of faithful service and upon whose ability, firmness and patriotism she so much relied amidst her impending dangers and trials

Resolved, That during the performance of the funeral solemnities at the City of Washington, the bells of the several houses of public Worship in this City be tolled, and minute guns fired; that the Commanders of the several Military Companies in the City and the Masters of the vessels in the harbor be requested to suspend their Flags at half mast, and that it be recommended to our citizens to close their places of business during the time

Passed July 10, 1850

Resolved, That the Resolutions this day passed by the City Council, on receiving the intelligence of the decease of the President of the United States, be published; and that the City marshal be directed to cause the arrangements therein prescribed, to be carried into effect.

Resolved, That the Mayor and Aldermen Knight & Whitaker the President of the Common Council and Messrs P.H. Mathewson, Hamlin, R. Mathewson, Anthony, Carpenter and Holdenson, Hamlin, R. Mathewson, Anthony, Carpenter and Holden be and they are hereby appointed a Committee, to take such further measures, as they may deem proper in relation to the event

Passed July 10 1850

School House to be built

Resolved, That the City Treasurer be and he is hereby authorized and directed to purchase for the City, from Dexter Pierce, two certain lots of land, situate at the junction of Carpenter and Willow Streets, measuring one hundred and twenty feet on Carpenter Street and one hundred and twenty feet on Willow Street; and to pay therefor, from the Appropriation for "School Houses and Lots," the sum of One thousand, nine hundred Dollars; on receiving a good and sufficient deed or deeds conveying to the City, the said lots, in fee simple; and to contract for the erection of a School House thereon, similar to the School House on Hammond Street; and to pay the Expense of the erection of said House, out of said Appropriation; provided the same shall not exceed the sum of three thousand five hundred Dollars said purchase and contract to be made under the advice and direction of the School Committee

Passed July 17, 1850

Cross Walks Benefit St

Resolved, That the Surveyor of Highways be and he is hereby directed to cause cross walks to be laid in the following places viz. One across Benefit Street, south side of Meeting; One across meeting, west side of Benefit; one across Thomas, west side of Benefit Street and one across the Gangway near the State Armory

Passed July 17, 1850

Resolved, That the Surveyor of Highways be and he is hereby authorized to delay paving the gutters on the East side of Benefit Street between College and Angell Streets, if he deem it expedient so to do

Passed July 17, 1850

Cove Wall

Resolved, That five hundred Dollars be, and the same is hereby appropriated out of any monies in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated; to be expended under the direction of the Committee for extending the ellipse wall around the Cove.

Passed July 17, 1850

Edward Dexter to pay

Resolved, That the City Treasurer be and he is hereby directed to pay the amount of an execution recovered by Edward Dexter against Henry G. Mumford, for injury done by him as Surveyor of Highways, for the sum of One Dollar and Costs.

Passed August 12 1850

Exchange Place to purchase paving Stones for

Resolved That the Surveyor of Highways be and he is hereby authorized and directed to purchase (as he can do so to advantage) Paving Stones, to the value of Ten Thousand Dollars which shall be paid for from the money received from the Providence and Worcester Rail Road Co, and shall be used in paving Exchange Place

Passed August 12 1850

R I So for Domestic Industrys Fair

Resolved, that the Board of Managers of the Rhode Island Society for the encouragement of Domestic Industry, and of the Providence Horticultural Society, be authorized and permitted to use and occupy the enclosure at the South westerly end of the Providence and Boston Rail Road Depot, between the Rail Road & Washington Street, for pens for Cattle and for other purposes required for their Fair Exhibition, and Cattle Show, to be held in this City in September next — Provided that the use and occupation of the enclosure, be under the Supervision, and in conformity with the directions of the City Marshal

Passed August 12 1850

Superintendent of the Reform School

An Ordinance in relation to the Salary of the Superintendent of the Providence Reform School

Be it ordained by the City Council of the City of Providence

That the Salary and Compensation of the Superintendent of the Providence Reform School, be five hundred dollars per annum payable Quarterly; together with board, and suitable accommodations for himself and his family within the buildings appropriated to the use of the School, under the direction of the Trustees

Passed August 12 1850

Cross Walk Bowen St

Resolved, that the Surveyor of Highways be and he is hereby directed to cause a Cross Walk to be placed across Bowen Street, west side of Benefit Street

Passed August 12. 1850

Council Chamber to pay for

Resolved, That the sum of Six Hundred Dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated, to be paid out of any monies in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, for defraying the expense of refitting and furnishing the Council Chamber pursuant to the Resolution of the Common Council passed on the 3d of June last

Passed August 12 1850

S Court St

Resolved, That the Surveyor of Highways be and he is hereby directed to cause South Court Street, from Benefit Street to Wheaton Street, to be finished according to the established grade

Passed August 12. 1850

Dorrance St Dock to clean

Resolved, that the sum of Seven hundred and fifty dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated out of any monies in the Treasury, not otherwise appropriated to be expended by the Surveyor of Highways, under the advice and direction of the Standing Committee on Highways, in the following manner — viz to build a Bulk Head across the head of Dorrance Street, so as to make a reservoir of suitable dimensions to receive the sand and other matter deposited by the Culvert emptying there; and after paying for the same, to expend the remainder in removing the deposits already made by the said drain

Passed August 12 1850

Wood Building to remove

The Petition of William A Howard requesting liberty to remove three certain wooden buildings from their present location in the rear of his Cigar Manufactory on High Street and place the same on the adjoining lot about one hundred feet to the South east

Read, Whereupon it is resolved that the prayer thereof be granted

Passed August 12 1850

The petition of Samuel Deffen requesting liberty to remove two certain two story Wooden Buildings from their present location in the rear of the National House and to place the same farther South on the same Lot

Read, Whereupon it is resolved that the Prayer thereof be granted

Passed August 12, 1850

The petition of Martha Willard requesting liberty to remove a certain two story Wooden Building from its present location on Richmond Street and to place the same on the corner of Richmond & Ship Streets

Read, Whereupon it is resolved that the Prayer thereof be granted

Passed August 12, 1850

The petition of John C. Davis requesting liberty to remove a certain One Story Wooden Building from its present location 33 Clifford Street & to place the same on the opposite side of the Street about 200 ft from its present location

Read, Whereupon it is resolved that the Prayer thereof be granted

Passed August 12. 1850

Appropriation for N. F. Mathewson

Resolved, That the City Treasurer be and he is hereby directed to pay to Nathan F. Mathewson Twenty dollars for a Carpet used at the fire on Wednesday the 4th inst

Passed September 9. 1850

Cross Walks Burgess St

Resolved, That the Surveyor of Highways be and he is hereby directed to cause two cross walks to be laid across Burgess Street: One South side of Cranston Street, and one opposite the North door of the Roger Williams Church

Passed September 9. 1850

Cross Walks in Elm, Parsonage & South Sts

Resolved, That the Surveyor of Highways be and he is hereby directed to cause cross walks to be laid in the following places viz:

One across Elm Street, east side of Parsonage Street;
One across Parsonage Street, south side of Elm Street;
One across South Street, west side of Parsonage Street, and
One across Parsonage Street, south side of Point Street.

Passed September 9. 1850

Cross Walks Franklin Fountain & Washington Sts

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

One across Franklin Street, south side of Washington Street,
One across Franklin Street, north side of High Street;
One across Franklin Street, south side of Fountain Street;
One across Fountain Street, East side of Jackson Street;
One across Fountain, west side of Lime Street;
One across Fountain, west side of Franklin Street;
One across Washington, east side of Franklin Street.

Passed September 9. 1850

Cross Walk John St

Resolved, That the Surveyor of Highways be and he is hereby directed to cause a cross walk to be laid across John Street, opposite the east end of the house of Mr Lathrop

Passed Sept. 9, 1850

Cross Walk Wickenden St

Resolved, That the Surveyor of Highways be and he is hereby directed to cause the cross walk, now laying across Main Street, at its junction with Wickenden Street to be extended across Wickenden Street.

Passed September 9. 1850

Brown St &c

Resolved, That the Surveyor of Highways be and he is hereby directed to cause curbing to be set and the gutters paved in those parts of Brown and Charles Field Streets adjoining the residence of Benjamin Cowell Esq, whenever he shall furnish the curbing for the same. Said work to be done before the first day of December next

Passed September 9. 1850

Encroachment on Westminster Street

Resolved, That the Surveyor of Highways be and he is hereby directed to remove from the South side of Westminster Street, near its junction with High Street, all encroachments caused by fences or buildings erected or owned by the heirs of Joseph Butler deceased, or others: and that as to the time and manner of making such removal, he act under the direction of the Board of Aldermen.

Passed September 9. 1850

Appropriation to pay Mr Tefft for plans City Hall

Resolved, That Seventy five Dollars be appropriated to be paid to Mr Tefft, for one half of his bill for drawing plans for a State House and City Hall: said sum to be drawn from the appropriation for Contingencies

Passed September 9. 1850

Pub. Printing

The Committee appointed to contract for the City Printing for the present municipal year

Respectfully Report

That they have contracted with the proprietors of the Providence Journal and the Republican Herald to do the City Printing upon the same conditions that it was done by the respective establishments last year

The Journal is to have the sum of Three hundred Dollars to publish in the daily, semi weekly and weekly Journal, all the City advertising and all the matter ordered to be published by either Board of the City Council. And the proprietors of the Republican Herald, the sum of Seventy five Dollars, for publishing all the Notices of Ward and Town Meetings and of canvassing the City voters, the notices of the Assessors of taxes, the Abstracts of interments, all special notices from the Mayor and City Clerk and all matter required by law to be published in the papers engaged to do the City Printing

Which is respectfully submitted

H. C. Potter
for the Committee

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

Passed September 9. 1850

Abstract of Issues and Payments of the City Debt from June 1850 to Sept 1850

Notes Issued

When Issued	No		Rate Int	Amt
1850 July 3	148	Providence Ins. for Savings. payable July 3/51	six per ct	4500.
" 9	149	Same " 9/51	"	8500.
" August 8	150	S. K. Rathbone Cash[r] of Am. Bank Oct 1/50	"	10.000
				$ 23.000.

Notes paid

When paid				
1850 July 3	133	Providence Institution for Savings	6 pc	4500.
" 9	135	Same	"	8500.
				$ 13.500.

To the Hon[e] City Council

Gents. I present the above Abstract of Notes issued and notes paid from June to September 1850

Respectfully Yours &c

Providence Sept 9 1850

Esek Aldrich City Tr

Read Whereupon it is resolved that the same be received

Passed September 9 1850

Resolved that Five Hundred dollars be appropriated for the Repairs of Public Bridges; to be paid out of any monies in the Treasury, not otherwise appropriated

Passed Sept 9. 1850

Whereas. James Mumford has represented to this Council, that the taxes assessed on certain pusons in the year 1849, and committed to him to collect, are not collectable, by reason of Errors in the Assessments thereof. &c And whereas the City Council are satisfied that the Taxes in said year in the respective amounts following, upon the persons hereinafter named: viz

Edwin Peckham	9	05
Charles F. Mason	1	96
Josiah H. Martin	4	03
Martha Waterman	1	51
William D Mathews	1	96
Charles W Eddy	8	03
Eric Walker (Olneyville)	1	91
Francis Brickley	7	03
William Salisbury (Seekonk	6	14
Timothy Sullivan	4	52
Caleb H Waterman	4	00
Jeremiah Knight	11	00
Jesse Parks	4	50
James Caffrey & James Drummond	5	00
William H Vaughn	13	00
William H Martin	4	50
Joseph A Weeden	5	00
Lemuel T Starkey	4	00
William Jenkins heirs, widow & family	110	00
Daniel Sheldon heirs estate	15	00
Rufus W Kimball	15	36
Ed & John Mc Laughlin	3	03
John Tucker	10	00
Henry & George Rivers	70	00
Margaret S Potter	5	00
Albert Armington	19	08
John S Babcock & Henry Pero	11	00
Salisbury Orswell	3	00
John H Watson	2	00
Reuben Brown	19	00
Charles A Cobb	7	50
George A Sweet	3	14
Thomas Gannett	2	97
Thomas Clinton	3	50
Freeborn Johnson	2	50
John Hunt heirs	14	00
Olney Hendrick	6	00
Antonio S Trout	8	00
Pardon P Tillson Guardian	1	33
Thomas Rhine	1	00
John Spencer	2	00
Hezekiah Blaisdell	2	50
Blake, Taber & Co	20	00
Joseph Luther	1	00
James Healy	3	50
William Eccleston	4	00
Henry Tinker	4	50
Joseph Nagle	4	00
George W Pascall	4	00
Seth Padelford & others	3	50

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Samuel S Baker	5 00	Enos H Briggs	2 50
Mary Ormsbee	2 50	James H Munroe	2 50
Otis H Kelton & W. H. Bennett	9 00	Joseph E Burgess	2 50
George Benson & Wife	14 00	Albert B Phillips	2 00
Comfort Horton	5 00	Joseph H Humphrey	2 50
Reuben & Geo. Gardner	44 00	Henry B Lyman	10 00
William S Spink	1 00	Ferdinand Eddy	1 50
Samuel D. Cole & Wife	11 00	Alfred W Eldred	4 —
Helen Waterman	2 00	James Middleton	7 00
Wm H Waterman Guard to C Whitin	6 50	Ferdinand Horton	26 00
Martha Howell Est	30 00	Edward G Meaden	2 50
Wanton R Hazard	22 00	Richard Smith	1 50
Louisa Addison	7 67	Wm H Wilkinson	1 50
Joseph A Scott & Wife	20 50	Edwin Williams	2 —
Abby Chace wife of Geo. T.	13 50	Henry A Ellis	1 50
Laura Lincoln, " John L.	13 50	Matthew Nebholes	5 —
Daniel P Dexter	2 50	Thomas G Dana	2 50
Solomon Searle	5 00	Nehemiah Dodge 2d	1 50
Mason A. Kingman	3 51	Thomas Cosgrove	40 —
Joseph B. Wheaton	1 50	William H Chandler	5 —
Reuben Armstrong	4 00	Edward C Chace	15 —
Geo. H Tillinghast	1 50	Abraham Bliss Exr	1 50
James H Hoppin	5 00	Daniel C Bigelow	2 00
Charles B Gladding	1 50	Horatio Bassett	35 00
Nathan B Luther	2 00	George S Steere	10 00
William Horsewell	2 00	Stephen Henry	12 50
George W. Freize	2 50	Timothy Munyan	53 00
James L Rhodes	1 50	Nathaniel Fairbrother	4 00
Nathaniel Knight	2 50	Edmund Newton	2 00
Walter S Parkinson	2 50	William B Porter	4 00
Zenas Bangs	2 00	Albert Wilbour	2 50
Luke Bliven	2 50	Alfred Spink	2 50
Henry A Gorham	2 00	Walcott M Scott	1 59
Ira Harvey	2 50	Daniel T Peckham	5 00
James W. Gladding	2 50	Susan A Newell	8 00
William Chace	5 00	Prince Davis	15 00
Charles M. Ware	2 00	Jonathan Allen	8 50
Albert C. Allen	3 00	David T. Capron	2 50
Hanson H Thomas	25 00	John P Dinsmore	3 00
William C Tilley	1 50	Sarah Reynolds	5 00
Lafayette Burr	2 00	Jacob C Gould	2 00
Susan Perry Widow	5 00	Peter Caragher	7 50
William Capin	1 50	John Cooke	20 00
Stephen R Ramsdell	3 00	Benj^n Bogman (Surveyor)	5 00
Edwin B Eddy	2 50	Fanny Dean Taunton	17 —
Nicholas S. Arnold heirs Est	12 00	Randall Holden warwick	5 50
Nathan Hall	2 00	Lydia Danwell	6 50
Patrick Boyle	4 00	Albert H Cole	5 50
Henry F Walling	6 00	Henry H Snow	3 00
Joseph F. Smith	2 50	David Niven	2 50
Tillinghast Wilbour	1 50	Lucy Ann Davis	3 50
Samuel M. Brown	7 50	C & W. Rhodes	2 50
John S. Slocum	1 50	Daniel C Bennett	6 00
Doct Silas James	2 00	John W Field	4 00
Chas Saunders	2 00	Susan King	4 50
Josiah L Peck	2 00	Samuel King	12 50
		Susan King	5 00

are not collectable; It is therefore resolved; that the respective taxes aforesaid be and the same are hereby remitted; and that the City Treasurer be and he is hereby directed to credit the amount thereof; viz One thousand two hundred & fifty seven $\frac{82}{100}$ Dollars to the said James Mumford in account with him as collector of Taxes, together with the interest which has accrued on said several items

Passed September 9. 1850

R. W. Greene Prov Gas Co.

The Committee on Finance ask to be discharged from further consideration of the communication of Richard W Greene Esq asking for a remission of Taxes; Also to be discharged from a further consideration of a resolution relating to an arbitration with the Providence Gas Company

James G Anthony
For the Committee

The annexed Report is read, whereupon it is resolved, that the same be received, and that the Committee be discharged from the farther consideration of the subjects therein contained

Passed September 9. 1850

Wards to be revised

Resolved That Aldermen Knowles & Hoppin and Messrs Thurber, Bush, Hall, Anthony, Hill and Potter, be and they are hereby appointed a Committee to divide the City into Wards in conformity to the City Charter and to report a plan of such division; and that they be instructed to report (if practicable) at the first meeting of the City Council in November next

Passed September 9. 1850

In Convention September 9th 1850

The resignations of Benjamin Dyer, Elisha Dyer Jr and Thomas Aldrich as Firewards are severally accepted

Edward Burr, Henry C. Mathewson, Nathaniel J. Cheeney and Henry C Hudson are appointed Firewards for the remainder of the Municipal year.

Elisha Dyer Jr is appointed a President of the Firewards

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

R W Greenes Tax

Resolved. That the Tax on the Personal Property of Richard W Greene assessed in the year 1849 amounting Three Hundred sixty two 50/100 dollars, be and the same is hereby remitted; and the City Treasurer be and he is hereby directed to credit the amount with interest to the Collector of said Tax

Passed October 14th 1850

B.W.Blood indemnity

Resolved. That the City Treasurer be and he is hereby directed to pay to Bryant W. Blood the sum of Thirty Dollars, for injuries received by him at a recent fire in Well Street; and that the same be paid from the appropriation for Contingencies

Passed October 14. 1850

Masonic Hall

Resolved. That the City Treasurer under the advice and direction of the Mayor and the Standing Committee on the City Property, be authorized and directed to take such measures as may be deemed expedient to obtain immediate possession of the upper story of the Market House

Passed October 14th 1850

Prov't Wor. R.R.Co petition

Resolved. That the petition of the Providence and Worcester Rail Road Company, for permission to extend their rails to the Southerly part of the City, be received and referred to Messrs P. M. Matheweson, Grinnell, Earle, Knight, Carpenter, J. B Dunbar, the Mayor and Alderman Hoppin, to examine and report thereon

Passed October 14. 1850

Wooden Building

The Petition of Bela W. J Bennett requesting liberty to remove a two story wooden Building from Fountain Street and to place the same on Atwells Avenue above Bradford Street

Read Whereupon, it is resolved, that the Prayer thereof be granted

Passed October 14 1850

Do.

The petition of Joseph Smith requesting liberty to remove a one story wooden Building from Middle Street and to place the same on Dean Street near Atwells Avenue

Read, Whereupon, it is resolved, that the prayer thereof be granted

Passed October 14. 1850

Do.

The petition of Enoch Remington requesting liberty to remove a two story wooden Building from Washington St & to place the same on the rear of the same lot

Read, Whereupon it is resolved that the prayer thereof be granted

Passed Oct 14. 1850

School House Carpenter St

Resolved. That the City Treasurer be and he is hereby authorized to apply four hundred Dollars of the appropriation for School houses and lots; to the purpose of paying for grading the lot for the new School House on Carpenter Street, and for digging a Well therein, and placing a pump therein, and for the erection of a furnace, and procuring a bell for said School house

Passed October 14. 1850

Bridges Public

Resolved. That the sum of Two Hundred Dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated for repairs of Public Bridges, and that said sum so appropriated, be paid out of any monies in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated

Passed October 14 1850

Surveyor of High ways to report

Resolved, that the Surveyor of Highways, be directed to report to the City Council on the second mondays of each and every month, the amount of work done under his supervision; said report to state as near as may be, the number of workmen employed and the amount paid them; the number of teams employed and the amount paid for them; the number of loads of paving Stones used; and the Street or Streets on which the work has been done

Passed October 14 1850

Engine Co № 3

Upon the Petition of Engine Company № 3. for better accommodations for their Engine and Apparatus, it is resolved that the same be referred to the Board of Firewards

Passed October 14. 1850

In Convention October 14 1850

The two boards met in convention for the purpose of electing additional Firemen

Israel G Manchester & forty one others were elected additional members of Hope Engine Company № 10 (for names see firemen Records)

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

Upon the report of the Trustees of the Providence Reform School

Reform School

Resolved, That the said School be and the same is hereby declared to be established and opened from and after this date, for the reception of male Youths convicted of being vagrants or disorderly persons; and that the Trustees be authorized to commence receiving other classes of inmates, described in the law authorizing said School as soon as they deem it expedient.

Resolved, That the sum of Fifteen Hundred Dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated from any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, for the current expenses of the said Reform School; and that the Bills for such expenses, being certified by the Trustees, or by any of them authorized by the Board, shall be audited by the City Auditor, and when audited shall be paid by the City Treasurer.

Passed October 21 1850

Canal Basin

Resolved, That the Board of Firewards be and they are hereby requested to take order for repairing or rebuilding the gates of the Lock opposite the Haymarket, so that an ample supply of Water may be constantly kept in the Canal Basin, if in their opinion it be expedient so to do

Passed October 21. 1850

Broad St Pumps

Resolved, That the Surveyor of Highways be and he is hereby authorized to make such Alterations as may be expedient in the Pumps in Broad Street, when he is repaving said Street, the same to be done under the advise and direction of the Committee on Highways

Passed October 21. 1850

Vote Thanks to City Council

A vote of Thanks was sent the City Council by the Board of Managers of the Society for promoting Domestic Industry

Read. Whereupon it is resolved that the same be received and placed on file

Passed October 21. 1850

Cove Bridge

Resolved, That the Committee who were instructed to cause the dam to be erected at the entrance of the Cove, be and they are hereby authorized to cause such part of the bridge to be removed as they think expedient and to widen the side walks

Recorded October 21 1850

City Records &c

Resolved, That the Mayor, Alderman Whitaker, & Messrs Potter Knight & Hamlin, be and they are hereby appointed a committee to examine and report at the regular meeting of the council in November next a plan for the Alteration of the second and third Stories of the Old Market House (so called) with estimates of the Expense) for the more perfect safety of the Public Records and for the better accommodation of the City Officers

Passed October 21. 1850

P. & W. R. R. Co to lay Rails

Resolved, That the Report of the Joint Committee on the petition of the Providence and Worcester Rail Road Company this day made to the City Council, together with the Memorial of Alexander Duncan and others relative to the subject, and the papers accompanying said Report be recommitted to the same Committee for further report; and that said Committee be instructed to make Report at the next meeting of the City Council

Passed October 21. 1850

Culvert

Resolved, That the Surveyor of Highways be, and he is hereby directed to cause a Culvert to be built across Angell Street in continuation of that now built across the Waterman land

Passed October 21. 1850

Reform School

Whereas the General Assembly of this State at their October Session A. D. 1850 enacted the following Act viz

An Act in amendment of an Act entitled an act concerning Crimes and Punishments.

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

Section 1 Whenever any person under the age of Eighteen years shall be convicted of a criminal offence by any Court, or justice, in any county of this State, such person may, at the discretion of such Court or justice, be sentenced to the Providence Reform School, or to such punishment as is by law provided for such offence, in the same manner and with the same effect as may by law be done by courts and justices sitting within the limits of the City of Providence

Section 2. When any person shall be sentenced to imprisonment in the Providence Reform School, the Clerk of the Court, or the justice of the peace, passing such sentence, shall forthwith issue a warrant under the seal of said Court or justice, directed to the Sheriff or his deputy of the County or to any town sergeant or constable of any county, wherein such Court is held, reciting the sentence and requiring said Sheriff or deputy, town sergeant or constable, to take the said convict and him or her deliver to the trustees of said Reform School, or the keeper thereof; and the said trustees or keeper, to receive said convict into his or their custody, and him or her safely keep, discipline, govern, bind out, discharge, or remand, as is by law pro-

-vided for the other inmates of said Reform School; and such warrant shall constitute the offican charged therewith while he has the same in his possession for service, an officer in any County of this State, into which it may be necessary for him to go, to all intents and purposes whatever.

Section 3 The General Treasurer shall pay to the city of Providence the actual cost of supporting all children sent to said School by virtue of the preceding authority, not computing in such cost any salary or wages of any Superintendent, keeper, or instructor employed in said school; and the city of Providence shall hereafter pay for supporting its prisoners in the Providence county jail at actual cost, without computing in such cost the salary or wages of any jailer or keeper.

Section 4 This act shall go into operation whenever its terms shall be assented to by the City Council of said City of Providence; and the trustees of said Reform School shall notify the Governor, that said school is ready for the reception of children who may be convicted

Section 5 So much of the act to which this is in amendment, and of all other acts or parts of acts, as is inconsistent herewith is hereby repealed.

Therefore Resolved, that the City Council do hereby assent to the terms of said act and request the Trustees of said Reform School to notify the Governor as aforesaid

Passed November 11, 1850

Brook St Culvert to remove sand from

Resolved, that the Surveyors of Highways be and he is hereby directed to cause the sand that is deposited in the river at the termination of the Brook Street Culvert to be removed

Passed November 11, 1850

Cross Walks

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

One across Richmond Street, south side of Elm Street
one across Chesnut Street each side of Elm Street &
one across Elm Street, south side of Chesnut Street

Passed November 11, 1850

Hopkins St Reservoir to be repaired

Resolved, That the Surveyor of Highways be and he is hereby directed to cause the reservoir at the termination of the culvert leading from Hopkins Street to be repaired and also to be removed from the river in front of it whatever sand, in his opinion, may have been deposited there in consequence of the reservoirs being out of repair

Passed November 11, 1850

Pumps Broad Street

Resolved, That it is not expedient to remove the pumps in Broad Street

Passed November 11 1850

Broad St

Resolved, That the Surveyor of Highways be and he is hereby authorized to relay the paving in that part of Broad Street lying between Sugar Lane and Union Street

Passed November 11 1850

Appropriation for Cove Dam

Resolved, That the Committee appointed to build a dam at the Cove Promenade bridge, be and they are hereby authorized to draw on the City Treasury, for the amount of their bills; and that the City Treasurer be directed to pay the same out of any monies received from the Providence and Worcester Rail Road Corporation to an amount not exceeding eight hundred dollars.

Passed November 11, 1850

Schools

An Ordinance in addition to an Ordinance entitled "An Ordinance in relation to public Schools"

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

Section 1 The School Committee of said City are hereby authorized to establish one primary and one intermediate School in addition to the number now authorized by law

Passed November 11 1850

Salaries of School masters &c

An Ordinance in alteration of an Ordinance entitled "An Ordinance in relation to public Schools"

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

Section 1 Annual Salaries shall be paid to the following instructors of public schools respectively, in equal Quarterly payments as the School Committee shall direct, not exceeding the following sums to wit;

To the first male assistant teacher of the High School, Ten hundred Dollars;
To each master of a Grammar and writing School, Ten hundred Dollars;
To each female assistant teacher of a Grammar and writing School, Two hundred and fifty Dollars.

Section

Section 2 That so much of the eighth section of the Ordinance of which this Ordinance is in alteration, as is inconsistent herewith, be and the same is hereby repealed

Passed November 11. 1850

Upon the petition of Joseph Mauran and Joseph Balch Jun

Side Walk S main Street

Resolved, That the Surveyor of Highways be and he is hereby directed to suspend the execution of a certain order made by the Street Commissioners, in relation to alterations in the Sidewalk in front of the block at the corner of Hopkins and South Main Street, for thirty days from the passage of this resolution; and if within said time, the petitioners shall atten their said Sidewalk to the satisfaction of the Committee on Highways, the further execution of said order shall be indefinately postponed

Passed Nov. 11. 1850

Tockwotton House

Resolved, That the City Treasurer be, and he is hereby directed to renew with the Providence Mutual Insurance Company for the term of seven years, the present insurance on the Tockwotton House (so called) being for the sum of ten thousand dollars

Passed Nov. 11. 1850

Calvin Shove

Resolved, That the City Treasurer be and he is hereby directed to remit to Calvin Shove, the rent under his lease of the City's lot on Charles Street, until the same Amounts to the sum of Sixty nine 83/100 Dollars: upon condition that said Shove gives receipts therefor satisfactory to the Mayor.

Passed Nov. 11. 1850

Location of Engine Co No 6.

On the application of a Committee of the Board of Firewards for the use of the S. W. Part of the Town House Lot for the purpose of building an Engine House for Company N° 6.

The Committee, to whom the above petition was referred, beg leave to

Report, That they have examined the location asked for, and would recommend, that the Company continue to occupy their present location instead of the one asked for

Thos Whitaker for the Committee

The aforegoing Report is read, whereupon it is resolved, that the same be received and adopted

Passed Nov. 11. 1850

Gas Light

Resolved, That the Committee on City Property be directed to enquire and (if possible) to ascertain if the amount of light now furnished by the Gas Lamps in the public Streets is in accordance with the arrangments entered into between the City & the Providence Gas Co.

Passed Nov. 11. 1850

Appr for Pumps & wells

Resolved That the sum of Five Hundred Dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated, for pumps and wells

Passed Nov. 11. 1850

Broad St Pumps

Resolved, That the Surveyor of Highways be and he is hereby directed, under the advice and direction of the Standing Committee on Highways, to remove the present pumps from Broad Street; and to procure and place in the same location one or two new pumps, with watering troughs or trough of wood or stone; and to cause the same to be protected by a suitable iron fence — Provided that the cost thereof shall not exceed five hundred dollars; and that the same be paid from the appropriation for pumps and wells.

Passed Nov. 11. 1850

Appr for Clerk of M Court

Resolved, That the sum of One hundred & fifty dollars be appropriated and paid, out of the appropriation for contingencies, to the order of the Clerk of the Municipal Court, for assistance in recording the papers in his Office

Passed Nov.r 11. 1850

S of Highway Report received

The Monthly Report of the Surveyor of Highways is presented and read

Whereupon it is resolved, that the same be received

Passed Nov.r 11. 1850

In Convention November 11. 1850

Voted, That Wm L Thornton & twenty one others (for names see firemens Record) be and they are hereby appointed Firemen to be attached to Engine Company N° 3.

The petition of Patrick Barron to be appointed Undertaker is presented and read whereupon, it is.

Voted That said petition be laid on the Table.

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

Prov & Wor. R R Co petition to the General Assembly

A copy of a resolution pending before the General Assembly upon the petition of the Providence and Worcester Rail Road Company, praying for a change of the time of holding their Annual Meeting of said company, and for authority to locate a certain small portion of their road."

Resolved. That the preceding resolution now pending before the General Assembly be referred to the Mayor and Messrs Carpenter, Paine and Grinnell, to examine the same and report whether the City Council ought to oppose the passage of the same by the General Assembly, and also to examine any plans which the Rail Road Co may exhibit to them, relating to the subject matter of the resolution.

Passed December 9th 1850

Salary of the Assistants in the Reform School

To the Hon. City Council of the City of Providence

The Trustees of the Providence Reform School respectfully request, that you will fix the compensation of the Assistant Superintendent at Twenty Dollars per month and of the Matron at Three Dollars per week in addition to their board

For the Trustees
Tho M Burgess
Chairman

Providence Nov. 13. 1850

Read, Whereupon it is resolved, that the aforesaid Salaries be and they are hereby fixed agreeable to the above application.

Passed December 9. 1850

Amasa Mason's Tax

To the Hon City Council

December 9, 1850

The undersigned Collector of Taxes, begs leave to lay before the City Council, the enclosed bill of the Tax assessed in 1850, upon the Estate of Amasa Mason. The tax on the real estate of Mrs Mason has been paid by his Guardians; but they decline paying the tax on his personal estate; for the reasons stated by them in writing on the back of the bill

He requests the directions of the City Council in relation to the subject

J Mumford
Collector

Read, Whereupon it is resolved, that the same be received and referred to the Standing Committee on Finance to examine and report thereon; and that said Committee be and they are hereby authorized to consult legal Counsel in relation to the subject

Passed December 9. 1850

Dorrance St Dock

Resolved. That the joint Committee on Highways be and they are hereby authorized to certify a Bill for taking mud from Dorrance Street Dock, during the past season and before the passage of the resolution directing the Surveyor of Highways to build a reservoir at said dock, and that said Bill when audited be paid from the money appropriated for the reservoir and excavations at said Dock

Passed Dec 9. 1850

By Laws of Reform School

Code of By-laws of the Providence Reform School

Section 1. The Board of Trustees shall be organized as soon as may be after the Annual election of the members, by the appointment of a Chairman, Secretary, and Visiting Committee of three. and from time to time may appoint such other officers, and may delegate to other Committees of their own Board, the execution of such duties as they deem necessary or expedient

Section 2. The Chairman shall call meetings of the Board, as often as he may deem the same expedient, and whenever requested so to do, by any two of the Trustees

Section 3. The Secretary shall keep a Record of the Proceedings of the Board, and shall prepare or cause to be prepared, all documents, Statements and notices, which may be directed by the Board.

Section 4. A meeting of the Board shall be held in the Months of July, October, January & April and otherwise in conformity to such arrangements as the Board may from time to time adopt.

Section 5. The Trustees shall charge not less than One Dollar nor more than two Dollars per week for the admission into the Institution of any Child at the request of his parent or guardian. But should such Child, in the opinion of the Trustees, be likely to become chargeable to the City for his support, the Trustees are authorized to admit him without charge, or for a less sum than one dollar per week.

To the Hon. City Council

Gentlemen, The Trustees of the Reform School respectfully present the foregoing Code of By laws & request that they may be sanctioned & approved

Samuel G Arnold
Secy of Board of Trustees

The Trustees of the Providence Reform School having this day presented the aforegoing Code of By laws for approval; it is

Resolved, that said Code be and the same is hereby sanctioned and approved; in accordance with the provision contained in the third Section of the Act of the General Assembly authorizing the establishment of said School

Passed Dec 9. 1850

Lease to Nancy Greene

Resolved, That the City Treasurer, be and he is hereby directed, to assent in behalf of the City, to the transfer of a Lease given by the City to Wardwell & Foster, and by them assigned to Nancy Greene

Passed December 9. 1850

Hospital Park

Resolved, That the Surveyor of Highways be and he is hereby authorized, under the direction of the Board of Aldermen, to expend the amount received of the R. I. Bleaching Company for lots sold them, in improving the Hospital Park agreeable to the plat adopted by the City Council

Passed December 9. 1850

Cove Dam

The Committee to whom was assigned the duty of erecting a dam at the outlet of the Cove, Report

Read, Whereupon it is resolved that the same be received

Passed December 9. 1850

Dexter Training Ground

An Ordinance in relation to the Dexter Training Ground

It is ordained by the City Council of the City of Providence, as follows, viz

Section 1 No person shall place, put or deposit upon the Dexter Training Ground, any fire wood, timber, stone or building materials; and every person so offending shall forfeit and pay for each offence the sum of Two Dollars for the use of said City, to be recovered by proper legal process before any court of competent jurisdiction

Section 2 The owner of any firewood, timber, stone or building materials, shall be severally or jointly liable with the person depositing the same for the before named penalty, without its being required to prove that he consented to their being put, placed or deposited on said Training Ground, contrary to the provision of the foregoing section

Passed December 9. 1850

Water Power

Resolved, That the Mayor and Messrs Anthony, J Manchester, & S.B. Durfee, be and they are hereby appointed a committee, to examine and report upon the value and extent of the Water Power created by the dam recently erected at the outlet of the Cove; and that they be authorized to employ the services of a competent engineer, if they deem it advisable

Passed December 9 1850

Appropriation for Bridges

Resolved, that the sum of One thousand dollars be added to the appropriation for public Bridges; and that the same be paid out of any monies in the Treasury, not otherwise appropriated

Passed December 9 1850

City Treas Communication

Providence Dec^r 9. 1850

To the Hon. City Council

Gentlemen

You will observe that the appropriation for Bridges is nearly exhausted, and the Bills for the improvements on the Bridge over the Dam are unprovided for. — please add $1000. — to former Appropriations for Bridges.

I have in conformity with your directions had Sockwotton House insured against loss by fire, at American Insurance Office for ten thousand Dollars — the Mutual Office having declined the risk

Respectfully &c
Esek Aldrich
City Tr.

Read, Whereupon it is resolved that the same be received

Passed Dec^r 9. 1850

Abstract of Issues and Payments of City Debt from Sept 15 to Dec^r 1850

Issues

1850							
Oct 1	Note	N^o 151	payable to	Prov. Ins. for Savings	at	6 p^c Int	$ 10.000. —
19	Do	" 152	"	do	do	"	10.000 —
Nov 11	Do	" 153	"	do	do	"	5.000. —
							$ 25.000. —

Payments

1850						
Oct^r 1	Note	N^o 150	paid	S K Rathbone Cash^r American Bank	6 p^c	$ 10.000. —
"	Do	" 57	"	Prov. Ins for Savings	"	5.000.
"	Do	" 136	"	Do Do	"	5.000
10	Do	" 131	"	Peddy Bowen	"	12.155.06
"	Do	" 137	"	same	"	12,142.96
"	Do	" 141	"	same	"	3.150. —
19	Do	" 147	"	Prov. Ins. for Savings	"	10.000. —
Nov 7	Do	" 144	"	Jol R Greene	"	1.030. —
11	Do	" 145	"	Prov. Ins. for Savings	"	10.000. —
						68478.02

To the Hon. City Council

Gentlemen

I present the above Abstract of Notes issued and Notes paid. from Sept to Dec^r 1850 Respectfully Yours &c
Esek Aldrich City Tr

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

Passed December 9, 1850

S of Highway's Report Reaved

The Surveyor of Highways makes his Monthly Report of Work done from November 11th to December 7. 1850

Read. Whereupon it is resolved that the same be received

Passed December 9. 1850

Surveyor of Highways Report referred to a Committee

Resolved. That the Standing Committee on Finance, be and they are hereby directed to examine and report, whether the Reports made by the Surveyor of Highways at the present and last meetings of the City Council, are made in conformity with the Resolution requiring such Reports

Passed Decr 9. 1850

Report of Comee on City property

The Standing Committee on City Property to whom was referred the communication of Earl Carpenter, in relation to the purchase of a certain building owned by him and standing on the Hospital land (so called) beg leave respectfully to Report

That they have examined the premises and in their opinion it would not be for the interest of the City to purchase, at present either the building or the unexpired lease

Samuel James for the Committee

Read, Whereupon it is resolved, that the Repot be received and the committee discharged

Passed Decr 9. 1850

Lockwood St

Resolved, That the joint Committee on Highways be and they are hereby instructed to enquire into the Expediency of paving the gutters on Lockwood Street between Plane & Hospital Streets

Passed Decr 9. 1850

Wooden Building

J W Tibbitts requests liberty to remove a two Story wooden building from Westminster Street to Clarks Lane in the rear of Seekell Street

The within petition is read, Whereupon, it is resolved, that the prayer thereof be granted

Passed Decr 9. 1850

Wooden Building

Alexr Duncan requests liberty to remove certain Wooden Buildings from each side of Butlers Gangway & place the same on the back part of said lots

The within petition is read, Whereupon, it is resolved, that the prayer thereof be granted

Passed Decr 9. 1850

Police

Resolved That the Communication from the Mayor, this day made to the City Council, relative to the Public Watch and City Police, be referred to the Standing Committee on Police, with the addition of the President of the Common Council and the Mayor; and that said Committee be directed to report at the next meeting of the City Council, what changes (if any) are expedient in the present System of the Police of the City

Passed December 9. 1850

In Convention Dec 9 1850

The two Boards joined for the purpose of electing additional Firemen

William Rice & 13 others are elected Firemen to be attached to Engine Co No 7

B. H. Gladding & 21 others are elected Firemen to be attached to Engine Co No 8 - (for names of Above see Firemens Record)

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

City of Providence

Mayors Office Nov 9. 1850

Cove Land

Gentlemen of the City Council

The City has already expended some money in extending the Cove Promenade and may probably expend more in coming years

It appears to me that before much more is expended, the title to the land filled should be settled. The right to fill in the Cove may be worth very little if a Street and walls must be built; but after they are built the right to fill may have a value

I recommend that the subject be considered and it may probably be found expedient to apply to the General Assembly for a Grant vesting the space in front of the Stonington Rail Road in the City, to be when filled, used for public grounds

Thos M Burgess

Mayor

Read, Whereupon, it is resolved, that the same be referred to the Standing Committee on City Property, to examine and report thereon

Passed December 23 1850

Night Watch & Police

The Report of the Committee, to whom on the 9th day of December was referred the Communication of the Mayor relative to the Night Watch & the City Police is

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

Passed December 23d 1850

An Ordinance in relation to the Police

Ordinance in relation to the Police

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

Section 1st The permanent police officers of the City shall hereafter be the City Marshal, City Sergeant, and six Police Constables, who shall be elected by the City Council in convention of the two Boards; and of one Captain of the Watch & thirty two Watchmen who shall be appointed by the Mayor & Board of Aldermen.

Section 2d There shall be established a police Office at which the City Marshal & Police Constables shall attend, under such arrangements, approved by the Mayor, as that two of said officers shall be present at all times during the day and evening from the hour when the watch house is closed in the morning until 10 P. M. A Book shall be kept at said police office in which the City Marshal shall cause to be noted every offence known to any of said police officers against any law of the State or Ordinance of the City; and also all articles which shall be reported at said office as having been lost or found in this City; which Book shall be presented to the Mayor daily for his inspection.

The Police Officers enumerated in this Ordinance shall, when on duty, wear such badges as the Board of Aldermen may direct, and the Board of Aldermen may cause proper arms to be purchased at the City's expense. There shall also be kept for the use of the police two horses and two carriages, under such arrangements as the Board of Aldermen may approve, the police office shall be kept open on Sundays and the Police Constables shall render such service on that day as the Board of Aldermen may require.

Section 3d It shall be the duty of said Police Constables as directed by the City Marshal, to pass through the City and take diligent notice of all violations of Law, and as far as practicable to give such information and advice as may prevent such violations; to report all nuisances; to examine all cases of pauperism, and remove all paupers and sick persons which the Overseer of the Poor shall direct; to perform any executive duties which the Mayor shall direct in any part of the City, or which any Alderman shall direct in his own ward; and promptly to execute any process or summons, which is placed in his hands and which he is by law authorized to execute.

The City Marshal and Police Constables shall attend at fires which may happen in the City, and perform any duty for the preservation of good orders or of Property which the Mayor or in his absence, any Fireward may direct

Section 4th The City Marshal shall as far as practicable cause all warrants, summonses, and other process which may ensue from complaints made by him to be delivered to the police Constables for execution

Section 5. The Compensation of the City Marshal shall be seven hundred dollars per annum; of the police Constables four hundred and fifty dollars per annum, Payable quarterly.

No extra compensation shall be paid for any service unless between 10 p. m. and daylight, nor unless the Board of Aldermen shall allow the same; nor shall any allowance be made for hire of horses or carriages unless such service be directed by the Mayor. All fees received by the City Marshal or the police Constables shall be paid into the City Treasury before the payment of the Quarters Salary shall be made

Section 6. The Board of Aldermen may appoint supernumerary watchmen, in any emergency, not exceeding thirty two in number, who shall continue in office during the pleasure of the Board, and receive payment as the Board shall direct.

Section 7. The Mayor may, for cause, suspend from duty and emolument, any police Constable; which suspension shall be made in writing directed to the City Marshal, and such suspension shall continue in force until the City Council shall restore said Constable.

Section 8 This Ordinance shall go into effect on and after the thirteenth day of January A. D. 1851

Passed December 23 1850

Police Office

Resolved, That the City Marshal under the advice of the Mayor & Aldermen be directed to prepare a Police Office within the Town House or some other suitable place and to procure suitable furniture for the same, and also such equipments and arms for the police constables and watchmen as the Mayor and Aldermen may direct

Passed December 23. 1850

To apply to the G. Assembly for an Act in regard to the Police

Resolved, That the Mayor be requested to apply in behalf of the City to the General Assembly of this State at its next January Session for the passage of the Act accompanying this resolution and entitled "An Act in addition to an Act entitled "An Act concerning the appointment of watchmen and special Constables in the City of Providence"

Passed Dec~ 23d 1850

Mayor to defend Suits against City Watch

Resolved, That the Mayor be authorized to defend at the expense of the City all suits that may be brought for arrests made by any of the City Watch in the discharge of their duties

Passed Dec~ 23 1850

Police to be Elected

Resolved. That this Council will in convention on the second Monday of January next (1851) proceed to the election of six police Constables in accordance with the terms of the Ordinance this day passed entitled an "Ordinance in relation to the Police"

Passed Dec~ 23. 1850

City Watch authorized to arrest

An Ordinance in addition to an Ordinance entitled "An Ordinance providing for the Establishment of a Public Watch"

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

Section 1. The City Watch shall have authority to arrest every person found by them under suspicious circumstances, after nine o'clock at night and before Sunrise

Passed Dec^r 23. 1850

Appropriation for Extra Police

Resolved, That the sum of Three Hundred Dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated from any monies in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, to be paid to the order of the Board of Aldermen, and to be expended by that Board, for extra police service

Passed Dec^r 23. 1850

Surveyor of Highways Report accepted

The Surveyor of Highways makes his Monthly Report of Work done from December 9 th 1850 to January 11. 1851.

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

Passed January 13. 1851

Reward to be paid

Whereas, a reward of One hundred dollars was offered by the Mayor for information that would lead to the discovery of the body of James Parker, who disappeared from this City on the evening of the 30 th of November last, and said body was found in the Cove by John Spelman and Owen Brown and has been identified before a Coroners Jury, therefore

Resolved, That the City Treasurer be and he is hereby directed to pay from the money appropriated for the expenses of the Police, to the said Spelman and Brown, Fifty dollars each, upon their giving a full discharge of all claim they or either of them may have for said reward: and that said Payments be made to them personally and not upon any order or assignment

Passed January 13. 1851

Amasa Mason's Tax

The Standing Committee on Finance to whom was referred the communication of the City Collector, report recommending that the Collector be directed to proceed to collect the tax assessed upon the estate of Amasa Mason according to law

Jas. G. Anthony for the Committee

The aforegoing Report is read, Whereupon it is resolved, that the same be received

Passed January 13. 1851

Report of Finance Co. on Surveyor of Highways

The Standing Committee on Finance report that in compliance with the terms of the resolution herewith annexed, they have compared the report of the Surveyor of Highways, and find it is made in conformity with the resolution requiring said report to be made

Jas G Anthony for the Committee

Read. Whereupon it is resolved that the same be received

Passed January 13. 1851

Wm Sprague's personal tax

Resolved, that the sum of One hundred and six dollars, assessed on the personal estate of William Sprague in the year 1850: and the sum of One hundred and six Dollars assessed on the personal estate of Fanny Sprague, in the same year; be and the same are hereby severally remitted; and that the City Treasurer be and he is hereby directed to credit said sums to James Mumford, Collector of Taxes for said years, in account with him, together with the interest which has accrued thereon

Passed January 13. 1851

City Watch Appropriation for.

Resolved, That Fifteen hundred dollars be added to former appropriation for City Watch, and that the same be paid out of any moneys in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated

Passed January 13. 1851

Bridges Appropriation for.

Resolved. That Two hundred dollars be added to former appropriations for Bridges, and that the same be paid out of any moneys in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated

Passed January 13. 1851

Highways Appropriation for

Resolved That One thousand dollars be added to former Appropriations for Highways, and that the same be paid out of any moneys in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated

Passed January 13. 1851

Constables Memorial received

A Memorial from the City Constables is presented, and Read

Whereupon it is resolved, that the same be received

Passed January 13. 1851

Ira Pennel relief

Resolved, That the City Treasurer be and he is hereby directed to pay to Ira Pennel, Seventeen dollars & fifty cents in full for allowance to him for injury sustained at the fire on South Water Street on the eighth of October last

Passed January 13. 1851

Cove Lands.

Resolved, That the Mayor be requested to apply, in behalf of the City, to the General Assembly of this State at its next January Session, for the passage of an Act, vesting the space in front of the Stonington Rail Road in the City; to be, when filled used for public Grounds or Buildings.

Passed January 13. 1851

P & W Rail Road Co.

Resolved, That by the words "Market Square" in certain resolutions passed by the City Council on the 24th day of July 1848, granting privileges to the Providence and Worcester Rail Road Company, it was intended to describe not only the space around the Market House, but also Weybosset Bridge and the land in front of the Union Buildings now known as the Easterly part of Westminster Street

Passed January 13. 1851

JB

P & W R R Co authorized to lay Rails on Streets

Upon the petition of the Providence and Worcester Rail Road Company, praying for permission to lay their rails through public streets near to the Water

Resolved, That said Rail Road Company be and they are hereby authorized to lay their rails either from their Freight Depot, along Canal Street across the river and Market Square, and down West Water and Dyer Streets as far as said Company may think proper; or to lay rails from their Freight Depot along Canal Street across Market Square and down the whole length of South Water Street. Provided however, that the same shall not be done, unless ordered by a vote of the Stockholders of said Providence and Worcester Rail Road Company, at a meeting Specially called for that purpose, or at their next annual meeting; notice whereof shall be given in the Providence Daily Journal and such other Papers as the Directors of said Rail Road Company may think necessary three weeks before the meeting at which the aforegoing Resolutions shall be presented for consideration

Resolved, That Messrs Potter, Anthony and Grinnell, and the Mayor and Alderman Whitaker, be a Committee to supervise the work hereby authorized and to decide upon the details thereof and the manner of doing the same and the exact part of said Streets and Square on which said rails shall be laid; and that said Committee be and they are hereby instructed to keep the grade of the South side of Market Square as high as it now is and to see that the rails upon Canal Street and Market Square be laid on such grades that the Cars will not run upon them by their own weight to the danger of persons passing on said Street and Square; and also to require said Rail Road Company to use every precaution to make said Streets & Square passable and to leave them in good order; and that said Committee be authorized to stop the work and direct the Surveyor of Highways to take up the rails whenever their directions are not followed

Resolved That as a condition of the preceding grant, it be required of said Rail Road Company, that if the grade of any Street be so altered for their convenience as to require in the opinions of the Street Commissioners that any gangway or sidewalk

be altered, said Company shall alter at their expense such gangway or sidewalk and shall also indemnify the owner of every building adjoining any altered sidewalk for such damage as the Street Commissioners shall decide to be done to any such building

Resolved, That if said Rail Road Company shall obtain the consent of owners of Wharves adjoining the River to lay their rails upon said Wharves for the whole or any part of the distance between Market Square and Fox Point, said Company shall be authorized to lay their rails across any gangways or Streets which run to the river, under such restrictions as the Committee hereby appointed shall direct

Resolved, That said Rails when laid, be used under such restrictions and regulations as said Committee may prescribe, until further action of the City Council. Provided, that no Steam locomotive shall run upon said rails without the express consent of the City Council; and it being expressly understood that the City Council shall have power to permit any other Rail Road Company to run their Cars on the rails hereby authorized, upon payment to the Providence and Worcester Rail Road Company of a reasonable share of the cost of such rails

Passed January 13. 1851

Conference

A Resolution rescinding a resolution passed by the City Council the 23d of Dec last was passed by the Com. Council; which was amended by the Board of Ald^n the Com. Council did not concur in said amendment; the Board of Aldermen insisted upon their amendment & requested a Conference. Ald^n Hoppin appointed Confree; the Com. Council accede to said request and appoint Messrs Anthony & Paine confrees

The Committee of Conference report, recommending that the election of Police Constables be postponed until the second Monday of February and that the Council proceed to the election on that day, and that the Ordinance in relation to the Police be referred to a Committee for examination & amendment

William W. Hoppin
for the Committee

Report. Read and Received. Passed January 13. 1851

Resolution of 23 Dec Rescinded

Resolved, That this Council will in Convention on the second Monday in February next, proceed to the election of Six Police Constables, in accordance with the terms of the Ordinance entitled "An Ordinance in relation to the Police." and that the Resolution which passed the City Council on the 23d of December, last, relative to such election, be and the same is hereby rescinded

Passed January 13. 1851

In Convention January 13. 1851

The two Boards came together for the purpose of electing six Police Constables, agreeable to the resolution passed the 23d Dec. but not being prepared to act in the premises, they took a recess of ten minutes, in the meantime the above resolution was passed

Ordinance referred to Committee

Resolved, That the Ordinance entitled "An Ordinance in relation to the Police" be referred to Messrs Paine, Hall and Holden and the Mayor and Alderman Knight, to examine and report whether any amendment of the same is necessary; and that said committee be and they are hereby instructed to report at the next regular meeting of the City Council

Passed January 13 1851

Plainfield Rail Road Co.

Resolved, That Messrs Thurber, Grinnell, R. Mathewson, Anthony, J. Manchester & Potter and the Mayor & Alderman Hoppin be and they are hereby appointed a Committee, in behalf of the City Council, to apply to the General Assembly at its present session for the passage of an Act to enable the City of Providence, with more ample authority, to issue and loan the bonds or credit of said City, in aid of a line of Rail Road from Providence, by the way of Plainfield and Willimantic, to the Naugatuck Valley, to an amount not exceeding five hundred thousand dollars; said bonds to be exchanged for, and secured by, the bonds and a mortgage of the entire line of the Rail road from Providence to the Naugatuck Valley, built and to be built, to an amount at least double the amount of City bonds to be issued, and further secured by an irrevocable Sinking Fund; and for the purpose of making such securities ample and available, to pass such other acts and amendments to the Charter of the Providence and Plainfield Rail Road Company, as may be deemed expedient or necessary

Passed February 5. 1851

Butler Hospital Insane Poor

The Annual Report of the Overseers of the Poor in relation to the Insane Poor who have been at the Butler Hospital the past year

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

Passed February 10. 1851

Report of Com^e on Police Ord^e

To the Hon the City Council of the City of Providence

The Committee to whom was referred an Ordinance entitled "an Ordinance in relation to the Police" passed on the 23^d day of December A D 1850 respectfully report

That they have attended to the duties of said appointment, and as the result of their consultations, they present the accompanying ordinance, which they unanimously recommend should be passed by the City Council

for the Committee

Walter Paine Jr Chairman

Read and received

Passed Feby 10. 1851

Police

An Ordinance in relation to the Police

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

Section 1. The permanent police officers of the City shall hereafter be the City Marshal, City Sergeant and ten police Constables, who shall be elected by the City Council in convention of the two boards; and one captain of the watch and thirty two watchmen, who shall be appointed by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen.

Section 2. There shall be established a police office, at which the City Marshal and police constables shall attend under such arrangements, approved by the Mayor, as that two of said officers shall be present at all times during the day and evening, from the hour when the watch house is closed in the morning, until ten P. M. Two books shall be kept at said office, in one of which the City Marshal shall cause to be noted every offence known to any of said Police Officers against any law of the State or ordinance of the City, and also all articles which shall be reported at said office as having been lost or found in this City; in the other every warrant or precept in a criminal case which shall be delivered to any of said officers for service, giving the date of the same, the authority by which it is issued, the name of the respondent, the name of the officer to whom it is delivered for service, the result and the fees and costs accruing: which books shall at all times be open to the inspection of the Mayor or either of the Aldermen, but shall not be open for the perusal of any other person, nor shall any officer disclose or make conversation upon any matter in said books: The police enumerated in this ordinance shall when on duty, wear such badges as the Board of Aldermen may direct; and the Board of Aldermen may cause proper arms to be purchased at the City's expense. The police office shall be kept open on Sundays, and the police constables shall render such service on that day as the Board of Aldermen may require.

Section 3. It shall be the duty of said police constables as directed by the City Marshal, under such rules as the Board of Aldermen may establish, to pass through the City and take diligent notice of violations of law, and as far as practicable to give such information and advice as may prevent such violations; to report all nuisances; to examine all cases of pauperism and remove all paupers and sick persons which the Overseer of the Poor shall direct; to visit the Rail Road Stations at every arrival or departure of a passenger train by day or night; to attend Ward meetings & meetings of either branch of the City Council; to serve all notices delivered to them by any City Officer in the discharge of his duty; to attend all places of amusement to which they may be directed by the Mayor, Aldermen or City Marshal; to examine into all cases of truancy which are reported to the Mayor by the Superintendent of the public Schools; to perform any executive

duties which the Mayor shall direct in any part of the City or which any Alderman shall direct in his own ward; and promptly to execute any process or summons which is placed in their hands and which they are by law authorized to execute; The City Marshal and police constables shall attend at fires which may happen in the City, and perform any duty for the preservation of good order or of property which the Mayor or in his absence any Fireward shall direct

Section 4 The City Marshal shall as far as practicable, cause all warrants, summonses and other process which may ensue from complaints made by him, to be delivered to the Police constables for service

Section 5 The compensation of the City Marshal shall be Eight hundred dollars per annum; of the police constables Five hundred dollars per annum. Payable quarterly, No extra compensation shall be paid unless the Board of Aldermen shall allow the same

All fees including witnesses fees received by the City Marshal or police constables shall be paid into the City Treasury before the payment of the quarters salary shall be made; Provided, that if any City Constable shall be appointed police constable he shall not be obliged to pay any fees accruing from any civil or criminal process commenced before his appointment, neither shall such payment be required of witness fees in cases not originating in complaints made by Officers named in this Ordinance

It shall be the duty of the City Marshal to see that all fees earned are duly accounted for.

Section 6. The Board of Aldermen may make such allowance for horses and carriages used by the police constables as they may deem for the interest of the City not exceeding five hundred dollars per annum

Section 7. The Board of Aldermen may appoint supernumerary watchmen in any emergency not exceeding thirty two in number, who shall continue in office during the pleasure of the Board, and receive payment as the board shall direct.

Section 8 The Mayor may for cause suspend from duty and remove any police constable; which suspension shall be made in writing directed to the City Marshal, and the Mayor shall give notice in writing to the person suspended of the reasons of such suspension, and such suspension shall continue in force until the next meeting of the City Council

Section 9 This Ordinance shall go into effect on the second Monday of March next on which day the first election of police constables shall be made. Police Constables shall hold their offices until others are appointed and qualified in their places, unless sooner removed by the City Council.
The Annual election of Police Constables shall take place on the second monday of February of each year.

Section 10. The Ordinance in relation to the Police passed on the 23d day of December, A D 1850 is hereby repealed

The pueding Ordinance Passed February 10. 1851

Appropriations

Resolved, That the following sums be added to former appropriations, and that the same be paid out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated viz

For Lighting Streets	One thousand Dollars,	
" Fire Department	One thousand dollars,	
" Public Schools	One thousand Dollars,	
" Contingencies	One thousand Dollars,	
" Asylum Walls & Buildings	Fifty	Dollars,
" Highways	Five hundred	dollars,
" Cove Promenade	Fifty	dollars.

Passed February 10. 1851

Edwd Luther

Resolved, That the City Treasurer be and he is hereby directed to pay Edward Luther Jr. Twenty dollars in full for allowance to him for injury sustained at the fire on the 30th day of October last

Passed February 10 1851

Plainfield Rail Road Co

To the Hon. City Council of the City Providence

The Committee appointed to make application to the General Assembly for a grant of authority for the City to issue Bonds in aid of the Providence and Plainfield Rail Road or for such other rail road as may connect therewith respectfully

Report That they have presented to the Assembly a memorial following as nearly as may be the language of the resolution passed by the Council.

And that they have submitted to the Committee of the House of Representatives on Corporations, the draft herewith presented of "an Act authorizing the City of Providence to loan its credit in aid of the Providence and Plainfield Rail Road and for its extension

Which is respectfully submitted
For the Committee
Providence Feby 10 1851 Thos M Burgess

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

Passed February 10. 1851

Tax & Appropriation Bills to be reported

Resolved, That the Standing Committee on Finance be and they are hereby directed to report, at the next meeting of the City Council, a bill providing for the assessment and collection of a City Tax, for the year ensuing the first Monday of March next; and also at the same time, to report a bill making appropriations for said year.

Passed February 10. 1851

School House Lots

Resolved, that the City Treasurer be directed to purchase the lot of land on Angell Street, next east of the School estate corner of Angell & Prospect Streets, and to pay for the same not exceeding two thousand dollars, on receiving a good and sufficient deed in fee simple, in behalf of the City

Resolved, that the City Treasurer be directed to purchase the lot of land on Halsey Street next east of the School Estate corner of Benefit and Halsey Streets, and to pay for the same not exceeding twelve hundred dollars, on receiving a good and sufficient deed in fee simple in behalf of the City

Passed February 10 - 1851

Surveyor of Highways Report Received

The Surveyor of Highways makes his Monthly Report of Expenditure

Read Whereupon, it is resolved that the same be received

Passed February 10 1851

Return of Lumber Surveyed in the City of Providence for the Year ending February 3d 1851

By whom Surveyed	White Pine Boards, Timber Plank and Joist					Southern and Eastern Hard Pine Boards and Planks		Southern Hard Pine Timber and Shop plank		Spruce Plank Boards, Joist and Sawed Timber		Hemlock Boards Plank, Joist and Sawed Timber		Hewn Pine Timber	
	No 1	No 2	No 3	No 4	No 5	Merch	Refuse	Merch	Refuse	Merch	Refuse	Merch	Refuse	Merch	Refuse
	feet	feet	feet	feet	feet	feet	feet	feet	feet	feet	feet	feet	feet	feet	feet
Aborn Arnold	4601	144034	195563	887712	31265	122939	79367	...	...	614490	78453	365	229	...	...
R. Manchester Jr.	38196	145476	356539	1310966	55991	49556	28556	...	...	879785	53352	211846	141621	...	...
Jacob Sillaway	14349	70050	182819	887217	216242	74249	96636	112809	...	1067514	283682	76034	43260	...	...
Nath C Bushee	27328	259538	300173	841817	105847	93613	97863	...	...	752584	229003	142782	183736	31878	10427
Benj Bosman 1st	10340	189460	433864	1177936	61361	60720	21975	59232	...	750720	38371	26971	12026	23703	...
Chris Rhodes	7532	173977	240999	784528	36479	333830	85919	...	...	1051183	226205	122541	80789	976	...
Wm C Davenport	9598	99071	197926	784722	175444	301089	108771	62177	674	626580	159572	97350	23013	36763	...
Esek Tillson	858	47886	95215	542466	51297	214494	56653	...	...	219870	16965	91222	26257	...	...
Jas P Metcalf	...	1798	35327	369454	550	64870	27520	...	...	1849	178	5842	2090	...	...
Chas C Lee	28328	30594	30794	239807	122494	12626	54467	...	...	267980	58254	6835	6997	242	125
Temporary Apply	14853	36845	55899	227435	50135	243	942	...	...	9852	1641	...	...	...	...
Robert Manchester	...	1091	2218	792	...	4752	939	...	...	7686	1516	...	...	...	...
Total	1556683	1199820	2127321	8114822	907095	1332961	659608	234218	674	6258393	1141192	781788	520018	93368	10552

By whom Surveyed	Hewn Spruce Timber		Oak & Chestnut Boards and Planks		Ash Boards Plank and Joist		Birch & Maple Boards. Plank & Joist		White Wood Boards Plank & Joist		Cherry Board Plank and Joist		Black Walnut Boards Plank & Joist		Mahogany & Cedar Boards Plank & Joist		Surveyor Generals Fees		Deputy Fees	
	Merch	Refuse	Merch	Refuse	Mer	Ref	Mer	Ref	Mer	Ref	Mer	Ref	Mer	Ref	Mer	Ref	$	¢	$	¢
	feet	feet	feet	feet	feet	feet	feet	feet	feet	feet	feet	feet	feet	feet	feet	feet				
	...	...	22548	488	...	...	...	...	16966	1713	...	...	2469	225	...	...	66	89	488	04
	...	...	...	...	...	...	18865	5634	6895	485	...	...	2072	455	...	...	100	17	731	60
	...	...	...	...	12338	3047	...	...	4404	1162	...	...	...	...	...	...	94	84	693	84
	56730	130	...	...	1165	378	3240	905	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	94	11	689	60
	26762	...	...	...	9953	338	...	...	28858	816	...	...	...	...	...	...	88	37	647	58
	...	...	...	...	...	...	18811	6505	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	95	90	700	67
	...	...	...	...	17857	8057	3392	771	3406	138	...	...	...	...	...	...	84	99	620	92
	88239	...	...	...	...	...	548	98	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	43	59	319	40
	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	21331	3693	488	108	...	...	...	...	16	68	117	80
	...	...	...	...	60333	21269	38127	26700	142110	49223	10963	17884	43897	52405	6523	3287	48	25	339	36
	...	...	...	...	8240	1941	...	...	5839	1560	3981	287	...	...	...	...	13	02	94	50
	...	...	4568	1384	4789	806	992	...	5272	1529	...	...	1358	526	1338	135	12	89	...	..
	173725	130	27116	1872	114675	35836	83975	43616	235111	60259	15432	18279	49976	53611	7861	3412	759	10	5443	31

To the Honorable City Council

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

Respectfully Submitted

Robert Manchester

Providence February 3 1851

Grand Total 24.484.219 fo 23 M.

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

Passed February 10. 1851

Fountain St Methodist So.

To the Hon. City Council

The Standing Committee on Highways, to whom on the 6th day of November last, was referred the petition of the Wesleyan Methodist Society, Fountain Street asking remuneration for damages sustained by them in consequence of the raising of Franklin Street. beg leave respectfully to report, viz that they have examined the records and have found that that part of Washington Street which decided the height of Franklin Street, which was opposite their Church was not graded until the 18th of July 1842 several months after the building was commenced.

Respectfully submitted

Daniel E Carpenter
For the Committee

Read. Whereupon, it is resolved that the same be received and that the petitioners have leave to withdraw

Passed Feby 10 1851

Report of Com" in relation to act of G Assembly authorizing City to appoint Special Constables

To the Hon City Council
of the City of Providence

Respectfully Reports

The undersigned
That as requested by the City Council, he applied to the Honorable General Assembly for the passage of a law entitled "An Act in addition to an Act entitled "An Act concerning the appointment of Watchmen and special Constables in the City of Providence

And that the Assembly have, as requested by the Council, enacted the act, a copy of which is herewith presented

All which is respectfully submitted
Thoˢ M Burgess
Mayor

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

Passed February 10 1851

Sidewalks

An Ordinance in amendment of an ordinance entitled "An Ordinance for the preservation of Sidewalks

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

Section 1. So much of the first, second and third sections of the Ordinance to which this is in amendment as limits the provisions thereof to sidewalks laid with brick or stone is hereby repealed; and said Ordinance with all its provisions and penalties shall be in force throughout the City in relation to all side walks

Section 2. No person shall be authorized to make complaints or commence prosecutions for breaches of the provisions of said Ordinance excepting the City Marshal, City Sergeant and Police Constables.

Passed February 10 1851

In Convention February 10. 1851

On Motion it is voted that the Convention will now proceed to the election of the Surveyor General of Lumber

Robert Manchester is chosen Surveyor General of Lumber for the year ending the first Monday of February 1852

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

Ordinance in relation to Street

An Ordinance in addition to an Ordinance entitled "an Ordinance in relation to the Streets and highways

It is ordained by the City Council of the City of Providence as follows, viz

Section 1 From and after the first day of April next every owner or occupant of any building in this City who shall place or cause to be placed or continue or suffer to be continued any sign made of canvass, cloth, tin or other material attached to the building owned or occupied by him in such manner as to be suspended over any highway or Street, shall forfeit and pay a sum not less than two dollars nor more than twenty dollars to and for the use of the city to be recovered by proper legal process before any Court of competent jurisdiction

Section 2 This Ordinance shall not be construed to prohibit the marking or printing upon any awning constructed in conformity to law

Paped March 7. 1851

Prov & Plainfield Rail Road Commissioners

Resolved, That the Commissioners to be appointed under the act of the General Assembly, entitled "An Act authorizing the City of Providence to loan its credit in aid of the Providence and Plainfield Rail Road, and for its extension", shall be allowed and paid from the City Treasury, each the sum of two dollars per day, during the time which they are required by said act to devote to the duties of their appointment

Passed March 7. 1851

Prov & Plain Field R Road Meeting

Whereas the General Assembly of this State at their January Session A.D. 1851 enacted an act entitled "An act authorizing the City of Providence to loan its credit in aid of the Providence and Plainfield Rail Road and for its extension"

and whereas by the provisions of said act this City Council was authorized at any time within six months after the rising of said General Assembly to call a meeting of the electors of this City, authorized by the Constitution of this State to vote in election of City Council or upon a proposition to impose a tax or for the expenditure of money in this City, which meeting shall continue open upon two days, from noon until nine o clock p.m.

Now therefore be it ordered by this City Council, that the meeting aforesaid be holden at Westminster Hall on Friday and Saturday the 21st and 22d days of March instant, and that the City Clerk be and he is hereby directed to give the notice required by law

Passed March 7. 1851

Prov & Wor. Rail Road Co.

Mayors Office Providence March 7. 1851

Gentlemen of the City Council

By a resolution of the Council passed on the 11. day of March 1850. the Surveyor of Highways was instructed to fence in and ornament with trees a small triangle of land immediately north of the intersection of Exchange Place and Washington Street, a fence was erected last spring, and the Surveyor has to day commenced preparing the ground

The President of the Providance and Worcester Rail Road Co. has notified the Surveyor and myself that said Company are about to claim the right of laying tracks upon a considerable part of said ground and that although under the circumstances the Co. would not object to paying for the fence erected, yet if the City proceeded to make further expenditures in ornamenting the Grounds the Co. would not be liable. I estimate the expense to be incurred at Four Hundred dollars and submit to the Council the propriety of directing the Surveyor to stop the expenditure until the City Council can examine the case

The land was originally built under the authority of the resolutions passed Feb. 17. 1846 which resolutions provided that the Rail Road Company should not have any right to any land built by them south of the Canal Basin, except the right to use for railway purposes certain portions marked on the plat for railways and depots.

At the time these resolutions were passed the attention of all interested was mainly given to the plat east of the passenger depot and in March 1847 the City Council approved the plans for the passenger depot which varied materially from the plan as marked on the original plat In January 1849 the City Council granted this triangle of land to the New York Providence & Boston Rail Road Company for a depot building, but the company omitted to comply with the conditions of the grant.

The Providence & Worcester R Road Company now claim the use of the land

The subject has been brought to my notice so very recently, that I cannot say what the merits of the claim of the Rail Road Co are: but I know that the spirit of the resolutions of Feb. 1846 and the subsequent legislation has been that the Rail Road Co shall have all the land built by them which they need and no more; and that the main question is therefore whether the Rail Road Co need the land or not. It is not very important whether the land is included in the Rail Road or in a narrow green if it be kept open

I send a plat of what the Rail Road Co desire and recommend that a Committee be appointed to examine the subject, and that the Surveyor be directed to suspend further proceedings until the April Meeting of the Council. The work can be done after that date and it is not desirable to waste any of the City funds

Thos M Burgess
Mayor

Resolved. That the within Communication from the Mayor be referred to Messrs Bush, Davis and S B Durfee and Alderman Whitaker to examine and report thereon; with power to consult Counsel if they deem it necessary; and that they make Report at the next meeting of the City Council

Passed March 7 1851

Resolved. That the City Treasurer be and he is hereby authorized to contract, with the advise of the Joint Committee on Public Schools, for the erection of additions to the Grammar School Houses in the first and second Wards similars to the additions to the Grammar School Houses in the other wards of this City, and that there be appropriated for the purpose of paying for the same Nineteen Hundred dollars from the appropriation for School Houses and Lots

Passed March 10 1851

Geo. L Brown

The Joint Committee on Police to whom on the 10th day of February last, was referred the within Petition of George L Brown recommend that the said George L Brown have leave to withdraw his said Petition

For the Committee Robert Knight

March 10 1851

The aforegoing Report having been read it is resolved that the same be received, and that the Petitioner have leave to withdraw

Passed March 10 1851

Auditors Report Received

City Auditors Office March 8. 1851

To the Honorable the City Council

Gentlemen

The undersigned respectfully presents the fourth annual report of the Auditor of accounts exhibiting a Statement of the Receipts and Expenditures of the City of Providence for the financial year, ending march 3d 1851

Also a Certificate of deposite showing the amount to the credit of the City in the American Bank

G. B. Jastram
City Auditor

Report. Read Whereupon it is resolved that the same be received

Passed March 10. 1851

Auditors Report to be Printed

Upon the Annual Report of the City Auditor, this day made to the City Council, it is resolved that the same be received

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

Passed March 10 1851

The City of Providence in Account with

1850							
March 13	To Cash paid W. Reynolds for A. Reynolds Estate					3	46
May 1	Do " S. Cahoone Gen. Treas. for States proportion of Licenses & Taxes on Billiard Tables & Bowling Alleys		639	79			
	Do " Aldermens Commissions on Do		16	40	656	19	
1851 March 3	Do " J. Budlong for support of J. Tillinghast				53	50	
	" " Public Schools				32463	72	
	" " City Debt Fund				14984	83	
	" " Support of Poor at Large		6102	50			
	Asylum		1449	—			
	Butlers Hospital		5281	48	12832	98	
	" " Fire Department				8757	15	
	" " Highways				28999	14	
	" " Bridges				2782	70	
	" " City Watch				9168	11	
	" " Lighting Streets				5885	17	
	" " Salaries				6287	50	
	" " Public Buildings				64	16	
	" " Pumps & Wells				693	05	
	" " Police				3187	30	
	" " Asylum Walls and Buildings				538	20	
	" " Contingencies				6484	33	
	" " School Houses & Lots				6512	87	
	" " Cove Promenade				3509	80	
	" " Gas Lights & Fixtures				821	27	
	" " State Tax. City's Proportion				8079	75	
	" " Ellipse Wall Extension & Building Culvert				1390	42	
	" " Dam & Flood Gates (Rail Road Fund)				2712	21	
	" " Alterations on Tockwotton House				1500	92	
	" " Excavating Dorrance Street Dock &c				741	51	
	" " Celebration of American Independence				1336	—	
	" " Refitting & Furnishing Council Chamber				564	95	
	" " Paving Stone for Exchange Place (Rail Road Fund)				745	48	
	" " Reform School				1448	87	
	" " Ten Notes received for Rent of Stalls in Market House due June 3/6. 1851 at Am. Bank for Collection		1845	—			
	Cash balance deposited in Am Bank		15424	40	17269	40	
					$	180505	24

I certify that I have examined the accounts of Esek Aldrich City Treasurer, for the year ending March 3 1851. and that these accounts agree with the vouchers and that on the said third day of March 1851 there was a balance in the City Treasury of Fifteen thousand four hundred twenty four 40/100 dollars, deposited in the American Bank as per certificate of S. K. Rathbone Cash.

G B Jastram
City Auditor

Prov. March 7 1851

Esek Aldrich City Treasurer Cr

1850							
March 13	By Cash balance in Treasury					7598	14
	" Ichabod Northup Exec^r for supporting J. Tillinghast					70	—
	" Bowling Alleys by Jas Mumford Collector from the following persons viz						
	M A Smith				95 01		
	A Mawer				47 50		
	B. Bogman				253 77		
	R Blodget				95 —		
	C Arnold				106 87		
	A Duncan				23 75	621	90
	" Billiard Tables by Jas Mumford Collector from the following persons						
	S. T Thurber				200 52		
	C Low				71 25	271	77
June 7	" Auction Dues from the following Auctioneers						
	W. Wentworth 3.32	T. Almy 197					
	M Stoddard 20.91	S A Stone 27					
	F Lowell 41	A B Dike 12.70					
	J A D Joslin 6.43	B K Wilbor & Co 7 40					
	J Hammond 5.02	M R Gardner 21.57					
	H Sabin Jr 4.27	D G Aldrich 2.21					
	E A Nichols 2.00	46.12					
	42.36	42.36					
Dec 2	" Do do	do			88 48		
	A. B. Dike 2.41	M. R. Gardner 14.32					
	J. A. D. Joslin 5.06	M. Stoddard 9.24					
	F. W. Lowell 70	H. Sabin Jr 3.64					
	B. K. Wilbor & Co 3.79	J. Hammond 2.82					
	11.96	30.02					
		11.96			41 98		
August	" Thatch					130	46
	" City Standard Scales					3	—
	" R Knight for Posts					148	10
Oct	" Fine & Costs City vs M. L. Brown					1	80
	" North Burial Ground for Sal of Ape					26	80
Dec	" Ten Notes for Rent of Stalls in Market					211	47
	" Nine acceptances of Prov & Nor. Rail Road Co of $1000. each payble monthly. paid as due					1845	—
						9000	00
1851 March 3	" City Licenses & amts recev^d since March 1850					199	62
	" Jas Mumford Collector of Taxes, for balance of Tax assessed 1849					19977	18
	" Do on account of Tax 1850					140400	—
					$	180505	24

E E Providence March 3 1851

Esek Aldrich
City Treas^r

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

Passed March 10 1851

Tax Ordinance

An Ordinance providing for the Assessment and collection of a Tax of Fifty three cents on each One Hundred Dollars in value of the rateable property in the City of Providence.

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

Section 1. That a tax of fifty three cents on each one hundred dollars in value of the rateable property in said City, be assessed and levied upon the rateable property of the inhabitants and others owning such property in said City; and that said tax be assessed on or before the first Monday in September next, and collected and paid into the Treasury, on or before the first Monday in October next

Section 2 That the Collector shall advertise in the Manufacturers and Farmers Journal and in the Republican Herald, for three weeks successively, calling on all persons who may be assessed for said Tax, to make payment at his office within ten days ending on said first Monday in October next and including that day; And during said ten days, said Collector shall attend at his said Office, for the purpose of receiving said tax, every day (Sundays excepted) from nine o'clock in the morning until three o'clock in the afternoon; and said Collector shall deduct three per cent from the respective sums assessed upon all those who shall make payment on or before said first monday in October next

Section 3 Said Collector shall be allowed three and one half per cent for collecting said tax; he allowing out of his said Commission three per cent to all those who shall pay him the amount of their respective taxes on or before said first Monday in October next

Section 4 That said Collector shall pay into the City Treasury without delay, all monies which he shall receive towards the tax aforesaid by the first Monday in October next; collecting and paying over the residue (if any) of said tax as soon thereafter as may be; And that all persons who shall be delinquent in paying said tax by said first Monday in October next, shall pay interest afterwards, for which interest said Collector shall be accountable to said City

Section 5 The tax hereby ordered is intended to include and shall be held to include the sum paid by the City to the State, in the year 1850, as the Citys proportion of the State Tax

Section 6 The City hereby assumes the payment to the State of the Citys proportion of the State Tax for the year 1851; and the Assessors of Taxes are hereby directed not to assess said State Tax

Passed March 10. 1851

Assessors of Taxes Compensation

Resolved, That the Assessors of Taxes shall be allowed Two hundred dollars each, as a full compensation for apportioning the City Tax this day ordered and also for apportioning the Registry Tax and enrolling the Militia; for copying of Tax Book and for obtaining all necessary information for the proper and just apportionment of said Taxes, and for all other services in relation thereto.

Passed March 10 1851

Sidewalks to enquire

Resolved, That the Joint Committee on Highways be and they are hereby instructed to enquire into the expediency of laying the Side Walks in front of the City School Houses with brick or Stone.

Passed March 10 1851

Dexter Donation Fund

Resolved, That the City Treasurer be and he is hereby authorized to pay to the Commissioners of the Dexter Donation interest at the rate of six per cent upon the sums of money due from the City to the Dexter Donation.

Passed March 10 1851

Mayors Salary

Resolved, That the Salary of the Mayor, for the year ensuing the first Monday in June next, shall be One Thousand Dollars, Payable quarterly

Passed March 10. 1851

Barn at the Asylum

Resolved, That the Board of Aldermen be and they are hereby authorized to cause to be erected on the Dexter Asylum Farm a suitable barn, and that the same be paid for from the appropriation for Asylum Walls and Buildings

Passed March 10. 1851

Surveyor of Highways Report

The Surveyor of Highway makes his monthly report of Expenditures $102.10

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

Passed March 10. 1851

Gangways of Teste Estate

Resolved, that the City Treasurer be instructed to ascertain on what terms the space between the Teste Estate and the Weybosset House Estate can be occupied for an Engine House

Passed March 10. 1851

Appropriations

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

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

For the Support of Public Schools, for the year ending on the first Monday in March A.D. 1852; together with and in addition to, the sum which the City may receive for the same purpose, from the State Treasury and Registry Tax (the expenditures under this appropriation, to be made by the order and direction of the School Committee;) thirty four thousand dollars;

For the Support of the Poor and Removal of Paupers; (including Asylum;) together with the income of the "Tillinghast Fund" (so called) thirteen thousand dollars;

For the Fire Department; Eight Thousand Dollars.

For the Support of Public Bridges, One Thousand Dollars;

For the support of the Public Watch, Nine thousand dollars;

For Lighting the Streets, Six thousand dollars;

For the Salaries of the Mayor, Aldermen, and other City Officers, Six thousand three hundred dollars

For the Repairs of Public Buildings; Eight hundred dollars

For the Repairs of City Pumps and Wells, Two hundred and fifty dollars;

For the Police Department, Five thousand dollars;

For the Repair of the Asylum Walls & Buildings, two thousand five hundred dollars;

For Highways, Twenty five thousand dollars

For Contingent Expenses, viz; Any claims which may be allowed by the Board of Aldermen or by the City Auditor, not included in any of the preceding items; and also the compensation allowed to the Assessors of Taxes, and to Wardens and Ward Clerks, Six thousand dollars;

For School Houses and Lots, Seven thousand dollars;

For Improvements of the Cove Promenade, Five hundred dollars;

For Gas Light Fixtures; One thousand dollars;

For the reduction of the City Debt (in addition to the amount appropriated by Ordinance;) three thousand dollars;

For the Providence Reform School, Two thousand dollars;

For the City's Proportion of the State Tax, Eight thousand and seventy nine 75/100 Dollars

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

Passed March 10; 1851

Privy Vault Waggons

An Ordinance in amendment of an Ordinance entitled "An Ordinance relative to the removal of the contents of Privy Vaults"

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

Section 1. That no cart, waggon, or other vehicle whatever, used for the removal of the contents of Privy Vaults shall be permitted to stand in the day time in any public Street of said city.

Section 2. In case of the violation of any of the provisions of the first section of this Ordinance, the owner or owners, driver or drivers of any such cart, waggon or other vehicle shall forfeit and pay the sum of five dollars, to be recovered to and for the use of the City, by proper legal process, before any Court of competent jurisdiction

Section 3. So much of the Ordinance of which this is in amendment as is inconsistent therewith is hereby repealed

Passed March 10, 1851

Wooden Building

The petition of James & Charles Burlingame for leave to remove a Wooden Building was referred the 10th ult to the committee on the Fire Department

The Report of the Standing Committee on the Fire Department, is read. Whereupon it is resolved that the same be received and that the petitioners have leave to withdraw

Passed March 10. 1851

Prov & Wor. R. Road

The Committee to whom on the 7th inst was referred the communication of the Mayor in relation to the Claim about to be made by the Providence and Worcester rail road company, to lay rails on a portion of the vacant land north of the junction of Exchange Place and Washington Street, Report &c

Read. Whereupon it is resolved that the same be received

Passed March 10. 1851

Com^e to apply to the Gen^l Assembly

Whereas, upon a petition of the Providence and Worcester Rail Road Company, an Act was passed by the Hon. the General Assembly, at their last January Session, authorizing said Rail Road Company to locate a part of their rail road in the City of Providence, not before located

And Whereas, the location of the same as proposed by said Rail Road Company, if carried into effect, would be, in the opinion of this City Council prejudicial to the interest and rights of the Public

It is therefore resolved, that Messrs Bush, Hill & S B Dorfee the Mayor and Alderman Whitaker be and they are hereby appointed a Committee, in behalf of the City Council, to apply to the General Assembly, at their next Session for a repeal of said Act

Passed March 10. 1851

Abstract of Issues & Payments of City Debt from Dec 1850 to March 10 1851

Issued 1851	No	To whom Issued	Int	Amount	
Jany 6	154	Butler Hospital for Insane	6 p^c	500.	Dollars
13	155	Providence Institution for Savings	"	2500.	"
Feb. 3	156	Providence Dispensary	"	1500.	"
				$ 4500	

paid		To Whom paid			
Jany 13	139	Prov. Institution for Savings	6 p^c	9000	Dollars
Feb 3	59	Prov. Dispensary		1500	"
				$ 10500.	

To the Hon. City Council

Gentlemen

I present the above abstract of Notes issued and Notes paid from Dec 8. 1850 to March 10 1851

Respectfully

Esek Aldrich City Tr

Read. Whereupon it is resolved that the same be received

Passed March 10 1851

In Convention March 10 1851

Thomas Mosely and eighteen others are appointed members of Engine Co No 4 (for names see firemens Record)

The Surveyor General of Lumber presents the following named persons to be approved of as Deputy Surveyors of Lumber for the year ending the first Monday of February next viz

Aborn Arnold
Benjamin Bogman 1st
Nathaniel C Bushee
William C. Davenport
James P. Metcalf
Robert Manchester 2d
Jacob Sillowan
Christopher Rhodes
Esek A Jillson

Chas C Lee, for Mahogany and other ornamental Lumber
James Salisbury for Oak & other hard wood used in Ship Building

Voted & resolved that this ~~Board~~ convention approve of the appointment of the aforenamed Deputy Surveyors of Lumber

Voted that we will now proceed to the Election of Police Constables and that the ballot be taken for the whole ten.

Voted That blank Votes be counted

Voted that we will now proceed to elect Six Assessors

Voted That the following persons be and they are hereby appointed Assessors of Taxes to assess the Tax this day ordered viz

Isaac Thurber first Ward
John J Stimson second "
Amherst Everett third "
Abner Peckham fourth "
Daniel Field fifth "
John T Phillips sixth "

Voted That James Mumford be and he is hereby appointed to collect the Tax this day ordered

The following named persons are elected Police Constables for the year ending the second Monday of February next, and until successors are appointed unless sooner removed by the City Council

Jabez J Sotter
Wm H Hudson
John M Shaw
Nathan M Briggs
Geo. W Wightman
William G Merrewether
Thomas W Hart
William B. Cranston
Warren G Slack
Geo. Billings

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

Pine Street

Resolved, That the Report of the Standing Committee on Highways upon the petition of William E Richmond and others relative to Pine Street, be received and that the same be referred to Messrs Potter, Carpenter and Holden and Alderman James to examine and report thereon

Passed April 14 1851

Justices of the Peace

An Ordinance in relation to the Election of Justices of the Peace.

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

Section 1. The number of Justices of the Peace to be annually elected by the Electors of this City at their Ward meetings for the election of City Officers is hereby fixed at Thirty

Passed April 14, 1851

Temporary Loan Ordered

Resolved, That the City Treasurer acting under the advice and direction of the Standing Committee on Finance, be, and he is hereby authorized to hire by temporary loan or loans, a sum or sums of money in the whole amount not exceeding Forty five thousand dollars, for a period of one year or less, and at a rate of interest not exceeding Six per cent

Passed April 14, 1851

Sacket, Davis & Potter to Exchange Land

Upon the application of Sacket Davis & Potter proposing an exchange of land with the City

Resolved, That the City Treasurer be and he is hereby authorized to convey to Sacket Davis and Potter a lot of Land on the Southeast corner of Friendship and Richmond Streets, measuring twenty five feet on Friendship Street and forty feet on Richmond Street and measuring at right angles with said Streets seventy five by forty feet, upon receiving a good warranty deed of said parties of a lot of land on Richmond Street, bounded Westerly on said Street on which it measures Seventy five & 3/5 feet, Northerly by land of Edward Dexter, Easterly by a Gangway and Southerly by land of Benjamin White, being 80 feet deep and holding throughout the width before named of the front on Richmond Street

Resolved, That in carrying the foregoing resolution into effect the City Treasurer act under the advice of the joint Committee on City Property

Passed April 14 1851

Engine House for No 6

Resolved, that the Board of Firewards be and they are hereby authorized to erect on that part of the Town House Lot occupied by Engine Company No 6, a suitable building for said Company; which building shall be of wood, with a good basement and in every particular conformed to the law regulating the erection of Wooden buildings; and that the cost of said building be paid from any money in the Treasury appropriated for the Fire Department

Passed April 14 1851

Cove Bridge

Resolved That the Committee on the Cove Dam & flood gates be authorized to make such alterations & improvements in and around the open space in the upper bridge over the dam, as in their opinion may be necessary for the completion of that work, and that they be directed to erect a City Flag Staff at some point in or near said open space, where the national flag may be displayed when authorized by the Mayor — provided that such flag shall not be displayed in honor of the triumph of any political party

Passed April 14, 1851

Drain in Westminster St postponed

Resolved, That the Surveyor of Highways be and he is hereby directed not to commence building the drain in Westminster Street, heretofore ordered by the City Council, until the fifth day of July next

Passed April 14 1851

Slaughter Houses

Upon the Report of the Standing Committee on Police, upon the petitions of George W Sherman and of Rufus W Kimball, it is

Resolved, That said Petitioners be and they are hereby authorized to continue their business as heretofore, in their respective Slaughter Houses, during the pleasure of the City Council

Passed April 14 1851

Salaries bill to fix to be reported

Resolved, That the Standing Committee on Finance be, and they are hereby directed to report, at the next regular meeting of the City Council, a bill fixing the compensation of the City Officers, for the Municipal year commencing on the first Monday of June next

Passed April 14 1851

Expenditures

The Surveyor of Highways makes his Monthly Report of, amt $1496.99

Read whereupon it is resolved, that the same be received

Passed April 14 1851

Judge Municipal Court Report

To the Hon. City Council

The Judge of the Municipal Court hereby makes Report. That the whole amount of his fees charged for business transacted in said Court, for the year ending on the first Monday in March 1851 as appears by the accounts kept by the Clerk of said Court is $874.32

Of which there has been collected 714.95

Leaving uncollected 159.37

Providence April 12 1851 Thomas Burgess
Judge of the Municipal Court

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

Passed April 14 1851

Clerk of Municipal Court Report

To the Hon. City Council

The undersigned Clerk of the Municipal Court as required by Ordinance, hereby makes Report,

That the whole amount of Clerks fees charged for business transacted in said Court, for the year ending on the first Monday in March 1851 is 1123.88

Of which, there has been collected 834.48

Leaving uncollected 289.40

We herewith present the Certificate of the Judge of said Court, required by the Ordinance, relative to the records in his office

Albert G. Greene
Clerk of the Municipal Court

Providence April 12th 1851 I certify, that all the records in the Office of the Clerk of the Municipal Court, are made up to the last day of February 1851; and that all the books, papers and records in said office are in good order

Thomas Burgess
Judge of the Municipal Court

Read, Whereupon it is resolved that the same be received

Passed April 14 1851

City Clerks Report

City Clerks Office Providence
April 14 1851

To the Hon. City Council

In conformity with the Ordinance I hereby make report of the fees of my office, for the past financial year, and also herewith present the certificate of the Mayor in relation to the records &c in my Office

I have received from March 1. 1850 to February 28 1851 inclusive, In Cash 1123.69

Credit 3.50

1127.19

Less for Clerk Hire 256.34

Nett $ 870.85

Albert Babcock City Clerk

To
The Honorable City Council

I hereby certify that I have examined the records and papers in the City Clerks Office and find that the Records are made up to the last day of February of the present year and that the papers and books in said Office are in good order.

Thos M Burgess
Mayor

City of Providence
April 12 1851

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

Passed April 14 1851

Wooden Buildings to be removed

On the Petitions of William Barnes requesting liberty to remove a two Story wooden building, from Travers to Wickenden Street

Thomas Harkness requesting permission to remove a two Story wooden building fronting on Broad Street & a one Story wooden building in the rear of the building aforesaid and place them on the back part of the same lot near Pine Street

William C Richmond asks leave to remove a wooden dwelling House in the rear of his dwelling and place the same on Read Street

Moulton & Ingraham requesting liberty to remove a One Story wooden Building from Benefit Street and place the same about 150 northwest of its present location

Paris Hill requesting liberty to remove a two Story Wooden building from N W corner of Washington & Aborn Streets to the N E. corner of said Sts

Charles T. Tillinghast requesting liberty to remove the Stores on the North side of Long Wharf occupied by Stephen D Andrews and place them on the same lot in the rear of the present location

Read. Whereupon it is resolved. that the prayers thereof be granted

Passed April 14th 1851

Exchange Place

Resolved That the Surveyor of Highways be and he is hereby directed to expend the balance of the money received from the Providence & Worcester Rail Road Co. now in the City Treasury in paving Exchange Place, and that he begin at the East end of said Exchange Place, and that this work be commenced as soon as the work named in the resolution of 8th of July last is completed, or sooner, if proper laborers can be conveniently employed

Passed April 21. 1851

Jno Stokes Slaughter House

Upon the report of the Joint Committee on Police, on the petition of John Stokes, it is resolved, that said Stokes be, and he is hereby permitted to use and improve his Slaughter House during the pleasure of the City Council

Passed April 21 1851

Exchange Place Cross Walks

Resolved, that the Surveyor of Highways be and he is hereby directed to cause two cross walks to be laid across Exchange Place viz, One opposite the North side of Washington Street and one opposite of Sabin Sabin Street

Passed April 21. 1851

Wm H Hudson

Ordered, That the City Treasurer pay to William H. Hudson fifteen Dollars, in full for Services in taking care of the City Pumps in the Sixth Ward to the tenth day of March A.D 1851

Passed April 21. 1851

City Pumps &c

Resolved, That the Standing Committee to Engross Ordinances, be and they are hereby directed to report an Ordinance relative to the care of the City Pumps and wells.

Passed April 21 1851

Sackett & Co to exchange Lots

Resolved, That the City Treasurer be, and he is hereby authorized to convey to Adnah Sackett, Thomas Davis, Americus V Potter, Arthur M Potter and James Putney their heirs & assigns a lot of land on the South east corner of Friendship Street and Richmond Street, measuring seventy five feet on Friendship Street and forty feet on Richmond Street and measuring at right angles with said Streets seventy five by forty feet: Upon receiving from Adnah Sackett a good warranty deed of a Lot of land on Richmond Street, bounded Westerly on said Street, on which it measures seventy four and three fifths feet, Northerly by land of Edward Dexter, Easterly by a Gangway and Southerly by land of Benjamin White, being Eighty feet deep and holding throughout the width before named of the front on Richmond Street

Resolved That the Resolution authorizing the Exchange of said lands, which was passed by the City Council on the fourteenth day of April last be and the same is hereby rescinded

Passed April 21. 1851

Chas Lippitt

Upon the Petition of Charles Lippitt requesting permission to remove a two Story Wooden House from Broad Street back on same Lot to Pine Street

Read, Whereupon it is resolved, that the prayer thereof be granted

Passed April 21. 1851

Appropriation School Houses

Resolved, That the sum of One hundred Dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated from the appropriation for "School Houses and Lots," for the enlargement of the Grammar School Houses in the first and second Wards, in addition to the sum appropriated for that purpose on the seventh day of March last

Passed April 21. 1851

Bacon Estate

Resolved. That the Standing Committee on the Fire Department be, and they are hereby directed to ascertain the size and price of the Bacon Lot (so called) on Westminster Street and to report the same, at the next meeting of the City Council, with a plan of a suitable building for an Engine House thereon together with an Estimate of the same

Passed April 21. 1851

Pine St

The Report of the Committee to whom was referred the 14th inst the Petition of William E Richmond and others and the Report of the Standing Committee on Highways in relation to the Extension of Pine Street

Report

Read Whereupon it is resolved that the same be received

Passed April 21 1851

The Common Council passed a resolution stating that in the opinion of the Common Council, the Board of Aldermen ought without delay lay out the residue of Pine Street according to their best judgment; having in view the interest of the City in all their proceedings

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Hospital

Whereas the Board of Aldermen have examined the Hospital Building and are of opinion, that it is not in suitable order for the accommodation of the Sick

Resolved

That the Board of Aldermen are authorized to have said building thoroughly repaired and fitted for use and that Two Thousand Dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated for payment of said repairs out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated

Passed May 12 1851

Cove Wall

Resolved, That the Surveyor of Highways be and he is hereby instructed to cause the ellipse wall at the Cove, to be extended One hundred feet and to finish and cap the same, together with the piece already built; and to fill up and finish a path twenty five feet wide in the rear of said Wall; and that the sum of One thousand dollars be appropriated for payment of the same out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated

Passed May 12 1851

W.E. Jones Tax Remitted

Resolved. That the City Treasurer be and he is hereby directed to pay to William E Jones the sum of Eight dollars being the amount of City Tax Collected of him for the year 1850.

Passed May 12. 1851

Salaries

An Ordinance fixing the compensation of certain Officers, for the year ending on the first Monday in June, A.D. One thousand eight hundred and fifty two

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

Section 1. For the year ending on the first Monday in June A D 1852. the compensation to be allowed and paid to the several Officers hereinafter named, shall be as follows; viz;

To the City Clerk, Three Hundred Dollars

To the Clerk of the Common Council, Two Hundred and fifty Dollars

To the City Treasurer, One Thousand Dollars;

To the Overseers of the Poor, Five Hundred Dollars;

To the City Sergeant, Four Hundred & fifty Dollars;

To the Surveyor of Highways, Eight hundred Dollars;

To the Clerk of the Market, Two hundred Dollars;

To the Clerk of the Municipal Court, in addition to the fees allowed by law for business transacted in said Court, Two hundred and fifty Dollars;

To the City Sealer of Weights and measures One hundred & fifty Dolls

To the City Auditor One hundred and fifty Dollars

Section 2. Said Sums, so appropriated shall be paid out of the City Treasury in quarterly payments, to the Officers respectively entitled thereto

Section 3. The fees allowed by law to Justices of the Peace, shall be in full compensation to the Justices of the Police Court, for their services as such

Passed May 12. 1851

The Surveyor of Highways makes his Monthly Report of Expenditures Amt $1987.38

Read — Whereupon it is resolved that the same be received

Passed May 12. 1851

Arnold St

Resolved that the Surveyor of Highways be and he is hereby directed to cause the curbing to be set and the gutters paved on that part of Arnold St. lying between Benefit and Thayer Streets, whenever the owners of the adjoining land shall furnish curb Stones for the same

Passed May 12 1851

Wickenden Transit Arnold & John Streets

Resolved, That the Surveyor of Highways be and he is hereby directed to cause the gutters to be paved and the curbing set on that part of the following Streets which lie between Hope and East Streets viz Wickenden, Transit, Arnold and John Streets, upon the conditions that the owners of the adjoining land furnish curbing. Said work to be done in connection with that of East Street

Passed May 12. 1851

Lockwood St

Resolved, That the Surveyor of Highways be and he is hereby directed to cause the Curb Stones to be set and the gutters paved on that part of Lockwood Street, lying between Hospital and Plane Streets, whenever the owners of the adjoining land shall furnish Curb Stones for the same

Passed May 12. 1851

Cove Wall

Resolved, That the work to be done by the Surveyor of Highways in extending the ellipse wall at the Cove be done under the direction of the Committee heretofore charged with the superintendence of the Cove Work

Passed May 12. 1851

Green Lane

Resolved, That the Surveyor of Highways be and he is hereby directed to cause Green Lane to be put in good traveling order, provided that the cost of the same shall not exceed four hundred dollars — the same to be done in connection with the work already to be done on Olney Street

Passed May 12. 1851

Broad St

Resolved, That the Surveyor of Highways be and he is hereby directed to cause that part of Broad Street to be paved which lies between Plane and Stewart Streets. The same to be done in connection with that already ordered Contigious to it

Passed May 12. 1851

Dyer Street

Resolved, that the Surveyor of Highways be and he is hereby directed to cause Dyer Street to be paved whenever the owners of the adjoining land shall furnish the Curb Stones

Passed May 12 1851

Waterman St

Resolved that the Surveyor of Highways be and he is hereby directed to cause the Curbing to be set and the Gutters paved on that part of Waterman Street - lying between Hope and Prospect Streets whenever the owners of the adjoining land shall furnish Curb Stones for the same

Passed May 12th 1851

Steeple Street

Resolved, that the Surveyor of Highways be and he is hereby directed to cause that part of Steeple Street lying between North Main Street and Canal Street to be paved

Passed May 12. 1851

Seekell Street

Resolved, that the Surveyor of Highways be and he is hereby directed to cause the curbing to be set and the gutters paved on Seekell Street, whenever the owners of the adjoining land shall furnish curb Stones for the same

Passed May 12. 1851

Carpenter Street

Resolved, that the Surveyor of Highways be and he is hereby directed to cause the Curbing to be set and the gutters paved on that part of Carpenter Street lying between Dean and Knight Streets whenever the owners of the adjoining land shall furnish Curb Stones for the same

Passed May 12. 1851

Atwells Avenue

Resolved That the Surveyor of Highways be and he is hereby directed to cause curbing to be set and the gutters paved on that part of Atwells Avenue lying between Bradford and Test Streets whenever the owners of the adjoining land shall furnish curb Stones for the same

Passed May 12. 1851

Windmill Street

Resolved, that the Surveyor of Highways be and he is hereby directed to cause the curbing to be set, and the gutters paved on that part of Windmill Street lying between Point and Lockwood Streets, whenever the owners of the adjoining land shall furnish curb Stones for the same

Passed May 12. 1851

Cook Street

Resolved, that the Surveyor of Highways be and he is hereby directed to cause the curbing to be set and the gutters paved on that part of Cook Street lying between Power and Benevolent Streets, whenever the owners of the adjoining land shall furnish curb Stones for the same

Passed May 12. 1851

Page St

Resolved, that the Surveyor of Highways be and he is hereby directed to cause the curbing to be set and the gutters paved on that part of Page Street lying between Broad and Clifford Streets whenever the owners of the adjoining land shall furnish curb stones for the same

Passed May 12. 1851

William St

Resolved, that the Surveyor of Highways be and he is hereby directed to cause the curbing to be set and the gutters paved on that part of William Street, lying between Thayer and Governor Streets whenever the owners of the adjoining land shall furnish curb stones for the same, provided no work shall be done on any portion of the Street that is not received

Passed May 12. 1851

Culvert on N Main St

Resolved, that the Surveyor of Highways be and he is hereby directed to cause a drain to be built in North Main Street commencing opposite the North side of the House of Mr. Winthrop Pridge and extending to the Culvert near Star Street

Passed May 12. 1851

Cross Walks Eddy, Hospital

Resolved, that the Surveyor of Highways be and he is hereby directed to cause three Cross walks to be laid in the following places viz: One across Eddy Street, opposite the counting room of the Providence Machine Co; one across Hospital Street north side of Lockwood Street; and one across Hospital Street between the School house and St Andrews Church.

Passed May 12. 1851

Cross Walk Claverick C. Pine St

Resolved, that the Surveyor of Highways be and he is hereby directed to cause two cross walks to be laid in the following places, viz: One across Claverick Street north side of Pine Street; one across Pine, west side of Claverick Street

Passed May 12. 1851

Cross Walk Point. Friendship

Resolved, that the Surveyor of Highways be and he is hereby directed to cause three Cross walks to be laid in the following places, viz; One across Point Street opposite Stephen Brownells Store; One across Friendship Street, opposite Spring St and one across Point Street opposite West Clifford Street.

Passed May 12. 1851

Cross Walks Cherry. Common. Field. Fletchers Av. Liberty Streets

Resolved, that the Surveyor of Highways be and he is hereby directed to cause nine Cross Walks to be laid on Smiths Hill in the following places, viz: One across Cherry Street at its junction with Davis St.; One across Common at its junction with Davis St.; One across Field at its junction with Davis Street; One across Fletchers Avenue, east side of Davis Street; One across Cherry Street, east side of Jefferson Street; One across Liberty Street, west side of Jefferson Street; One across Common St. west side of Jefferson Street; One across Common St. west side of Mulberry Street and One across Fletchers Avenue, west side of State Street

Passed May 12. 1851

What Cheer Compy

Resolved, that the thanks of the City Council be presented to the What Cheer Fire Company, for their services in the Fire Department, during the time they had Engine No 8 in their charge

Passed May 12. 1851

Wooden Buildings to Remove

On the petitions of Washington Hoppin requesting liberty to remove a certain One story Worden building from Westminster Street and to place the same of Green Street

Edward Pearce requesting liberty to remove a certain two story wooden building from corner of Benefit & Benevolent Streets & to place the same on the Corner of Benefit & George Streets.

Joseph Belcher asking leave to remove two buildings from rear of No 23 Abron Street and place them in the rear of No 90 Point Street

Ozias D Willard requesting liberty to remove a One & half story wooden building from Chesnut St. and place the same about 35 fo South

A J Adie requesting liberty to remove a One & half Story Wooden building from the East side of Winter Street about 150 feet South of its present location

Gardner M. Burgess asking leave to remove a two Story wooden building on Stewart Street eight feet Southerly on same lot

Read, Whereupon it is resolved that the prayers of said petitions be granted

Passed May 12. 1851

In Convention May 12th 1851

Voted That Edmund Thurber. William P Bullock, Samuel G Arnold. William S Patten Henry A Rowland & Christopher C. Potter be and they are hereby appointed Trustees of the Providence Reform School to continue in office until the second Monday of May 1852

Voted That Patrick Barron be and he is hereby appointed Undertaker for the remainder of the Municipal Year

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

In Convention June 2d 1851 at 7 o'clk P.M.

This being the day fixed by law for the Annual Organization of the Municipal Government of the City of Providence, the following Gentlemen being the Mayor, Aldermen and Common Council men elect met in Convention in the Council Chamber, to wit

Thomas M. Burgess. Mayor

Edward P. Knowles	Aldermen of 1st	Ward	
Thomas Whitaker	Do .	2d	do
George W. Hall	Do .	3d	Do
William W Hoppin	Do .	4	Do
	Do .	5	Do. Absent
Robert Knight	Do .	6	Do

Common Council-men

First Ward.	Benjamin G Pabodie	Second Ward	Richard W. Bush
	John R Taylor		Wm T. Grinnell
	George Hunt		Joseph Balch
	Dexter B Lewis		Seth Padelford
Third Ward.	William Earle	Fourth Ward	James G Anthony
	James H Mumford		Jabez C Knight
	Wingate Hayes		Walter Paine Jr
	Charles C Tillinghast		Samuel C. Blodget
Fifth Ward	Daniel E. Carpenter	Sixth Ward	Samuel P. Dunfee
	Thomas J Hill		John K Lester
	Jacob Manchester		James N Hopkins
	Cyrus B Manchester		Pardon M Stone

Samuel W. Peckham Esq administered the Oath of Office required by the City Charter to Thomas M Burgess Mayor Elect

The Mayor administered the like Oath to the aforenamed Aldermen and Common Council men elect — Thereupon the Convention proceeded to ballot for City Clerk, and on counting the ballots it appeared that Albert Pabodie was elected to that Office, and he was then duly engaged by the Mayor

The Mayor then delivered his Annual Address to the City Council

The two Boards then separated, the Board of Aldermen retired to their Chamber

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Cross Walks Olney St Prospect & Green Lane

Resolved, that the Surveyor of Highways be and he is hereby directed to cause three Cross walks to be laid in the following places, viz One across Olney Street east side of North Main Street. One across Olney Street west side of Prospect Street and one across Green Lane North side of Olney Street

Passed June 2 1851

Culvert & Westminsten Street

Resolved, That the Surveyor of Highways be, and he is hereby directed, to cause the Culvert which on the 8th day of April A D 1850, he was directed to build in Westminsten Street, to be extended as far west as Burrill Street

Resolved, that the sum of Six Thousand Dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated for defraying the expense of building said Culvert; and that said Sum so appropriated, be paid out of any monies in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated.

(The foregoing resolutions were passed by the Common Council 12th May last and were concurred in by the Board of Aldermen on the 2d of June previous to the organization of the new Board)

Passed June 2. 1851

Standing Rules

Resolved, That the same Standing Rules, which were on the third day of June A D 1850 adopted as the Standing Rules of the City Council for the Municipal year last past, be and the same are hereby adopted as the Standing Rules of the City Council, for the present Municipal year

Passed June 2d 1851

Police Constables

An Ordinance in addition to an Ordinance entitled "An Ordinance in relation to the Police"

It is ordained by the City Council of the City of Providence, as follows, viz

Section 1 Police Constables may be appointed by the City Council in convention, in addition to the ten named in the Ordinance, to which this is an amendment: but no such additional Police Constable shall receive any fees or compensation from the City Treasury unless specially allowed by the Board of Aldermen

Passed June 2 1851

Police Court

Resolved, That from the Justices assigned to keep the peace within this City

Samuel W. Peckham
Francis C Hoppin
Charles Hart

be and they are hereby selected, to compose the Police Court of this City for the present municipal year

Passed June 2 1851

City Printing

Resolved, Messrs Hayes, Grinnell & Tillinghast and Aldn James be and they are hereby appointed a Committee to contract for the City Printing, for the present Municipal Year

Passed June 2 1851

Treasurers Bond

Resolved, That Messrs Anthony, Padelford & Babcock and Alderman Hoppin be and they are hereby appointed a Committee to take a Bond of the City Treasurer, for the faithful discharge of the duties of his Office, for the present municipal year, with sufficient surety or sureties; and that said bond be for the sum of thirty thousand Dollars

Passed June 2 1851

Mayors Address

Resolved, That Messrs Anthony, Babcock & Balch and Aldn James be and they are hereby appointed a Committee to wait upon the Mayor, and request him to furnish, for publication, a copy of the address this day delivered by him to the City Council; and to cause the same to be published in such manner as they may deem expedient

Passed June 2d 1851

N Burial Ground Comee

Resolved, That Messrs Earle, Blodget & Lester and Alderman Knowles be and they are hereby appointed a Committee upon the North Burial Ground, with full Power under, and to carry into effect the provisions of any ordinance or resolution existing in relation to said Burial Ground

Passed June 2 1851

4th July

Resolved, That Messrs C. B. Manchester, Hunt & Stone and Alderman Hall, be and they are hereby appointed a Committee of Arrangements, for a Municipal Celebration of the approaching Anniversary of American Independence

Resolved, That the Sum of Fifteen Hundred dollars, be and the same is hereby appropriated for defraying the expenses of said Celebration, to be paid to the order of said Committee by the City Treasurer out of any monies in the Treasury, not otherwise appropriated

Passed June 2d 1851

Invitation to Pres. of U S

Resolved That the Mayor be requested respectfully to invite the President of the United States to visit this City at such time as may suit his convenience

Resolved That the Mayor and Alderman Whitaker, and Messrs Taylor, Anthony, Padelford, Hayes, Carpenter, and Durfee, be a Committee to make proper arrangements for a Suitable reception and entertainment of the President and Suite, Should Such invitation be accepted and that their orders on the City Treasury for the Expenses be paid

Passed June 2d 1851

Standing Committees of the City Council appointed on the part of the Common Council on the second day of June A.D. 1851 for the present Municipal year

On Finance Messrs Anthony
Padelford
Pabodie Alderman Hoppin

On Highways Messrs. Carpenter
Durfee
Lewis Ald^n Hall

To Engross Ordinances. Messrs Knight
Mumford
Stone Ald^n Knowles

On Public Schools. Messrs Grinnell
Knight
C.B. Manchester Ald^n James

On Fire Department. Messrs J. Manchester
Taylor
Tillinghast Ald^n Whitaker

On City Property. Messrs Bush
Hile
Hayes Ald^n James

On Police, Messrs — Balch
Hunt
Hopkins Ald^n Knight

On North Burial Ground Messrs Earle
Blodget
Lesten Ald^n Knowles.

In Common Council June 2 1851
The aforenamed members of this Board having been this day appointed, as members of this Board, of the Standing Committees of the City Council, for the present Municipal year; it is resolved, that the aforegoing List be communicated to the Board of Aldermen; in order that an Alderman may be added to each of said Committees

Albert C. Greene Clerk

In Board of Aldermen same day
The Communication of the Common Council Read Whereupon it is resolved, that the Aldermen abovenamed be added to each of the Committees to which their names are affixed

Albert Pabodie Clerk

Passed June 2. 1851

Com^e to Reduce City Debt

Whereas Messrs Anthony, Padelford & Pabodie have been, this day appointed by the Common Council as the Committee on their part for the reduction of the City Debt, for the Present Municipal Year, pursuant to the requisition contained in the first section of the Ordinance entitled "An Ordinance in relations to the City Debt." It is resolved that the names of said Committee be communicated to the Board of Aldermen, in order that said Board may add an Alderman to said Committee, pursuant to the requisition contained in said Section

In Common Council June 2^d 1851
Read and passed
A.C. Greene Clerk

In Board of Aldermen same day, Read, whereupon it is Resolved, that Alderman Hoppin be added to said Committee
Albert Pabodie Clerk

Petition Prov & Plainfield R. Road

Resolved, That the Petition of the Providence and Plainfield Rail Road Company, this day presented to the City Council, be received and referred to Messrs Lewis, Bush, Earle, Blodget, C.B. Manchester and Stone of the Common Council and Aldermen Knight and Hall to examine and report thereon

Passed June 2^d 1851

Broad Street & Mathewson St

Resolved, That the Surveyor of Highways be, and he is hereby directed to suspend the paving of the Section of Broad Street from the New Market to Stewart Street, until he shall have completed the paving of Mathewson Street

Passed June 2^d 1851

School Com^e Report

Resolved, That the Report of the School Committee be published in the Newspapers employed to do the City Printing and that the Committee appointed to contract for the City Printing, for the present Municipal year, be directed to include the Printing of said Report in the Newspapers, in the contracts which they may make

Passed June 2 1851

Sup^t of N Burying Ground Report

To the Hon. City Council

The Superintendent of the North Burying Ground respectfully reports, that from the 1st Monday in June 1850 to the first Monday in June 1851 he has caused to be dug 283 Graves (37 of which were for reinterments from yards and Avenues) amounting to $445.50
of said amount 396 Dolls & 50 Cts has been received leaving 49.— uncollected

The Superintendent further reports, that he has issued within the above named period Certificates for 44 Lots amounting to $44.—
10 of which now remain in the Treasurers office uncollected

over

Amount received for digging Graves 396.50
Do " " Certificates 34.— $430.50

Amount due for digging Graves 49.00
Do " " Certificates 10.— 59.00
Amt due & collected for the year $489.50

Providence June 2 1851

Respectfully Submitted
Philip W Martin
Sup. of N B Ground

Read. Whereupon it is resolved that the same be received & recorded

Passed June 2 1851

School Committee Report

To the Honorable City Council
of the City of Providence

The undersigned a Sub Committee appointed to present to your honorable body the annual report of the School Committee respectfully

Report

It will be most convenient to refer to the Public Schools in the order of their gradation beginning with the

Primary Schools. There are at present twenty two of these Schools conveniently located in the different parts of the City, twenty of them for White Children & two for colored children — The Schools for White Children contain generally from 120 to 150 pupils, who are commonly between the age of four & seven or eight years. The Children in each of these Schools are under the care, the government & instruction of two female teachers, a Principal whose Salary is $250. per annum & an Assistant whose Salary is $200. per annum.

The Schools for colored Children are each under the immediate management & instruction of a principal alone as the number of pupils in these is small seldom half as large as that in most of the other Primary Schools. The attendance at these Schools has in most cases been as regular as could reasonably be expected of such young children & it is believed the pupils have made much improvement in their learning & their habits & morals — Some of these Schools are in a more prosperous condition than others, owing chiefly to the amount of practical Skill in School keeping which the Teachers possess & to the degree of interest which they feel in the welfare of the children placed under their care.

Long experience and careful observation have shown the Committee that very good Teachers uniformly have good Schools whether their District happen to lie in the best neighborhood or in the more unpromising portions of the City. The Teachers are required to give their pupils some moral instruction every day taking pains to present it to them in language suited to their tender age. Besides teaching their pupils the Elements of Reading, Spelling & Arithmetic with great care & accuracy, they teach them to sing the earlier lessons of vocal music.

Intermediate Schools. There are Sixteen of these Schools at present established in the different portions of the City, each containing about 100 pupils between the age of seven & ten or twelve years, who are under the Government & instruction of two female teachers — a Principal whose Salary is $250. per annum & an Assistant whose Salary is $200 per annum.

The Scholars in these Schools receive moral instruction daily & also have frequent exercises in vocal music in addition to the regular weekly lesson given by the Teacher of Music in the Public Schools — They advance gradually to the more difficult lessons in Reading, Spelling & Arithmetic & begin to take lessons in Writing & Geography. It is a matter of regret that so many parents are extremely desirous of having their Children commence learning to write at so early an age as to defeat the very object in view, few Children ever acquire a good hand writing if they begin to take lessons under eight or ten years of age

The attendance at the Intermediate Schools has generally been very regular some of the Schools having done much better in this respect than others. This grade of Schools is rendering important service to the system of Public instruction in the City. it is raising the standard of Scholarship in the Grammar Schools & at the same time deferring for years the necessity of establishing additional Grammar Schools & thus increasing the expensiveness of the Public Schools by employing more Male Teachers instead of females who are quite as successful in managing & instructing Children of both sexes under twelve years of age

Grammar Schools. The number of Grammar Schools has not been increased since 1840 The School Ordinance adopted in 1839 provided for Six Grammar Schools and one for Colored Children.

The Six Grammar Schools each containing about 200 pupils are under the government & instruction of four teachers, a male Principal whose Salary is $1000 per annum, after a certain term of satisfactory service & three female Assistants each receiving an Annual Salary of $250.

In these Schools the pupils use text books presenting more enlarged views of the various branches of Study already begun & with such explanations as the Teacher may present, they continue their exercises in Reading, Spelling, Writing, Arithmetic & Geography and commence the Study of Grammar with frequent exercises in writing sentences illustrating its principles. Writing the English language with facility & good taste, is an attainment not common even among well educated persons, although almost every one in this community has frequent occasions for using such Skill as he may have in expressing his thoughts in writing The Committee take pleasure in noticing in these Schools the improvement made in writing & speaking the English language with accuracy, facility & good taste.

The higher classes have made creditable attainments in the History of their own Country & also in Moral Philosophy which explains and illustrates the principles of human duty in the varied relations of life. These Schools are in a prosperous condition, though some have made more improvement than others during the past year

The School for Colored Children is not large, the number of Pupils ranging by exceeding fifty — It is under the instruction & management of a Male Principal alone who receives a Salary of $500. per annum. This School is now doing quite as well as at any former period, though the attendance of the scholars is still very irregular, while the other Grammar Schools have improved much in this respect during the year

High School

This School embraces two separate departments, one for Boys & one for Girls, each containing 120 pupils making 240 in the School. The full course of study in this School occupies three years & in accordance with this arrangement the boys are divided into three classes of forty each & placed in separate rooms under three Male Teachers. The Girls are also divided into three classes of forty each & placed in separate rooms under the management & instruction of three female Teachers. The instruction in each department is thorough & extensive & is intended to prepare the pupils for the various conditions of life, each sex pursuing all the more common branches alike, but the boys taking the more scientific course & the Girls the more literary for the last two years.

The success of the Girls department has always fully equaled the expectations of the Committee & the other Schools are every year deriving great advantages from this School through the numbers of its graduates who become teachers in the public Schools.

The boys department of the High School has never reached the standard of excellence in all respects, which its friends have endeavored to make it attain. One of the greatest hindrances to success in this department is found in the limited time that parents in general keep their boys in this School. About ninety out of every hundred girls who enter the High School remain until they have completed the whole three years course of study; while only about fifty in a hundred of the boys, who enter the School are permitted to remain long enough to complete the course of study marked out for three years. Many boys are taken from this School "to go into business" as it is called before they have finished the studies of the lowest class & others at the end of the first year & still more during the second year, while not more than one half of all who enter the School ever remain to finish the course of studies which has been marked out with special reference to the wants of young men preparing for business — If parents & Guardians continue this course the result must be the training up in this community of a very large number of half educated young men, who must besides suffering all their lives the inconveniences arising from a defective common School education, feel the mortification of seeing others of better educated young men come from neighboring Towns or States into the more important places of trust & emolument while they are necessarily excluded for the want of a proper education — The attempt to hurry boys into business before they obtain a thorough knowledge of the common & some of the higher branches of a good English Education is very injurious to the boys themselves & to the Community at large.

This short sighted policy often defeats its own plans for instead of hastening the period when the boy shall be in successful business for himself, this defective education frequently hinders his advancement and defers for years, if it does not entirely defeat his success.

We have alluded to this practise of taking boys of 13 or 14 out of the High School before they have completed their studies because that seems to be a strange ignorance or indifference on the subject for it is rather increasing than diminishing — It does irreparable harm to the boys, to the School, & to the Community and at best can do but very little good to any body.

The High School considered as a whole, was never in a more prosperous condition than at the present time — The Scholarship thorough & accurate & the graceful & easy use of the English Language both in recitations and in the compositions evinces an unusual cultivation of the powers of expression so essential to every well educated person.

Evening Schools

During the past winter, there were four of these Schools kept in the most convenient places in the City for the accommodation of the young men for whom they were established. Seats and desks were provided for about 400 Scholars, but they were not all occupied even for a short time & many who commenced in the fall did not continue more than a month or six weeks being frequently absent during that time, others seemed disposed to learn all they could under the circumstances & made efforts to attend the School regularly & really made great improvement in learning and in their habits of thinking. The friends of these Schools had formed too high expectations & these have been disappointed, but others who had less hope of their success in the beginning have seen more benefits arising from them than they expected — It will undoubtedly be best to continue these Schools another Winter in some modified form

There is a gradual increase of Scholars in the public Schools corresponding to the growth of the City — During the past year one new School house on Carpenter Street has been erected with accommodations for a Primary & an Intermediate School

It is believed the Public Schools were never conferring greater benefits on the Community than at present & never more deserving its confidence & liberal support

In closing this report the undersigned would respectfully state, that with the intention of giving more information to the Council it was prepared (under direction of the School Committee) by the late Superintendent Nathan Bishop Esq., whose care of the Schools for many years has been so satisfactory to the Committee and so useful to the Schools.* At the close of the last Quarter, Mr Bishop resigned his Office and now goes to a more extended field in the City of Boston — It is superfluous to praise a man who has so often received the approbation of the School Committee; but the undersigned feel that it is proper to say to the Council, that during the while time he has filled his honorable office, he has exhibited eminent talent and faithful industry in the discharge of his duties

Providence June 2 1851

Thomas M Burgess
Shubael Hutchins
} Sub Com^e of School Com^e

Read. Whereupon it is resolved that the same be received & recorded

Passed June 2^d 1851

In Convention June 2 1851

The following Officers are chosen

Judge of the Municipal Court		Thomas Burgess
Clerk " Do	Do	Albert G. Greene
City Treasurer		Esek Aldrich
City Auditor		George B Jastram
City Sergeant		James C. Sheridan
City Marshal		Daniel K Chaffee
Surveyor of Highways		Henry G. Mumford
Clerk of the Market		Henry G. Mumford
Overseer of the Poor		William F. Greene

City Constables — Jabez J Potter, Daniel K Chaffee, James Sheldon, Jabez C Potter, Thomas W. Hart, James Sherburn, William H. Hudson, John H Gould, Wm G Meicwether, Peleg Johnson, Christian M Johnston, John B Barton, Ethan Tourtellot, Philip W Martin

Firewards — Benjamin Robinson, Joseph W. Taylor, Daniel E Carpenter, Israel G Manchester, Richard W Bush, Allen Baker, Robert Manchester Jr, Wm H Sweet, Edward Burn, Henry C Mathewson, Henry C Hudson.

The Election of additional Firewards is postponed

President of Firewards — Benjamin Robinson, Thomas Aldrich, Hiram Hill, William Tallman, Elisha Dyer Jr

Sealer of Weights & Measures. — Charles T. Little

Surveyor Hoops, Staves & Heading — Geo. S. Harwood, Peleg S Shearman, Samuel Eathforth

Undertakers — Judson Blake, John G. Hopkins, Gardner T. Swarts, George N Briggs, William C Millard, Daniel Robinson, Amos Fletcher, Patrick Wallace, Namon Miller, Jacob Weaver, Merric Nichols, Hollis Chaffin, Patrick Barron.

Overseer of the Public Bridges — Menzies Sweet

Gaugers of Casks — Allen T. Gladding, James Burrough, John A Bosworth, Peleg S Shearman, D. V. Ross

Packers & Inspectors of Fish,	Peleg S Shearman, George S Harwood
Inspector of Pot & Pearl Ashes.	Smith Bosworth, Amasa Manton
Inspector of Salaratus & Bicarbonate of Soda	Joseph Martin
Inspector of Beef & Pork	Rufus W Kimball
Inspector of Liquor to ascertain Proof	D. V. Ross
Sealer of Leather	Henry Melicly
Collector of Taxes	James Mumford
Overseer of the Hospital	Mayor & Alderman
Fence Viewers	Henry G Mumford
Field Drivers	James C Sheridan

Advising Committee on Bridges — Mayor & Aldermen

Auctioneer — Sylvester Hartshorn

Surveyors & Corders of Wood — Thomas J Wardwell, Benjamin S Olney, Samuel B. Bullock, Geo. B. Holmes, Nelson Chace, Joseph Robinson, Wm R Thurber, George T. Bowen, Clarke Sawyer, Wm W Arnold, Nathan Thornton, James Brattell, Cyrus Potter, Sayles Brown, Benj F Brown, Jabez C Olney, Benjamin S Olney Jr.

School Committee — Moses B Ives, Edward B Hall, Amherst Everett, John J Stimson, Edward R Young, Thomas M Burgess, Alexander Duncan, Richmond Brownell, George H. Tillinghast, Amos D Smith, Edw P Knowles, Elisha Dyer Jr, Gamaliel L Dwight, Esek Aldrich, Shubael Hutchins, Amasa Manton, Wm C Snow, Thomas C Hartshorn, James N Granger, John P R Henshaw, William Gammell, Wm J Breed, I Augustus Arnold, Sam G Arnold, Wm W Hoppin, Edward Malcolm, Owen Mason, Jabez C Knight, Robert W Potter, Geo. T. Chace.

Overseer of Town House — Daniel K Chaffee

Overseer of the City Pumps — D. K. Chaffee

Pound Keeper — Hollis Chaffin

Surveyors & Measurers of Stone — William Andrews, Leonard Blodget, Joseph F Gilmore, Cyrus Fisher, John A. Bosworth

Committee to Superintend building Chimneys & placing Stoves and Pipes — Cyrus Fisher, John C Jencks, Moses Richardson, James Brattell, Samuel Lewis.

Inspector & Measurers of Carpenters, Masons & Painters Work — Wm P R Benson, Leonard Blodget, Robert Manchester, Robert Manchester Jun, Emor Angell, James Lewis, Rupell Greene, Weston A Fisher, Cyrus Fisher, Jonathan S. Angell, Horace Gray, John A Bosworth, Stephen C Arnold.

Measurers of Grain Salt & Sea Coal — Hazeltine Taft, Jonathan West, Joseph Smith, Stephen Smith, Edwin G. Greene, Ellery Wilson, James Brattell, John A. Bosworth, John L. Clark, Charles Hodges, Samuel Jackson 2d

Measurers of Bran — Hazeltine Taft, Jonathan West

Assessors of Taxes — Isaac Thurber, John J Stimson, Amherst Everett, Abner Peckham, Daniel Field, John T. Phillips

Court of Magistrates — Samuel W. Peckham, Frances C Hoppin, Charles Hart.

Weighers of Anthracite Coal — James Burrough, James A. Mumford, Samuel Jackson 2d, Charles Hodges, Thomas Pearce, H. C. Mathewson, Seth W. Baker, Wm A. Aborn, Geo. B Peck, Stephen Burn, Israel J. Bullock, Stephen S. Salisbury, James W. Allen, Christopher B Pearce, Henry G Tucker, Wm A Hopkins, Charles Remington, Gilbert Richmond, Ansel B Pope, Edward W Baker, Job L Pratt

Street Commissioners — Samuel B Cushing, Asa Pierce, Cyrus Fisher

Superintendent of North Burying Ground, Philip W. Martin

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

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Olney St Cross Walk

Resolved That the Surveyor of Highways be and he is hereby directed to cause three Cross Walks to be laid in the following places, viz One across Olney Street East side of North Main Street, One across Olney Street West Side of Prospect Street and one across Grum Lane Rich side of Olney Street

(Recorded twice see p 165)

Passed June 2 1851

Broad St Mathewson St

Resolved, That the Resolution of the City Council which passed on the second day of June instant directing the Surveyor of Highways to postpone paving of the Section of Broad Street from the the New Market to Stewart Street, until he shall have completed the paving of Mathewson Street, = be and the same is hereby rescinded

Passed June 9. 1851

Alice Hawkins

Resolved. That the sum of four hundred and fifty four Dollars be and the same is hereby allowed to Alice Hawkins which shall be in full for all the claims (if she has any) against the City for any injury sustained by her in consequence of her falling into a hole in High Street on the ninth of March 1849 and by that means breaking her ancle and that the Treasurer be directed to pay the same out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated upon a receipt being given which shall be Satisfactory to the Mayor

Passed June 9. 1851

Firemens Associa" fa M. Assist" Appⁿ for

Resolved, That the Sum of fifty cents be paid by the City Treasurer, to the Treasurer of the Providence Association of Firemen for Mutual Assistance, for each of the Firemen of the City: in order to enable them severally to the benefit of the funds of that Association and that said sum be paid on the Certificate of the City Clerk, respecting the appointment of said firemen, out of the appropriation for the Fire Department

Passed June 9. 1851

Cistern June" tion Chesnut & Clifford Sts

Resolved, That the Board of Firewards be requested to cause a Cistern of suitable dimensions to be built at the junction of Chesnut and Clifford Streets for the purposes of the Fire Department; and that Messrs Daniel Field, Ebenezer Carpenter and Joseph W Davis be allowed to conduct the two streams of water now running across Chesnut Street into the same, upon the following conditions viz: that it shall be done under the direction of the Surveyor of Highways, that they shall repair all breakages in the Street, caused by the same, to his satisfaction; that they shall not allow the contents of any Sink drain or any others impure waters to run into it, and that they shall be allowed this privilege during the pleasure of the City Council

Resolved, That the Surveyor of Highways be directed to cause the surplus water to be conveyed from the Cistern above referred to, to the Culvert in Richmond Street, either by pipes or a drain as he may deem expedient

Passed June 9 1851

Cross Walks Dorrance St Pine & Peck St

Resolved, That the Surveyor of Highways be and he is hereby directed to cause four Cross Walks to be laid in the following places, viz; One across Dorrance Street South side of Pine Street, One across Central Street north side of Pine Street, One across Peck Street north side of Pine Street, and one across Pine west side of Central Street

Passed June 9. 1851

Association of Firemen Appⁿ for

Resolved, That the City Treasurer pay to the Treasurer of the Providence Association of Firemen for Mutual Assistance, Two hundred Dollars for the use of Said Association

Passed June 9" 1851

Mary A Clark

Resolved That the Petition of Mary A. Clark, for remission of Tax upon the Estate of Edward T Clark deceased, be and the same is hereby referred to the Assessors of Taxes

Passed June 9. 1851

J H Gould relief

Resolved. That the Sum of eighteen dollars be and the same is hereby allowed to John Henry Gould in full for injuries sustained by him at the recent fire at William Wallis barn; and that the same be paid by the City Treasurer out of any monies in the Treasury, not otherwise appropriated

Passed June 9. 1851

Jos B Barslow relief

Resolved. That the sum of Eighteen dollars be and the same is hereby allowed to Joseph B. Barslow in full for injuries sustained by him at a recent fire in Charles Street, and that the same be paid by the City Treasurer out of any monies in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated

Passed June 9. 1851

Culvert in Westminster St

Resolved, That Messrs Taylor, Padelford, Tillinghast Anthony, Carpenters & Dunfee and Aldermen Keppin & Hall be a committee whose duty it shall be to direct as to what material shall be used in constructing the proposed drain in Westminster Street, also on what terms owners of adjacent property may connect branch drains with the main drain and also as to what part of said Street said drain shall be located

Passed June 9 1851

Ladders for Park

Resolved, That the Surveyor of Highways be directed to place on the Cove Promenade Six Ladders of suitable length for rescuing any person who may fall into the Water

Passed June 9 1851

To Lease Lot from B Dyer for Engine No 3.

Resolved, That the Board of Firward be and they are hereby authorized to lease from Benjamin Dyer a lot of Land on Paige Street at not exceeding One Hundred Dollars per annum for a term not exceeding Twenty years, and to erect thereon a suitable edifice for the accommodation of Engine Company No 3 and that the Cost of said building be paid from any money appropriated for the Fire Department

Passed June 9 1851

City Printing

To the City Council

The Committee appointed to contract for the City Printing and Advertising for the ensuing Municipal year.

Respectfully Report

That they have contracted with Messrs Knowles and Anthony and the survivor of either for them to do all the Book and Job Printing of the City for one year from this date at such prices as shall be satisfactory to the City Auditor, they to receive in no case a greater sum for any piece of Work than has heretofore ever been paid by the City for like work, said work to be done in such manner and style as the Officer for whose department said work is required shall direct

The Committee have also contracted with Messrs Knowles & Anthony for them to publish in the Daily Semi Weekly and weekly Journal all the City Advertising, all matter ordered to be published by either board of the City Council, and all special Notices from the Mayor & City Clerk, and also to furnish a Daily Journal for the use of the City Clerks Office; for one year from the date hereof for the sum of Three Hundred Dollars.

The Committee have also contracted with the proprietor of the Republican Herald for them to publish in the Semi-weekly Herald, all the notices of Ward & town Meetings, and of canvassing the City Voters, the notices of Assessors of Taxes, the abstract of interments, all special notices from the Mayor and City Clerk (and all matter required by law to be published in the papers required to do the City Advertising,) and to furnish one Copy of the semi weekly Republican Herald for the use of the City Clerks Office, for one year

from date, for the Sum of Seventy five Dollars

Respectfully Submitted

Wingate Hayes

for the Committee

Providence June 9 1851

Providence June 9. 1851

The Statement of the Contracts set forth in the foregoing report so far as the same relates to us respectively is correct

Knowles & Anthony

A Simons

for Proprietors of Rep. Herald

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

Passed June 9. 1851

Abstract of Issues and Payments of City Debt from March 10 1851 to June 9. 1851.

When Issued	No of Note	To whom Issued	Rate of Int.	Amount
1851				
April 4	157	Prov. Ins. for Savings	6 p.c.	6000.-
15	158	same	"	20000.-
May 7	159	same	"	6000.-
"	160	Com. of Dexter Donation	"	9200.-
24	161	Prov. Ins. for Savings	"	5000
June 2	162	same	"	10000
				$ 56.200

When paid		To Whom paid		
1851				
April 4	142	Providence Ins. for Savings	6 p.c.	6.000.-
May 7	143	same	"	6.000.
" "	82	Com. of Dexter Donation	5.	2000.
" "	88	same	"	2000
" "	96	same	"	2000
" "	101	same	"	2.000.
" "	108	same	6	1200.
" 24	146	Prov. Ins. for Savings	"	5000.
				$ 26.200

To the Hon^ble C. Council

Gentlemen

I Present the above Abstract of Notes issued and of Notes paid from March 10. 1851 to June 9. 1851

Respectfully Yours &c

Esek Aldrich

City Treas^r

Read. Whereupon it is resolved that the same be received

Passed June 9 1851

The Surveyor of Highways makes his Monthly Report of Work done and Money Expended Amount $3122.75

Read, Whereupon it is resolved that the same be received

Passed June 9 1851

In Convention June 9 1851

Voted That William O Briggs be and he is hereby appointed Undertaker

Voted That the following persons be and they are hereby appointed Weighers of Anthracite Coal

Joseph Hodges
Jas H. Coggeshale
Isaac Beach

Voted That the following persons be and they are hereby appointed police Constables agreeable to the Ordinance passed the 2d inst

John B. Barton
Ethan Tourtellot
Christian M. Johnston
Philip W. Martin

The following Engine Companies are appointed (for particulars see Firemens Record)

Hydraulion Company	No	1
Do	Do	2
Hook & Ladder Co.		1
Engine Company		1
Do	Do	2
Do	Do	3
Do	Do	4
Do	Do	5
Do	Do	6
Do	Do	7
Do	Do	9
Steam Forcing Stationary	Do	1

Resolution of What Cheer Co No 8. recommending George Earle 2d as a Fireward to represent said Company in the Board of Firewards, received and laid on the Table

The following additional Firewards are appointed

Nathaniel J Cheney — Charles T. Robbins
John B. Chace — Henry Simon

The List of the Pioneer Company & What Cheer Engine Company No 8. a Vote of the Firewards in relation to appointing Firemen that are not attached to any Engines and also resolutions of What Cheer Co. No 8 are received

Voted that the Lists & resolutions aforesaid be referred to Messrs Pabodie, Earle, Blodget & Stone & Aldermen Whitaker and James to examine and report thereon

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

Prov Gas Co Petition

The petition of Providence Gas Company requesting that the Ordinance in relation to the breaking up of Streets may be so altered that an umpire may be established who shall decide in case they disagree with the Surveyor of Highways

Read, Whereupon it is resolved, that said petition be referred to the Committee on Highways

Passed July 14 1851

Side Walks in Summer & Pond Sts

Resolved, That when the owners of all the Estates (except the City) on the West side of Summer Street shall have caused their Side Walks to be paved with brick, the Surveyor of Highways be directed to cause that part lying in front of the School House & Engine House lots upon the same Street to be paved in the same manner.

Resolved, That the Surveyor of Highways be directed, when all the owners of the estates (except the City) on the South side of Pond Street, lying between Spring & Summer Streets, shall have paved their walks with brick; to cause that part adjoining the School House lot to be paved in the same manner

Passed July 14 1851

Hoyle St

Resolved, That the Surveyor of Highways be and he is hereby directed, to cause a Cross Walk to be laid across Hoyle Street on the West side of Fenner Street

Passed July 14. 1851

Wooden Building to remove

The petition of Wm H Aborn requesting liberty to remove a certain One Story Wooden Building from Anthony's Wharf and place the same on the corner of Butlers Gangway & Pine Street

Read, Whereupon it is resolved, that the prayer thereof be granted

Passed July 14. 1851

Fire Department petition to re

Upon the Memorials of Thomas J Abbot and others Firemen and of Allen O Peck and others, and of sundry persons representing sundry Fire Companies; for a reorganization of the Fire Department;

It is resolved, that the same be received and referred to the Mayor & Alds Hall and Messrs Taylor Padelford, Hayes, Anthony, C. B. Manchester and Stone to examine and report thereon

Passed July 14. 1851

Childrens Friend Est^e City furnish Curb Stone

Resolved, that the Surveyor of Highways be and he is hereby directed to furnish at the expense of the city the Curbstone in front of the Estate occupied by the Children's Friends Society

Passed July 14. 1851

4th July

Resolved that the sum of Ninety two $^{00}/_{100}$ Dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated from any monies in the Treasury, not otherwise appropriated, to defray the expenses of the recent Celebration of the Anniversary of American Independence in addition to the sum heretofore appropriated for that purpose; and that the same be paid to the order of the Committee of Arrangements for that occasion

Passed July 14. 1851

E P Butts bill

Resolved, That the Account of E. P. Butts against the City, this day presented to the City Council, be and the same is hereby referred to the Board of Firewards.

Passed July 14. 1851

In Convention July 14 1851

Report of the Committee, to whom was referred the Resolutions of Engine Co. No 8, the papers from the Pioneer Company - and the Remonstrance from the Board of Firewards

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

The following preamble and resolution received from Board of Firewards

"At a Meeting of the Board of Firewards held the 12th inst, the following preamble and resolutions were passed

Whereas this Board having purchased of the Pioneer Company their Engine & Apparatus, therefore

Resolved, That we respectfully recommend to the City Council, that said Company may be appointed Firemen

Attested Copy from the Record Wm H Sweet Secy

Read, Whereupon Resolved that the same be received

Appointed Firemen Engine Company No 8

Do	Do	Do	Do	" 10
Do	Do	Do	Do	" 11 known as Pioneer Co
Five Members were appointed for Hydraulion				" 1

Voted That the Company now known as the Pioneer Co be hereafter designated & known as Engine Company No 11.

Moved that the communication from Engine Cos No 8 & 11 recommending R W Potter, & G. Earle 2 as Firewards be referred to the Board of Firewards

Voted That said petitions be not so referred

Voted That Rogers W Potter and George Earle 2^d be and they are hereby appointed) Firewards

The two Boards separate the Board Aldermen retire to their Chamber

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Chil. Friends Estate City to furnish Curb Stone

Resolved, That the Surveyor of Highways, be and he is hereby authorized to pay for the Curb Stones set on Broad Street in front of the Estate belonging to the Children Friends Society at the corner of Broad and Stewart Streets

Passed July 21 1851

Broadway

Whereas the Town of Providence, in Town Meeting, voted that one thousand dollars should be paid to the proprietors of certain lands whenever Broadway should be finished for a public Highway, which resolution has since been rescinded by the City Council, and whereas an application is pending before the Board of Aldermen for the reception of said Broadway as a Public Street, which cannot consistently be granted, inasmuch as the standing rules of the Board require that Streets should be at proper grade before they are received, therefore

Resolved, That said resolution of the Town of Providence be revived and continue in force for Eighteen Months and that if within that time said Broadway be graded to the satisfaction of the Board of Aldermen, said Board be authorized to draw upon the City Treasurer, for One thousand dollars in part payment of the expense of such grading

Passed July 21. 1851

Manure for N. B. Ground

Resolved, That the Surveyor of Highways be and he is hereby authorized to aid the Superintendent of the North Burial Ground in procuring manure for the use of said Burial Ground, from the Streets and other places of deposit; whenever there may be a Surplus not required for other public purposes

Passed July 21 1851

Maurice Mc Carty

Resolved, That the expenses of the funeral of Maurice Mc Carty killed while in the employ of the Surveyor of Highways and amounting to Twenty dollars be paid by the City Treasurer from the Money appropriated for contingencies

Passed July 21. 1851

Prov Reform S S...l

Resolved, That the sum of One Thousand dollars be added to formers appropriation for Providence Reform School, and that the same be paid out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated

Passed July 21. 1851

Westminster St Culvert

Resolved, That all owners of Estates on Westminster Street who wish to connect branch drains from their estates with the Culvert now building in said Street, be requested to do so on the terms fixed by the Committee, before the pavement on said Street is relaid, and also that no drains shall be connected with said Culvert after said pavement is relaid, without the permission of the City Council first obtained

Passed July 21 1851

School House Lot in 1st Dis.

Resolved, That the City Treasurer be and he is hereby authorized to purchase land for the enlargement of the first District Grammar School House yard, under the advice of the Joint Committee on Public Schools not exceeding in cost the sum of fourteen hundred dollars. Provided that the City Treasurer under the advice and direction of the Standing Committee on City Property, shall be authorized to sell at public or private sale, the lot of land adjoining the Northerly side of said School House Yard, measuring 21 by 56 feet; and that the proceeds of such sale shall be applied towards the payment of the purchase of said land hereby authorized to be purchased

Passed July 21 1851

Pike & Brook Streets

Resolved, That the Surveyor of Highways be and he is hereby directed to cause the curb stones to be set and the Gutters paved on that part of Pike Street lying between Benefit and Brook Streets and that part of Brook Street lying between Wickenden and Pike Streets, whenever the owners of the adjoining land furnish Curb Stones for the same

Provided, that no work be done on Streets that are not public Highways.

Passed July 21, 1851

Prov Reform School

Upon the Report of the Trustees of the Providence Reform School

Resolved, that the sum of Seven Hundred dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated, from any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, to defray the expenses of making suitable accommodations for female youths received into the Providence Reform School under Sentence of law, and by admission of the Trustees; ~~by any of them authorized by the Board, shall~~

and that the Bills for such expenses, being certified by the Trustees, or by any of them authorized by the Board, shall be audited by the City Auditor, and when audited, shall be paid by the City Treasurer

Passed July 21, 1851

Water from Town House Well

Resolved, That the Surveyor of Highways be directed under the advice and direction of the Committee on City Property, to cause pipes to be laid from the Town House Well and to place suitable pumps and other conveniences for the purpose of supplying the Market House with Water, and that the same be paid for out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated

Passed July 21 1851

Engine 3 & 6 memorials

Resolved, That the Memorials of Engine Companies No 3 and 6, this day presented to the City Council, be severally received and referred to the Board of Firewards, with the recommendation that they erect such houses as the said Memorials pray for.

Passed July 21 1851

Engine Houses

An Ordinance establishing the size of Engine Houses

It is ordained by the City Council as follows.

No Engine House shall hereafter be erected, the interior measurement of which shall exceed Nine hundred & fifty Square feet; or more than two Stories in height, provided that the side walls of the same shall in no case exceed Twenty nine feet in height

Passed August 25 1851

Engine Houses No 3 & 6

Resolved, that Messrs J. Manchester, Taylor and Tillinghast and Alderman Whitaker, be a Committee to contract for and superintend the erection of Engine Houses Nos 3 and 6 in conformity with the report this day made; provided, that the cost of each of said buildings shall not exceed Two thousand five hundred dollars; to be paid by the City Treasurer to the Order of said Committee out of any money appropriated for the Fire Department

Passed August 25. 1851

Cross Walks

Resolved, that the Surveyor of Highways be and he is hereby directed to cause two cross walks to be laid across Dockwood Street in the following Places viz One opposite the west side of Hospital Street and one opposite the house of Thomas J Hill

Passed August 25. 1851

The Surveyor of Highways makes his monthly Report of Expenditures amt $2793.40

Read, whereupon it is resolved that the same be received

Passed August 25. 1851

Appropriation for Assistant in Clks Office

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

Passed August 25 1851

Friendship Street

Resolved, that the Surveyor of Highways be and he is hereby directed to cause the Sidewalk to be widened on the South side of that part of Friendship Street lying between Chesnut and Richmond Streets as directed by Street Commissioners provided that the owners shall furnish suitable Curb-Stones for the same

Passed August 25. 1851

Jenckes St

Resolved, that the Surveyor of Highways be and he is hereby directed to cause the curbing to be set and the gutters paved on that part of Jenckes Street, lying between Benefit and Prospect Streets, whenever the owners of the adjoining land shall furnish curb-stones for the same

Passed August 25. 1851

Fire Department

Resolved, That the Report of the joint Committee relative to a reorganization of the Fire Department, made on the 18th of August inst. with the Bill then reported, and the accompanying papers, together with the amendments proposed to said Bill, — be referred to Messrs Pabodie, Grinnell, Tillinghast, Knight, Hill and Lester and Aldermen Knowles & Hoppin to examine and report thereon

Passed August 25 1851

Portraits Loaned

On application of the Board of Managers of the Rhode Island Industrial Exhibition to be held in this City from the 10th to the 16th Sept inst:

Voted, That the Portraits in the Chamber of the Common Council, be and they are hereby loaned to said Board of Managers to be placed in their Exhibition Rooms during said Fair, and that Mr Knight be a Committee to attend to the delivery and return of the same

Passed Sept 8. 1851

R. C. Clapp

Resolved, That the sum of Thirty Dollars be and the same is hereby allowed to Russell Clapp, in full for injuries sustained by him at a fire on the 26th day of May last: and that the City Treasurer be and he is hereby directed to pay the same to said Clapp, out of any monies in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated

Passed September 8. 1851

Taxes Remitted—

Whereas James Mumford has represented to the City Council, that the Taxes assessed on certain persons in the year 1850, and committed to him to collect, are not collectable, owing to errors in the assessment thereof, &c; and whereas the City Council are satisfied that the Taxes in said Year, in the respective amounts following, upon the persons hereinafter named viz

Charles Atwood	10 96	Sally Brown Estate (S Martin Guardian)	15 90
Abby Philbrick Knight	16 43	Benajah Williams & Wm Belcher	6 36
Josiah King	27 56	Alexander Brownell & Co	2 12
Susan King	28 51	John Parmenter	4 36
Christ & William Rhodes	2 65	Edwin Howland	2 18
David Nevin	2 65	William Mowley	5 83
Simmons & Kenyon	7 95	Louisa M Brown	4 77
Mason W Read	15 90	Charlotte Lawton	6 55
John Waterman (Johnston)	15 90	Joshua Angell Jun	4 24
Patrick Donley	2 65	J. R. Jackson & Henry Clark	5 83
John Gillian	4 77	Michael Slaven	5 83
John Powden	5 30	William Gellen	1 06
Frederick Shepley	2 12	Oliver Chaffee (Scituate	6 36
Sydney Tillinghast & wife	2 65	James Thatcher,	2 18
Lucy Ann Davis	3 71	Michael Conner	2 18
Jane B Beardsley	4 24	James Short	6 54
James Mc Caughey	6 54	George A Stanton	1 59
Henry A Snow	3 18	Anna & Clarissa C Bennett	1 59
John Donnivan	2 —	Benjamin S. Baker	2 18
Lydia L Holden	13 78	Daniel A Bennett	6 36
Edward J Mallett	106 —	Angell P. Healey	6 36
Edward D Pearce & Wife	42 40	Ibne Smith	3 71
William A Sweet	1 06	William G Allen	6 54
Lucius Horton & wife	5 30	Franklin Munroe	1 06
Joseph A Snow	7 42	Charles A Lake	9 54
George G Warner	4 24	John C Davis	5 30
Thomas Doran	2 12	Augustus Arnold	5 30
Amos Lee	4 77	Chas F Howell heirs (for S M St)	26 50
Calvin Martin	5 30	Real	545 53
Thomas Whipple	2 18	William Morris	15 90
John F Brown	12 03	Augustus B Copeland	7 95
Julia A Sweet	4 77	Augustus Ellis	1 59
John Mc Glin	1 59	Augustus Thurston	13 25
Rollin Matheweson Trustee	5 30	Joseph A Bosworth	1 59
Lyman Peirce & G M Horton	5 30	Samuel J Smith	13 25
Christopher Johnson	10 60	Elkanah Ingalls	2 12
George S. Hawkins	25 07	Alvin Stevens	5 30
Chapman & Steere	4 36	Resolved W Cady	2 65
Jas C Rhodes. heirs Estate	7 95	Jacob Weaver	2 65

Amasa Z T Wright	3 18	Phebe Wheaton heirs est	16	96
Henry Jacobs	5 30	Royal C Taft	5	30
Thomas Barnes	53 —	Thos L Halsey heirs Est	48	76
Chas A French	4 24	Sheldon Fisk heirs Est	4	24
Josiah French	5 30	Thomas P Smith	5	30
William P Dockray	2 65	Jeremiah W Anthony	2	65
Leonard Briggs & Co	10 60	Joseph B Davis	2	65
Esten Whitman & Co	5 30	William Whitmarsh	1	59
Sylvester W Peck	1 59	D McFarland & Co	5	30
Chas C Munroe	1 59	Samuel B Nichols	7	63
Mary McClintock	26 50	George Burgess	2	65
James B Ames	53 00	Nathaniel Blaisding 2d	2	12
Jesse N Bolles	3 37	Richd W Greene	384	25
Benjamin L Merrick	5 30	Personal	774	29
Sarah B. Field	2 65	Chas H Dexter	4	36
George F Lawton	2 65	Nathan A Smith	2	18
Israel Arnold	21 20	Nelson Hopkins	7	50
Chas L Fisher (Carpenter)	2 12	Wheaton & Harrington by 3544	12	72
Henry Earle	1 59	Same	8	48
Doct David Smith	7 95	Total $	1405	06

Are not collectable: It is therefore Resolved, that the respective taxes aforesaid be, and the same are hereby remitted; and that the City Treasurer be, and he is hereby authorized and directed, to credit the amount thereof viz One thousand four hundred & five 06/100 Dollars to the said James Mumford, in account with him as Collector of Taxes, together with the interest which has accrued on said several items

Passed September 8. 1851

Abstract of Issues and Payments of City Debt from June 9th to September 8. 1851

When Issued	No of Note	To whom Issued	rate of Int	Amt
1851				
July 9	163	Prov. Ins. for Savings	6 c/c	13.000.—
Aug 1	164	same	"	10.000.—
			$	23.000.—

When paid	No	To whom Paid		
1851				
July 9	148	Prov. Ins. for Savings	6 c/c	4.500.—
" "	149	Same	"	8.500.—
			$	13.000.—

To the Hon. City Council

Gentlemen I present the above Abstract of Notes issued and of Notes paid from the 9th June to Sept 8. 1851 Respectfully Yrs &c

Esek Aldrich
City Tr.

Read. Whereupon it is resolved that the same be received

Passed Sept 8. 1851

J H Lonsdale

Upon the petition of John H Lonsdale, it is Resolved, That the Attorney General be, and he is hereby requested to enter a Nolle prosequi upon the Indictment against said John H Lonsdale now pending in the Supreme Court, for a violation of the act entitled "An Act concerning the erection of Buildings in the City of Providence"

Passed October 13th 1851

Westminster Street

Resolved, That the Surveyor of Highways be directed to set the Curb Stones on Westminster Street above Burrill Street, on the same line with those below said Burrill Street.

Passed October 13. 1851

Prov & Plainfield R Road Co

Ordered, That the Directors of the Hartford, Providence and Fishkill Rail Road Company be permitted to withdraw from the files of the City, the Memorial of the Providence and Plainfield Rail Road Company which was presented to the City Council on the second day of June last

Passed October 13. 1851

Cove Dam

A Communication from the Mayor enclosing another from the Treasurer of the Narragansett Brick Company in relation to the Dam erected by the City at the entrance of the Cove Basin

Read, whereupon it is

Resolved, that the same be referred to the Mayor and Alderman Whitaker and Messrs Taylor, Bush, Mumford, Anthony 2 Manchesters & Durfee, to examine and report thereon

Passed October 13th 1851

Hartford, Prov. & Fishkill R Road Co.

Upon the two petitions of the Hartford, Providence and Fishkill Rail Road Company relative to an issue of City Bonds, and for land for a location for a Depot &c it is

Resolved, that the same be received and referred to Messrs Babcock, Padelford, Hayes, Knight, Carpenter and Stone of the Common Council and the Mayor and Alderman Whitaker to examine and report thereon

Passed October 13. 1851

N Burying Ground

Resolved That the subject of the recent encroachments on the North Burying Ground be referred to the Joint Committee on the North Burying Ground, and that the Superintendent of said ground be and he is hereby directed to remove all fences and obstructions which said Committee decide to be recent encroachments

Passed October 13th 1851

Exchange Place Dyer. William & Arnold Sts

Resolved. That the Surveyor of Highways be and he is hereby directed to cause Dyer Street to be paved, (after having completed Westminster Street and Exchange Place as far as Exchange Stret;) commencing at the point where the present pavement terminates; and proceeding with the same so far as the paving Stone now on hand will admit; and that the Surveyor commence and proceed with the work on Williams and Arnold Street as soon as shall be convenient

Passed October 13. 1851

The petition of Henry A Matteson for leave to remove a wooden building

Read, Whereupon it is resolved that the prayer thereof be granted

Passed October 13. 1851

In Convention October 13th 1851

William Vero is appointed Undertaker

The Resignation of Henry Simon Fireward is presented and read, whereupon it is Voted. That said Resignation be received and accepted

I. M. Lripp and fourteen others attached to Engine Co No 5 are elected Firemen for names see Firemens Record

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

Thos Lawrence

The Report of the Committee to whom was referred the petition of Thomas Lawrence

Read. Whereupon it is Resolved That said Report be received and the petitioner have leave to withdraw

Passed October 13 1851

Fayette Wilkinson

Resolved. That the City Treasurer be and he is hereby directed to pay to Fayette Wilkinson Twelve dollars, in full for injuries sustained by him at a fire on the 18th day of August last; and that the same be paid out of the Appropriation for the Fire Department

Passed October 27 1851

Pumps

Resolved. That Alderman Knight and Messrs Knight, Durfee and C. B Manchester of the Common Council, be a Committee to cause the Pumps situated at the function of Westminster and High Streets, to be repaired and improved; and that the sum of Five Hundred Dollars be appropriated out of any monies in the Treasury, not otherwise appropriated to defray the expense of the same

Passed October 27 1851

The Surveyor of Highways makes his Report of Expenditures from August 11 to September 6 1851 amt $ 2882.68

He also makes Report of Expenditures from Sept 6 to Oct 11-1851 amt $ 3651.28

Read Whereupon it is resolved, that the same be received

Passed October 27. 1851

Appropriation Fire Dpt

Resolved, That the sum of ten Thousand Dollars be added to former appropriation for the Fire Department and that the same be paid out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated

Passed Nov 3d 1851

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culvert

Resolved, that the Surveyor of Highways be and he is hereby directed to build the Culvert between Power and Williams Streets and grade the same provided an arrangement can be made with the owners of adjacent lands to furnish the Stone - the same to be done under the direction of the Committee on Highways

Passed Nov 10. 1851

Butlers Gangway

Resolved, that the Surveyor of Highways be and he is hereby directed to cause Butlers Gangway to be paved, whenever the owners of the adjoining land shall furnish curb Stones for the same The work to be done in connection with that on Dyer Street provided that it shall not interfere with the repairs on Williams Street

Passed November 10. 1851

Williams & Arnold St

Resolved. That the Surveyor of Highways be directed to proceed with the work ordered on Williams & Arnold Streets forthwith

Passed November 10th 1851

Cross Walks

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

One	across	Thayer	Street	north side of	Transit Street
One	"	Thayer	"	north	" Arnold "
One	"	Thayer	"	north	" John "
One	"	Thayer	"	south	" Power "
One	"	John	"	West	" Thayer "
One	"	Brook	"	North	" Transit "
One	"	Brook	"	South	" Arnold "
One	"	Hope	"	South	" Transit "
One	"	Hope	"	South	" Arnold "
One	"	Hope	"	South	" John "
One	"	Hope	"	South	" Power "
One	"	Power	"	West	" Hope "
One	"	John	"	each	" Hope "

over

One across Arnold Street each side of Hope Street
One " Transit " " each " Hope "
One " Power " West " Benefit "

Passed November 10th 1851

Pine & Orange St. Cross walks

Resolved, that the Surveyor of Highways be and he is hereby directed to cause two Cross walks to be laid in the following places, viz across Pine Street west side of Orange Street and one across Orange north side of Pine Street

Passed November 10th 1851

Williams St Cross walk

Resolved that the Surveyor of Highways be and he is hereby authorized to lay what Cross Walks on Williams Street that in his opinion the public convenience may require - the same to be done under the advice and direction of the Committee on Highways

Passed Nov^r 10 " 1851

Market Square Cross Walks

Resolved, that the Surveyor of Highways be and he is hereby directed to cause two Cross walks to be laid in the following places, viz; One from the North east corner of the Market, and the other from the west side of North Main Street, both to extend across the east side of Market Square in the direction of the Post Office - the same to be done under the advice of the Committee on Highways

Passed November 10. 1851

Westminster St Cross Walk

Resolved that the Surveyor of Highways be and he is hereby directed to cause a Cross walk to be laid across Westminster Street, at the East side of Green Street

Passed November 10. 1851

Point & Chesnut St Cross Walk

Resolved, that the Surveyor of Highways be and he is hereby directed to cause three Cross walks to be laid in the following places viz
One across Point Street, west side of Chesnut Street:
One across Chesnut Street, north side of Point Street; and
One across Point Street, west side of Richmond Street.

Passed November 10. 1851

A Communication from the City Treasurer asking for Appropriations

Read, Whereupon it is resolved that the same be received

Passed November 10. 1851

Richard A Tripp

Upon the petition of Richard A Tripp it is resolved, that the City Treasurer be and he is hereby directed to pay to Richard A Tripp, the sum of Fifty Dollars, for injuries sustained by him at a fire on the fifth day of August last, and that the same be paid out of the appropriation for the Fire Department

Passed November 10. 1851

Sarah A Green & Alva Crossman

Upon the petition of Sarah A Green and Alva Crossman for relief, it is resolved, that said Crossman and the Estate of Samuel Green deceased, be severally discharged from their liability under a Recognizance entered into by said Green and Crossman in the Police Court, on an appeal to the Municipal Court; on the payment of the Costs in the Police and Municipal Courts, taxed in the Case in which said Recognizance was given

Passed November 10 " 1851

Bridges

Resolved, That the sum of One thousand Dollars be added to former appropriation for Bridges, and that the same be paid out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated

Passed November 10 " 1851

Westminster St Culvert

Resolved, That the sum of One Thousand Dollars be added to former appropriation for Culvert in Westminster Street and that the same be paid out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated

Passed November 10 " 1851

Lighting Sts

Resolved, That the sum of Twenty five hundred Dollars be added to former appropriation for Lighting Streets, and that the same be paid out of any moneys in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated

Passed November 10 " 1851

Highways

Resolved, That the sum of Three thousand Dollars be added to former appropriation for Highways and that the same be paid out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated

Passed November 10, 1851

Land on Sexton Street

Resolved, That the City Treasurer be and with the advice of the Committee on the North Burying Ground, is hereby authorized to Quitclaim all the right title or interest the City has, to any Lands on the East side of Sexton Street (so called)

And the proceeds thereof be and is hereby appropriated to the said Ground

Passed Nov^r 10 " 1851

Ordinance in relation to Highways

An Ordinance in amendment of an Ordinance entitled "An Ordinance in relation to the Streets and Highways"

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

Section 1 Whenever any person or corporation shall open any trench or hole in any street or highway, in conformity to the fourteenth Section of the ordinance to which this is in amendment and shall for six hours of day light after the completion of the work, for which such opening was made, omit to fill up or repave such highway, to the satisfaction of the Surveyor of Highways, it shall be the duty of said Surveyor to proceed and fill up or repair the same in a proper manner and to deliver to the City Treasurer a Statement of the cost, with reasonable charges for superintendence of the same, and the City Treasurer shall cause the amount to be collected of the person or corporation, causing such Street or Highway to be opened

Section 2 Nothing in this Ordinance shall be construed to remit or do away with any penalty prescribed by the ordinance to which this is in amendment or by any ordinance in addition or amendment thereto

Passed December 1st 1851

Report Surveyors of Highways

The Surveyor of Highways makes report of Expenditures from October 13 to November 8th 1851 amt $2605.85

Read. Whereupon it is resolved that the same be received

Passed December 1st 1851

Scholer in High School

Upon the memorial of the Female Teachers of the High School in relation to the admission of a pupil to said School erroneously, said pupil not having been for three years in a Grammar and Writing School

Resolved, That said pupil be authorized to continue in said School, as if regularly admitted

Passed Decbr 8th 1851

Wooden Building

The petition of Wm H Gale requesting liberty to remove a certain two Story wooden Building now on Page Street to the rear of the same lot

Read. Whereupon it is resolved, that the prayer thereof be granted

Passed December 8th 1851

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to pay for Bell Universalist So.

Resolved That the Sum of Eighty 75/100 Dollars be appropriated out of any moneys in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated to be paid to the first Universalist Society in full for damage done their bell on the 4th day of July 1851

Passed December, 8 1851

to apply to G Assembly for Law to prevent building on Wharves

Whereas many years since, when South Water Street was laid out, agreements were entered into by the owners of estates upon said street, that no building should be erected between said Street and the water, and whereas it has been decided by the Supreme Court of this State, that such agreement were not in such form as to be legally enforced, and whereas there is now existing in this City no law to prevent the erection of buildings close to the harbor line on both sides of the rivers, provided they are not so continuous as to become subjects for indictment at common law.

And Whereas this City Council are of opinion that the value of Wharf Estates is not materially enhanced by the privilege of erecting buildings near the harbor line and the appearance and health of the City may be materially injured thereby

Therefore Resolved, That the Mayor & Messrs Anthony, Grinnell & Padelford, be and they are hereby appointed a Committee with authority to present to the General Assembly of this State a memorial asking for the passage of an Act prohibiting the erection of any building within fifty feet of the harbor line in any part of this City

Passed December 8. 1851

Reform School

Resolved, That the Sum of One thousand dollars, be added to the former appropriations for the support of the Reform School, to be paid out of any money not otherwise appropriated

Passed December 8. 1851

Police Depart

Resolved, That the sum of One thousand dollars, be added to the former appropriations made for the Police Department, to be paid out of any money not otherwise appropriated

Passed December 8 1851

City Hospital & Asylum Walls &c

Resolved, That the following appropriations be made from any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated viz

For Repairs and improvements at City Hospital Nine Hundred dollars:
For Asylum Walls and Buildings Four hundred Dollars

Passed December 8. 1851

Rewards

Resolved, That the City Treasurer be and he is hereby directed to pay to James Horan the sum of Five Hundred dollars for rewards for arresting and procuring evidence to convict Patrick Boyle and John Robinson, incendiaries, which rewards were offered by the Mayor in August last; and that a gratuity of Twenty five dollars be paid to David A. Brown, Wm G. Merewether, John A. Gould and Rufell Clapp each, in consideration of their services in said cases, and that said payments be made from any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated

Passed December 8 - 1851

Doors of public Buildings

Resolved. that Messrs Padelford, Anthony & Carpenter and Alderman Whitaker, be a Committee to consider the expediency of enforcing by Law if necessary the alteration of the Doors of such Buildings as are used in places of public resort. and deemed dangerously constructed for public safety in times of sudden emergencies or alarms and to report to this Council by Bill or otherwise as soon as may be expedient

Passed December 8. 1851

Intoxicating Liquors

Resolved, That the City Marshal be directed to ascertain and report as nearly as possible. the whole number of places where intoxicating liquors are sold in this City, the wards in which they are sold, by whom they are sold, and if foreigners of what nation, and also if sold by men or women, how many keep open on Sunday, and also to report to this Council such information as he may possess as to the best means to be used in enforcing the laws regulating the sale of strong drinks

Passed December 8. 1851

Richmond Street

Resolved, that the Surveyor of Highways be and he is hereby directed to cause the Curb stone to be set and the gutters paved on that part of the west side of Richmond Street, that lies between Ship and Clifford Streets whenever the owners of the adjoining estates shall furnish Curb Stones for the same

Passed December 8. 1851

S A Phillips

The petition of Stephen A Phillips in relation to Market Stalls

Read, Whereupon it is resolved, that the same be received and referred to Messrs Carpenter, Babcock and Knight and Ald[n] Hoppin to examine and report thereon.

Passed December 8, 1851

Surveyor of Highways Report

The Surveyor of Highways makes Report of Expenditures from 8[th] of November to 6[th] of December, 1851 and $2320. 09

Read. Whereupon it is resolved that the same be received

Passed December 8. 1851

Abstract of Issues and Payments of the City Debt from September 8[th] to Dec[r] 8. 1851

When Issued 1851	Number	To whom Issued	Rate of Int	Amount
Sept 16	N° 165	Prov. Institution for Savings	6 p. ct	$ 5.000.
Oct 10	166	Commissioners of Dexter Donation	"	5.300.
15	167	Providence Dispensary	"	1.500
20	168	Prov. Institution for Savings	"	10.000.
				21.800

When paid 1851	Number	To whom paid		Rate Int	Amount
Oct 10	N° 83	Commissioners of Dexter Donation		6 c/c	$ 3000.
"	92	Do	Do	"	800.
"	134	Do	Do	"	1500.
6	58	Providence Ins[co] for Savings		"	5000.
"	151	Do	Do	"	10.000.
"	162	Do	Do	"	10.000.
13	155	Do	Do	"	2500.
"	158	Do	Do	"	20.000.
15	156	Prov. Dispensary		"	1.500.
20	152	Prov. Institution for Savings		"	10.000
Nov 11	153	Do	Do	"	5.000
					$ 69.300

To the Hon[r] City Council

Gentlemen

I present the above Abstract of Notes Issued and of Notes paid from Sept[r] 8 to Dec[r] 8. 1851

Respectfully Yours &c

Esek Aldrich

City Treas.

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

Passed Dec[r] 8. 1851

B White

Resolved. That the City Treasurer be, and he is hereby authorized and directed, to sell Benjamin White for the sum of fifty dollars, a strip of Land one foot and two fifths of a foot in width, from the Southerly side of the lot of land on Richmond Street, recently purchased by the City of Adnah Sackett, and extending the whole depth of said lot from Richmond Street; and to make, seal, execute and deliver, in the name and behalf of the City a good and sufficient deed of the same, to said White his heirs and assigns, provided said White pay the expense of removing the fence

Passed Dec[r] 8. 1851

C W Gardiner

Upon the Report of the Standing Committee on the Fire Department; upon the petition of Edward N Davis and others:

Resolved. That the City Treasurer be and he is hereby directed to pay to Charles W. Gardiner, the sum of Ten Dollars, from the Appropriation for the Fire Department; for injuries sustained by him at a fire on the 13th of October last

Passed January 5 1852

Ordinance for preservation of Health

An Ordinance for the preservation of Health

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

Section 1. Whenever upon due examination, it shall appear to the Board of Aldermen, that the number of persons occupying any tenement or building within this City is so great as to be the cause, in the opinion of said Board, of nuisance or sickness; said Board may issue their Warrant, commanding the owner or owners of such tenement or building, to abate such nuisance by removing such number of his or their tenants as may be required, within such time as said Board shall name. And if any owner or owners, so commanded, shall omit or refuse to obey, he or they shall forfeit and pay the sum of twenty dollars, to and for the use of said City; to be sued for and recovered, by proper legal process, before any Court of competent jurisdiction

Section 2. The Board of Aldermen may at their discretion, license carts for the purpose of removing house offal and swill, within such districts as said Board may deem expedient; and whenever said Board shall notify the citizens in any newspaper printed in the City, that they have granted a license for a district described in said notice; it shall not be lawful for any other person than the one licensed or some person employed by him, to gather house offal or swill in such district; and every person who shall offend against this provision of this Ordinance, shall forfeit and pay the sum of two dollars, to and for the use of said City, to be sued for and recovered by proper legal process, before any Court of competent jurisdiction

Section 3 If there be any district within this City in which the expense of collecting such house offal shall in the opinion of the Board of Aldermen, exceed its value, said Board are authorized to make contracts for collecting and removing the same; and to pay for the services rendered, by orders on the City Treasury; Provided the whole amount of Orders so drawn, do not exceed the sum of one thousand dollars in one year

Passed January 12 1852

To pay appeal cases

Resolved, That the City Treasurer be and he is hereby directed, to pay from the Appropriations for police the costs in the appealed cases of D. K. Chaffee, City Marshal against Patrick Keenan and Mary Driscoll, three cases amounting to Fifty one dollars five cents

Passed January 12. 1852

The Surveyor of Highways makes his Monthly Report of Work done from 6th of December 1851 to 10 of January 1852

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

Passed January 12 1852

Sam[l] Dexter

Resolved, That the Memorial of Samuel Dexter be referred to Alderman Hall, and Messrs Anthony, Lester and Earle to examine and report thereon

Passed January 12. 1852

Temporary Relief

Resolved, That Messrs Hayes, Padelford and Knight and Alderman Knowles be a Committee to consider and report what alterations if any, are necessary in the present system of affording temporary relief to poor and indigent persons

Passed January 12 1852

Reform School

Upon the Report of the Trustees of the Providence Reform School;

It is Resolved, that said Report be received and referred to the Standing Committee on Finance; with authority, (if they deem it expedient) to cause not exceeding five hundred copies of the same to be printed in pamphlet form, for the use of the City Council

Passed January 12 1852

City Marshall Report

The Report of the City Marshal made in conformity of a resolution of the City Council passed Dec. 8. 1851 is submitted of which the following is an Abstract

The whole number of Places where Liquor is Sold	336
" " " " Males who sell	300
" " " " Females " "	36
" " " " Natives " "	145
" " " " Foreigners " "	191
" " " " Places kept open on the Sabbath	227
" " " " Irish who sell	162
" " " " English " "	20
" " " " Scotch " "	9

Read, where upon it is resolved that the same be received

Passed January 12. 1852

Schubarth & Haines & Cushing & Farnum Bills

Upon the Report of the Standing Committee on Highways: it is

Resolved, That the City Treasurer be, and he is hereby directed to pay from the appropriation for Highways, the following accounts against the City, which were referred to the City Council, by the City Auditor. viz

Bill of	Schubarth & Haines	for	$ 75.60
"	Do	Do	" 43.63
"	Do	Do	" 37.71 $ 156.94
Bill of	Cushing & Farnum	"	32.75
"	Do	Do	" 10.50 $ 43.25

Passed January 12. 1852

Pistol Galleries

An Ordinance in addition to "An Ordinance to prevent the firing of Guns and Pistols in the Streets and other Public places."

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

Section 1. No person shall open, keep, or maintain or permit to be opened, kept or maintained upon premises owned or occupied by them within the distance of two hundred feet from any Street, Highway, gangway or open place over which the inhabitants of this City pass or may freely pass, within the limits of this City any Pistol Gallery or room or place for the purpose of testing or firing any pistol, rifle, musket or other fire arm, without using all such precautions against damage or accidents, as the City Marshal may, with the advice of the Mayor direct; and every person so transgressing shall forfeit and pay to and for the use of the City the sum of Twenty dollars, to be recovered by proper legal process before any Court of competent jurisdiction

Section 2. Every person who shall open, keep, or maintain or permit to be opened, kept or maintained any place as aforesaid for three days after the City Marshal shall have given directions as aforesaid, without using the prescribed precautions shall be deemed guilty of a new and separate offence and shall be fined accordingly

Passed January 12. 1852

Chas Branch

Resolved, That the City Treasurer be and hereby is authorized to pay to Charles Branch the sum of Twenty three 25/100 Dollars for Damages to Carriage & Horse upon Exchange place October 25 1851 upon his giving to the Mayor a satisfactory receipt

Passed January 12. 1852

City Hall

Resolved, That in the opinion of the City Council the public interest requires, that a City Hall be erected; in order that a suitable place may be provided for the City Offices, and a safe repository for the Public Records; and that the cost of the same ought to be paid by annual appropriations therefor during ten successive years next after the building shall have been commenced; and that the City Debt ought not to be thereby increased

And whereas the City Council desire to obtain an expression of the opinion of the qualified voters in this City, upon the subject of the erection of such building; Therefore

Resolved, That the City Clerk cause to be printed, for the Ward Meetings on the first Wednesday of April next, a sufficient number of printed ballots, on one side of which ballots shall be printed the words, "Shall a City Hall be built"? and on the other side of a part of said ballots shall be printed the word "Yes"; and on the other side of a part of said ballots, shall be printed the word "No". And that each qualified voter for City Council, who shall vote upon said question, shall write his name upon the ballot which he shall give in at said Meeting, in the ward in which he resides; and that he be requested to state upon such ballot, the location for City Hall which he prefers. And that all the ballots so given in, shall be sealed up, at the close of said meetings, and within two days thereafter, shall be returned to the Board of Aldermen, by the Clerks of the several wards; and at the next meeting of said Board shall be opened and counted.

Passed January 12. 1852

Sam[l] Dexter

Resolved, That the City Treasurer be authorized to pay to Samuel Dexter Esq the Sum of One thousand Dollars, whenever he shall remove the What Cheer House back on a line of the new building recently erected by the What Cheer Corporation and shall execute or procure a good and sufficient deed to the City of that portion of land now occupied by said What Cheer House, and the other land between Market Square & North Main Street, and the line of buildings between College Street and Jackson Court

Passed Jan[y] 15 1852

Hospital Land Sold

Resolved, That the City Treasurer be and he is hereby authorized, under the direction of the Standing Committee on City Property, to sell to the New England Screw Company, the seven lots of land belonging to the City, lying North of Hospital Street, and being the lots numbered 11 (eleven) 12 (twelve) 13 (thirteen) 14 (fourteen) 15 (fifteen) 16 (sixteen) and 17 (seventeen) on the plat of Lands belonging to the City; recorded in the City Clerk's Office in Book of Plats No. 2 page 57; and to make, execute and deliver in the name and behalf of the City, a good and sufficient deed conveying the same to said New England Screw Company, their Successors and assigns; on receiving therefor, the sum of Three thousand five hundred Dollars

Passed Jan[y] 15. 1852

In Convention January 15 1852

The two Boards met in Convention for the Purpose of choosing additional Firemen

They elected for Hydraulion Co. № 1 5 new Members
Do " Engine Co 2 24 " "
Do " Do Do 5 18 " "
Do " Do Do 6 12 " "
Do " Do Do 10 60 " "
For names see Firemens Record

Voted That William G Comstock be and he is hereby elected Fireward

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

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Hartford Prov & Fishkill R R Co

Resolved, That the Report of the Joint Committee this day made upon the two petitions of the Hartford, Providence and Fishkill Railroad Company, together with the accompanying papers, be recommitted to the said Committee, for further examination and report

Passed January 30 1852

Report of the Com^tee on the Memorial of H. P. & F. R R Road Co.

(Report № 1)

To the Honorable City Council of the City of Providence

The Committee to whom was referred by resolution of 13 Oct last, the Memorials of the Hartford, Providence and Fishkill Rail Road Co. praying for an issue of bonds and for land for location of a depot, respectfully

Report

That your Committee have examined the matters committed to them and present for your consideration the following papers viz

1° "An Ordinance in relation to the loan of the credit of the "City of Providence, in aid of the Providence and Plainfield "Rail Road and for its extension"

2° An Agreement to be entered into between the Hartford, Providence and Fishkill Rail Road Co and the City of Providence

3° Resolutions consenting to the construction of a Rail Road by the Hartford, Providence and Fishkill Rail Road Co into and through a part of this City &c &c

Your Committee understood, that unless otherwise decided by the City Council, it was settled by the electors as a basis for proceedings in this matter, that the expenditure upon the Rail Road was to be considered adequate security for half its amount

So far as regards the expenditure in our own State, a mortgage may be given which secures half its amount which may be estimated at 350.000 Dollars.

In consequence of previous proceedings in Connecticut it is very inconvenient to give a separate mortgage for the security of the City. In January 1849 the Hartford and Providence Rail Road Co executed a mortgage for the security of certain Bonds, upon which mortgage 78.730 Dollars of bonds were issued. This Mortgage covered the road between Hartford & Willimantic only.

In August 1849, the Hartford Providence and Fishkill Rail Road Co. (who by legislation of the State of Connecticut were the successors and had all the powers of the Hartford & Providence Rail Road Co.) executed another mortgage of all their road, built and to be built in Connecticut, to secure bonds to half the amount of cost: under which mortgage have been issued 149.000 dollars of bonds.

Under this Mortgage the City of Hartford has agreed to exchange 500.000 Dols of bonds, and this City is asked to exchange the difference between the amount secured by the Rhode Island mortgage and 500.000 Dollars

Your Committee felt that they ought not judge of the legal bearing of the provisions of the Mortgage in Connecticut and they requested advice from Messrs Samuel Ames, Thomas F Carpenter & Thomas A Jenckes, whose written opinion they now present, together with copies of the Mortgages.

The Committee upon these Papers would only remark

1 The Ordinance contains few provisions — It is intended for those who become holders of bonds. The guard to the City is that the Board of Aldermen are to give their assent; and until such assent is given neither the Mayor, Treasurer or Clerk will affix their signatures

2° The agreement is to direct the Board of Aldermen in giving their assent — The provisions of this instrument are important and deserving much consideration — The Committee have made its provisions such as they have concluded to recommend

3° The resolutions granting a location for a depot. These have been drawn upon the basis of the resolutions granting a location to the New York, Providence & Boston R^d R Co. The extent of land is what the Rail Road Co desired, and the Committee do not think the conditions onerous

Your Committee therefore recommend to the City Council that they favorably consider the papers prepared for their action your committee think the security offered adequate in a financial view and as to the Law, they refer the Council to the written opinion of their legal advisers herewith presented

for the Committee
Thos^r M Burgess

Providence Jan^y 15. 1852

Opinion Sam[l] Ames. T F Carpenter & T A Jenckes on the Security offered by H. & F R R Co. for City Bonds

Opinion of Sam[l] Ames. T F Carpenter & T A Jenckes

We have had submitted to us the Charters of the Hartford, Providence and Fishkill Railroad Company granted by the State of Connecticut, the Charter of the Providence & Plainfield Railroad Company granted by the State of Rhode Island - the mortgage executed by the Hartford Providence & Fishkill Railroad Company on its road &c. in Connecticut dated the 25th day of August 1849 - the votes of the City of Hartford to exchange the bonds of said City to the amount of five hundred thousand dollars, for a like amount of the bonds of Hartford, Providence & Fishkill Railroad Company, secured under the above mortgage - the Articles of agreement between the Hartford, Providence & Fishkill Rail Road Company & the Providence & Plainfield Railroad Company, uniting them in joint Stock & common interest as one Company - It is stated to us that the railroad of the Company in Connecticut between Hartford & Willimantic only is subject to a Mortgage executed on the 13th day of January 1849 by the Hartford & Providence Railroad Co. for the sum of seventy eight thousand seven hundred & thirty dollars with interest payable semi annually at seven per cent - that there had been issued by the Hartford, Providence & Fishkill Rail road Company previous to their union with the Providence & Plainfield Railroad Company bonds to the amount of One hundred & forty nine thousand dollars — under the above Mortgage of said Company dated the 25th day of August 1849 that no other bonds have been executed or issued under said Mortgage and that no bonds under said Mortgage have been executed or issued, or authorized to be executed or issued to the City of Hartford in exchange for the bonds of said City - that upon the union of the Hartford, Providence & Fishkill Railroad Company with the Providence & Plainfield Railroad Company under the articles of agreement aforesaid, a new Board of Directors was elected by the Stockholders of both of said Companies in a joint meeting of said Stockholders, each of said Board being qualified as a holder of Stock or becoming qualified by a holding of Stock in the Connecticut corporation, previous to his election, to become a Director therein

The Directors thus qualified & elected now offer to the City of Providence in exchange for the bonds of said City, the bonds of said Rail road Company secured as provided in the contract & ordinance copies of which are annexed to this opinion; and the question put to us is, Whether we would recommend the City of Providence to take said bonds offered in exchange as legally secured under the mortgages in said contract mentioned ?

Opinion

There is no doubt that the mortgage executed by the Hartford & Providence Railroad Company on the 13th day of January 1849 for the sum of seventy eight thousand, seven hundred & thirty Dollars is a prior mortgage to that now offered as security in the railroad in Connecticut. So far as the section of the railroad of said Company between Hartford & Willimantic is concerned: that being all of their railroad embraced in said Mortgage -

We entertain doubts whether the bonds issued by the Connecticut corporation prior to its union with the Providence & Plainfield Railroad Company under the mortgage of the Hartford Providence & Fishkill Railroad Company dated August 25 1849, to the amount of One hundred & forty nine thousand dollars will not also have priority over the bonds to be issued by the united company to the Cities of Providence & Hartford. These doubts however have been very much lessened by the fact that the City of Hartford proposes to take bonds under said Mortgage said bonds to be hereafter executed & issued, and is advised, as we are informed, by able counsel in Connecticut, (and as appears from the opinion of Gov Toucey & the late Chief Justice Williams which has been exhibited to us) that such bonds will stand on an equal footing under said Mortgage with the bonds issued thereunder by the Connecticut Corporation prior to the union - We feel bound to give great force to such an opinion, because the question of the validity & effect of security in real & personal property, is always a question in the main of local law

We are however of opinion that bonds to be executed & issued by the United Company under said Mortgage to the Cities of Hartford & Providence for the purpose of constructing any portion of their railroad in Connecticut will be a lien upon said railroad &c built & to be built to the amount of one half the sum expended in building & equiping the same, prior to all other liens thereafter created, upon the ground that such issue of bonds under said Mortgage is an adoption by said United Company of said Mortgage The said Mortgage being, upon record, any subsequent incumbrancer would be put upon enquiry by the same & would thereby be affected with notice of all bonds issued by said Company under said Mortgage.

We have no hesitation in recommending the City of Providence to issue its bonds in exchange for the bonds of the Hartford, Providence & Fishkill Rail Road Co in conformity with the Contract & ordinance referred to in the above statement - seeing no objection to the legal validity of the security offered

Providence January 14 1852

Samuel Ames
Tho[s] F. Carpenter
T. A. Jenckes

Opinion of Hon. Isaac Toucey

I have examined 1 the Charter of the Hartford, Providence & Fishkill Rail Road Company with its amendments - 2 The Charter of the Providence & Plainfield Rail Road Company and amendments 3 the mortgage executed by the Hartford, Providence & Fishkill R R Company to Thomas S. Williams, Wm A Imlay & D. S. Robinson as Trustees, dated August 25th 1849 for the security of certain bonds thereafter to be issued & 4 The con-

tract of Union between said Companies dated July 4 1851 under which they have since acted

It is my opinion that the Hartford, Providence & Fishkille R R Co. under its Charter derived from this State has full power at the present time to issue bonds within the terms of said Mortgage, & that such bonds will be well secured by it, provided the whole amount shall not exceed at any time One half of the sum expended for the construction & equipment of the road. The legal title is in the Trustees; the right or power to issue bonds upon the Mortgage is not extinguished nor suspended; & I know of no mode either in law or equity in which the holders of bonds which have been, or shall be issued within the prescribed limit can be thrown out of the stipulated security. The Company itself has no being within this jurisdiction, except under & in pursuance of the provisions of its Charter, which alike sanction its existance & its power to encumber its property. I think our Courts will follow the Case of Farnham & the Blackstone Canal Co 1 Summers C C Rep 47

Isaac Toucey

Hartford Ct Nov. 28 1851

The documents numbered 1. 2. 3 & 4. in the above opinion have also been submitted to me & upon examining them I concur in the opinion given by Gov.r Toucey

Hartford Nov. 29 1851

Th. S. Williams

Ordinance authorizing the issue of City Bonds.

An Ordinance

In relation to the loan of the credit of the City of Providence in aid of the Providence and Plainfield Railroad, and for its extension

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

Section 1. The City Treasurer is hereby authorized and directed, by and with the advice of the Board of Aldermen, from time to time, to purchase, take, receive and hold seven per cent. bonds which may be issued by the Hartford, Providence & Fishkill Railroad Company, to an amount not exceeding the sum of Five Hundred Thousand Dollars ($500.000) secured by a mortgage or mortgages of the Railroad of said Company in Connecticut and Rhode Island or in either State, and in exchange or payment for said bonds, under the corporate name and seal of said City to issue or cause to be issued, and delivered to the said Hartford, Providence and Fishkill Railroad Company, an equal amount of City bonds or certificates of debt of said City of Providence, in even sums of One Thousand Dollars ($1000,) each, bearing date at the time of issue, and made payable to said Hartford, Providence & Fishkill Railroad Company, or its assigns, at the end of Twenty five years from and after the first day of January 1851, with interest at the rate of Six per cent. per annum, payable semi-annually, on the first days of January and of July in each year, with interest warrants annexed to each bond or certificate, for the several sums of interest to become due half yearly as aforesaid; and the certificate of the City Clerk on the

Registered in the Office of the City Clerk

bonds or certificates of debt of said City, that the same have been by him registered, shall be conclusive evidence that the same have been issued by and with the advice of the Board of Aldermen

Sect 2. Said City Bonds or certificates of debt shall be signed by the Mayor, and countersigned by the Treasurer, and registered by the City Clerk, who shall certify such registry of each bond; and said interest warrants shall be signed by the Treasurer only, and the City Treasurer is hereby directed to receive the said seven per cent Rail road Bonds as the same shall be from time to time offered by said Railroad Company, and to hold them for the City of Providence, subject to the provisions of the Act authorizing said City to loan its credit as aforesaid; and in payment or exchange therefor, said City Treasurer shall from time to time deliver to said Railroad Company an equal amount of said City Bonds or certificates of debt, until the full principal sum of Five Hundred Thousand Dollars ($500.000) shall have been so received and delivered or exchanged.

Sect. 3. Said City Bonds or Certificates of Debt shall be numbered from one upwards to five hundred, consecutively as they are issued, and be in the following form, viz:

No Providence City Scrip $ 1000.

State of Rhode Island & Providence Plantations

Providence 185

This Certifies, That the City of Providence is indebted to the Hartford, Providence and Fishkill Railroad Company, in the principal sum of One Thousand Dollars, payable to said Company, or its assigns, at the end of twenty-five years from the first day of January, in the year One thousand eight hundred and fifty one, with interest at the rate of six per cent. per annum, payable semi annually, on delivery of the Interest Warrants hereunto annexed, as they shall respectively become payable, until said principal sum is fully paid

In testimony whereof, and in accordance with a three-fifths vote of the electors of the City of Providence, in a meeting duly warned and held for that purpose, and of the ordinance of the City Council of said City, I Mayor of said City, hereunto subscribe my name, and cause the seal of said City to be affixed

Dated at Providence 185

Countersigned by

Treasurer

Mayor

No Interest Warrant for thirty dollars, $30. - On the first day of 18 the City of Providence will owe, and will pay to the Hartford, Providence and Fishkill Railroad Company or bearer thirty dollars, being for the half yearly interest on City Certificate No for One thousand dollars

Treasurer

Section 4. The provisions of the 2d and 3d Sections of the Act entitled "An Act authorizing the City of Providence to loan its credit in aid of the Providence and Plainfield Railroad, and for its extension"

passed by the General Assembly of the State of Rhode Island at its January Session, A.D. 1851, Constituting a sinking fund for the purpose of cancelling the bonds of said Railroad Company, issued to said City, and providing for Trustees of said fund, are hereby agreed to and adopted; and it shall be the duty of the City Treasurer, from time to time, immediately on receipt thereof, to pay over to the said Trustees any and all monies and balances of interest received by said City of Providence, and pledged or appropriated for a Sinking Fund by the second and third sections of said Act.

Sect. 5 Said seven per cent Bonds, which may be purchased as aforesaid, with the interest therefor, and all monies or other proceeds received on account of the same, are hereby irrevocably pledged and appropriated to pay the interest and principal sums of said City Bonds or Certificates of debt, and the same shall not be applied to or used for any other purpose whatever

Sect 6. The said Railroad Company may contract to pay and may pay to any purchaser or holder of said City Bonds or Certificates of debt, with his assent, the principal sum, or the interest thereof, or both, either when or before the same shall fall due; and for all principal sums or interest so paid, said Company on surrender of such paid City Bonds or interest warrants to be cancelled, shall be allowed and receive therefor, an equal amount of the Seven per cent bonds of said Company theretofore purchased by said City. And whenever said City Bonds and all interest thereon shall have been fully paid, either by means of said City Sinking Fund, or by other monies or means furnished by or derived from said Railroad Company, and said City of Providence shall have been saved harmless and indemnified from all payments and liabilities on said City Bonds or Certificates of debt and interest; then said Seven per cent. Bonds so purchased as aforesaid, shall become the Property of, and be surrendered to, said Railroad Company

Passed February 5 1852

Agreement with Hartford Prov & Fishkill R R Company

This Agreement, Entered into this day of A D 1852 by and between the Hartford, Providence and Fishkill Railroad Company, and the City of Providence, in which each and all the acts and stipulations to be done and performed by each of the several parties hereto are in consideration of each and all the acts and stipulations to be done and performed by the other

Witnesseth;

Article 1. The said Railroad Company are to issue and deliver to the City of Providence in exchange for an equal amount of bonds of said City, as hereinafter provided, their Railroad Bonds of One Thousand Dollars ($1000.) each, to an amount not exceeding Five Hundred Thousand Dollars, bearing interest at the rate of seven per cent. per annum payable semi annually, with interest warrants attached; the principal sum

payable at the end of twenty five years from the 1st January A D 1851, to the City of Providence or assigns; with security as follows, viz;

1 Said Company will execute a first Mortgage of the Rail Road in Rhode Island, to Trustees to be named by the City Council of Providence, for such an amount of their Bonds as shall not exceed one half the amount expended on said Railroad; which Bonds so secured by a first Mortgage of all and singular the franchises, roads and real estate of said Company within the State of Rhode Island, and so far as the same may lawfully be issued, to an amount not exceeding Five Hundred Thousand Dollars ($500,000) shall from time to time, be issued to and taken by said City of Providence, in exchange for equal amounts of the Bonds of said City.

2. If said Railroad Company cannot lawfully issue the full amount of Five Hundred Thousand Dollars ($500.000) of said Bonds on the mortgage security of their Railroad in Rhode Island, the balance of such loan of Five Hundred Thousand Dollars, of Bonds of the City of Providence, to an amount not exceeding Two hundred Thousand Dollars ($200,000) shall be exchanged for said Company's Bonds, issued under the Mortgage of their Road and estate in Connecticut, dated on the twenty fifth day of August A D 1849 and recorded in the office of the Secretary of State in Connecticut, as certified by Roger A Mills, Secretary of State, said bonds being similar to and having identical and equal security with the bonds to be issued by the City of Hartford: such Legal advisers as the City of Providence may select to be satisfied of the equality and identity of such security.

And said Company will execute & deliver to the same Trustees named by the City Council as aforesaid, for the benefit of the City of Providence, a second Mortgage of their Railroad and real estate in Rhode Island, as further security for such and so many of the Bonds of said Company issued under their Connecticut Mortgage as shall from time to time be taken by said City in exchange for Bonds of said City

Art 2. The said Railroad Company will expend at least the amount of Five Hundred Thousand Dollars ($500.000) together with such an additional amount as may be received from the subscriptions to the Stock of the Providence and Plainfield Railroad Company, upon and for the construction of a continuous line of Railroad from Providence Westerly to the Norwich and Worcester Railroad, in the first place, and if any balance remain then towards Willimantic; and said Railroad Company agree that they will issue no Bonds for the extension of their Railroad beyond the Naugatuck Valley, without the assent of the City Council of Providence, so long as said City shall hold Bonds of said Company issued under the Mortgage on their Road and estate in Connecticut

Art. 3. In exchange for the bonds of said Railroad Company, to be lawfully issued as aforesaid, the City of Providence will from time to time as the same may be required for the construction of the Railroad issue an equal amount of Bonds, Scrip or Certificates of debt of the City of Providence in sums of One thousand Dollars ($1000.)

passed by the General Assembly of the State of Rhode Island, at its January Session, A.D. 1851, constituting a sinking fund for the purpose of cancelling the bonds of said Railroad Company, issued to said City, and providing for Trustees of said fund, are hereby agreed to and adopted; and it shall be the duty of the City Treasurer, from time to time, immediately on receipt thereof, to pay over to the said Trustees any and all monies and balances of interest received by said City of Providence, and pledged or appropriated for a Sinking Fund by the second and third sections of said Act.

Sect. 5 Said seven per cent Bonds, which may be purchased as aforesaid, with the interest therefor, and all monies or other proceeds received on account of the same, are hereby irrevocably pledged and appropriated to pay the interest and principal sums of said City Bonds or Certificates of debt, and the same shall not be applied to or used for any other purpose whatever

Sect 6. The said Railroad Company may contract to pay to and may pay any purchaser or holder of said City Bonds or Certificates of debt, with his assent, the principal sum, or the interest thereof, or both, either when or before the same shall fall due; and for all principal sums or interest so paid, said Company on surrender of such paid City Bonds or interest warrants to be cancelled, shall be allowed and receive therefor, an equal amount of the Seven per cent bonds of said Company theretofore purchased by said City. And whenever said City Bonds and all interest thereon shall have been fully paid, either by means of said City Sinking Fund, or by other monies or means furnished by or derived from said Rail-road Company, and said City of Providence shall have been saved harmless and indemnified from all payments and liabilities on said City Bonds or Certificates of debt and interest, then said seven per cent. Bonds so purchased as aforesaid, shall become the Property of, and be surrendered to, said Railroad Company

Passed February 5 1852

Agreement with Hartford Prov & Fishkill R R Company

This Agreement, Entered into this day of A D 1852, by and between the Hartford, Providence and Fishkill Railroad Company, and the City of Providence, in which each and all the acts and stipulations to be done and performed by each of the several parties hereto are in consideration of each and all the acts and stipulations to be done and performed by the other

Witnesseth:

Article 1. The said Railroad Company are to issue and deliver to the City of Providence in exchange for an equal amount of bonds of said City, as hereinafter provided, their Railroad Bonds of One Thousand Dollars ($1000.) each, to an amount not exceeding Five Hundred Thousand Dollars, bearing interest at the rate of seven per cent. per annum payable semi annually, with interest warrants attached; the principal sum

payable at the end of twenty five years from the 1st January A D 1851, to the City of Providence or assigns; with security as follows, viz:

1 Said Company will execute a first Mortgage of the Rail Road in Rhode Island, to Trustees to be named by the City Council of Providence, for such an amount of their Bonds as shall not exceed one half the amount expended on said Railroad; which Bonds so secured by a first Mortgage of all and singular the franchises, roads and real estate of said Company within the State of Rhode Island, and so far as the same may lawfully be issued, to an amount not exceeding Five Hundred Thousand Dollars ($500.000) shall from time to time, be issued to and taken by said City of Providence, in exchange for equal amounts of the Bonds of said City.

2. If said Railroad Company cannot lawfully issue the full amount of Five Hundred Thousand Dollars ($500.000) of said Bonds on the mortgage security of their Railroad in Rhode Island, the balance of such loan of Five Hundred Thousand Dollars, of Bonds of the City of Providence, to an amount not exceeding Two hundred Thousand Dollars ($200.000) shall be exchanged for said Company's Bonds, issued under the Mortgage of their Road and estate in Connecticut, dated on the twenty fifth day of August A D 1849 and recorded in the Office of the Secretary of State in Connecticut, as certified by Roger A Mills, Secretary of State, said bonds being similar to and having identical and equal security with the bonds to be issued by the City of Hartford: such Legal advisers as the City of Providence may select to be satisfied of the equality and identity of such security. And said Company will execute & deliver to the same Trustees named by the City Council as aforesaid, for the benefit of the City of Providence, a second Mortgage of their Railroad and real estate in Rhode Island, as further security for such and so many of the Bonds of said Company issued under their Connecticut Mortgage as shall from time to time be taken by said City in exchange for Bonds of said City

Art 2. The said Railroad Company will expend at least the amount of Five Hundred Thousand Dollars ($500.000) together with such an additional amount as may be received from the subscriptions to the Stock of the Providence and Plainfield Railroad Company, upon and for the construction of a continuous line of Railroad from Providence Westerly to the Norwich and Worcester Railroad, in the first place, and if any balance remain then towards Willimantic; and said Railroad Company agree that they will issue no Bonds for the extension of their Railroad beyond the Naugatuck Valley, without the assent of the City Council of Providence, so long as said City shall hold Bonds of said Company issued under the Mortgage on their Road and estate in Connecticut

Art. 3. In exchange for the bonds of said Railroad Company, to be lawfully issued as aforesaid, the City of Providence will from time to time as the same may be required for the construction of the Railroad issue an equal amount of Bonds, Scrip or Certificates of debt of the City of Providence in sums of One thousand Dollars ($1000.),

each, payable at the end of Twenty five years from the first of January A.D. 1851, with interest warrants attached, at the rate of six per cent. per annum, payable semi annually, as authorized by an Act of the General Assembly of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations, and the vote of the City of Providence thereon — and pursuant to an Ordinance of the City Council of said City entitled "An Ordinance in relation to the loan of the credit of the City of Providence, in aid of the Providence and Plainfield Railroad and for its extension," and to the provisions of this Instrument

Article 4 (1) When Three Hundred Thousand Dollars ($300000) shall have been expended on the Railroad between Providence and the Norwich and Worcester Railroad, the issue of said City Bonds shall commence, and said Railroad Company shall receive in exchange for their Bonds, One Hundred & fifty thousand Dollars ($150,000,) of the Bonds of said City; but no more City Bonds shall be issued until the Railroad Company have expended upon their Railroad between said points the sum of Five Hundred and Fifty Thousand Dollars.

(2). As the expenditure between Providence and the Norwich and Worcester, Railroad shall be increased, the issue of said City Bonds to said Company shall be increased as from time to time required but not to exceed Five Hundred Thousand Dollars, nor one half the expenditure upon the Railroad between those points. But no more than four hundred thousand dollars of the City Bonds shall be issued, until the Board of Aldermen shall be satisfied that the issue of the balance of said City Bonds will ensure the completion of a continuous line of railroad to be built by said Company, from the Depot in Providence to Willimantic; and then no more than seventy thousand dollars of said balance shall be issued, until all necessary railroad accommodations at this end of said railroad shall have been finally made and completed, and until such lands in the Cove as shall be agreed upon by said Railroad Company and the City Council, for said Company to fill in, if any such agreement shall be made, shall have been filled in, in compliance with the terms to be imposed by said City Council.

Art. 5. If at any time it shall be found by the City Council of the City of Providence, that said Railroad Company are not in good faith complying with and fulfilling the stipulations of this agreement, then said City Council may suspend the further issue of City Bonds, until it shall appear that said Company are in good faith complying with and fulfilling said stipulations

Art. 6. The Sinking Fund" and appointment of Trustees of the Sinking Fund, as established and provided for by the Act of the General Assembly of the State of Rhode Island, are hereby agreed to.

Art 7. The expenses attending the preparation and issue of the Bonds of the City of Providence, including reasonable compensation to the City Treasurer and Clerk, shall be defrayed by said Railroad Company

City Bonds

Resolved. That the form of Agreement reported by the Special Committee on the issue of City Bonds, to the Hartford, Providence and Fishkill Rail Road Company, in relation to such issue; be approved and adopted, and that the City Treasurer be and he is hereby authorized to execute the same, in the name and in behalf of the City, and to affix thereto the seal of the City

Passed February 3. 1852

W B Everett

Upon the Report of the Standing Committee on Police, upon the petition of William B. Everett; It is

Resolved, That the City Treasurer be, and he is hereby directed to pay to said William B Everett, from the appropriation for Police, the sum of fourteen Dollars and seventy five cents; in full for injury sustained by him on the second day of November last, while rendering aid to the City Watch

Passed February 2 1852

Rewards

Upon the Reports of the Standing Committee on Police, upon the petitions of Jabez C Potter, William H Pullen and George W Sheldon, it is

Resolved, That the City Treasurer be and he is hereby directed to pay to said Jabez C Potter, William H Pullen and George W Sheldon, the sum of Twenty five Dollars each, as a gratuity for services rendered by them, in the arrest of James Lawless and John Robinson incendiaries; and that the same be paid out of the appropriation for the Police Department

Passed February 3. 1852

Contingencies

Resolved, that the sum of One Thousand Dollars be added to the appropriation for Contingencies, and that the same be paid out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated

Passed Feby 9. 1852

Fire Department

Resolved, that the sum of Three thousand dollars be added to former appropriations for the Fire Department and that the same be paid out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated

Passed February 9. 1852

Resolutions

Of the City Council of the City of Providence consenting to the construction of a Railroad by the Hartford, Providence and Fishkill Railroad Co. into and through a part of said City, pursuant to authority vested in said City Council by laws of this State, and especially by "An act in addition to an act relative to the harbor and public waters of the town of Providence," and "An act to incorporate the Providence and Plainfield Railroad Company"

Resolved, That the Report of the Committee to whom was referred on the thirteenth day of October last, the petition of the Hartford, Providence and Fishkill Railroad Company, be and the same is hereby accepted, and that the City Clerk is directed to record the same with the accompanying plat marked A. and the petition to which said report refers

Resolved, That the City Council do hereby consent to the location and construction of the said Railroad in this City, from a point within or near the location of the New York, Providence and Boston Railroad, where the same enters the City about two thousand feet Southerly from Waterman's factory in Olneyville, and continuing northerly and easterly upon or along and near the westerly and northerly side of said New York, Providence and Boston Railroad, so as to connect with the Railroad belonging to the Providence and Worcester Rail Road Company, upon the following conditions, viz:

1st That where said proposed Railroad shall intersect High Street, Broadway and Atwells' Avenue, bridges of the same width of said Streets respectively, (unless the Board of Aldermen shall consent to a lesser width) shall be constructed by said Railroad Company, to carry said Streets over said Railroad, which bridges shall be equal in construction and workmanship to those which now carry said Streets over the Railroad constructed by the New York, Providence and Boston Railroad Company, which bridges shall be maintained by said Railroad Company as long as their Railroad shall exist. The grades of said Streets and Bridges shall be determined by the Board of Aldermen

2d The Board of Aldermen may at any time authorize Proprietors of land adjoining the Railroad in this City to lay out Streets or highways across said Railroad, and to build where needful, good substantial bridges over the said Railroad; and if in any highway that shall be constructed or established crossing said Railroad, a bridge be constructed upon the same over said Railroad, the Hartford, Providence and Fishkill Railroad Company shall maintain such bridge after such highway is received by the City, and if highways be constructed or established crosing the Railroad upon its grade, the Hartford, Providence and Fishkill Railroad Company shall use such precaution, in maintaining gates or otherwise, as the Board of Aldermen from time to time decide to be proper for the protection of

travellers on the highways.

3d That the Hartford, Providence & Fishkill Rail Road Company shall complete the wall commenced by the City of Providence following the curve of said wall as delineated on the Plat accompanying these Resolutions, from the point where the wall now terminates to a point 150 feet distant from the termination of the wall of the Cove Promenade near the State Prison; which wall shall be built in as good manner and of as good materials as that part of the wall which the City has already finished; and also build a wall from said termination running Westerly and parallel with the wall on the North side of said Promenade 130 feet in a heavier and stronger manner, and if needful upon piles so that it can be used for the abutment of a bridge; thence turning and following the curve of said wall around said basin to a point 130 feet Westerly of the point marked F. on said Plat, and from thence to the point on said Plat marked S. said last mentioned wall, to be equal to the wall built by the N.Y. P. & Boston Rail Road Company for an embankment and shall cause the area contained between the outside walls and the shore near to the railroad of the New York, Providence and Boston Rail Road Company and a Carpenters Point, to be filled up to such proper grade as shall correspond to the grades which the Street Commissioners of the City shall fix for the proposed Streets on the land to be filled up, and if the mud in the Cove shall be raised by the filling of said area, the Railroad Company shall cause it to be excavated so as to leave the surface as low as it now is.

The Culverts now built by the New York, Providence and Boston Railroad Company, shall be continued to tide water, and if hereafter any other culvert shall be required to conduct the water from Cove Street to the Cove, under the Railroad, it shall be constructed by the Hartford Providence and Fishkill Railroad Company, across the land constructed by them.

4th That the Hartford, Providence and Fishkill Railroad Company shall build and maintain such fences and of such materials and patterns, on each side of their Railroad and grounds occupied by them, as the Board of Aldermen may from time to time require

5th That upon the land to be filled in, and on the land South and Easterly of a line from point O to point D, on a plat of a certain grant to the New York, Providence and Boston Rail Road Company, recorded in Book of plats No 2 page 15 in the City Clerk's Office, such rail tracks may be laid for the purposes of connecting the Railroad of the Hartford Providence and Fishkill Railroad Company with the Depots, Stations and Tracks of their own or of other Railroad companies as the Board of Aldermen may approve

6th The Hartford, Providence and Fishkill Rail Road Company shall be authorized to construct convenient buildings, for depots, engine houses, car houses, and machine shop for Railroad purposes only, upon the land to be filled in west of a line from X to V and south of the proposed Street on the margin of tide water as delineated in said plat first leaving the circle of 80

feet and a Street 50 feet wide, to connect with the proposed Street of 80 feet, North of the land to be occupied by said Hartford, Providence and Fishkill Rail Road Co.; the plans and materials of which shall be approved by the City Council

Resolved, That all the land which may be filled upon public waters by virtue of these Resolutions shall be for public highways and other public uses, excepting that the needful Railroad tracks may be laid and the buildings before named constructed thereon; and nothing herein shall be construed to prevent the constituted authorities from laying such highways on said land as public convenience may require, without paying damages therefor: neither do these resolutions authorize the taking of private or corporate property of any description, in any other way than is by law provided; and in case any part of the land hereby granted shall cease to be used for Rail road purposes, it shall become public land to remain open forever

Resolved, That as a condition of the preceding grant, the Board of Aldermen of this City shall have a right to regulate the speed at which the locomotives may pass on the Hartford Providence and Fishkill Railroad through the compact part of this City and across any public highway in this City

Resolved, That the preceding Resolutions shall become null and of no effect if the terms thereof are not accepted by said Hartford, Providence and Fishkill Railroad Company, before or at the time of executing the Agreement in relation to the exchange of Bonds between the City and the Railroad Company) or if said Company do not, before the first day of December A D 1853 complete the wall from the point where it now terminates, to the corner of the abutment, build said abutment and the wall on the outer side of said circle to the point 130 feet Westward of the point marked **T** on said plat, and fill with gravel the area between last mentioned walls and abutment: or if said Company do not complete the remainder of the walls and filling, before the first day of January A D 1857: And furthermore it is provided, that said Company shall not have under these Resolutions, any right to erect buildings on land filled in the public waters, after the first day of January A D 1860

Passed February 9. 1852

The Petitions referred to in the foregoing Resolutions

Providence &c
Providence

To the Honorable City Council of the City of Providence
October 13 1851

The undersigned, in behalf of the Hartford, Providence and Fishkill Railroad Company a Corporation formed by a union of the Providence and Plainfield Railroad Company, incorporated by the legislature of Rhode Island, with the Railroad Company heretofore known by the same name of the Hartford, Providence and Fishkill Railroad Company, incorporated by the legislature of Connecticut.

Respectfully Represent

That said United Company has been formed in accordance with the powers for that purpose granted by the charters of the individual Companies, and with the immediate object of completing the unfinished portions of a line of railroad from Providence to the Naugatuck Railroad, in the direction of and with a view ultimately to its extension to Fishkill.

And that the unfinished portions of said line constitute together about sixty five miles, as follows; from Providence to the western line of Rhode Island, about 24 miles, from thence to Willimantic, about 29 miles; and from Bristol to the Naugatuck Railroad, about 12 miles; and that between Willimantic and Bristol, the former being about 31½ miles north east, and the latter about 18½ miles Southwest of Hartford, said United Company now own and have in successful operation about fifty miles of Railroad newly built and equiped; which 50 miles of road now built with the 65 miles proposed to be built, will make a continuous line of 115 miles of railway westward from Providence in the direction of Fishkill.

That the resources to which the United Company look for the means of completing the said unfinished portions of said railroad are as follows;

First The said fifty miles of railroad and income therefrom, now completed and belonging to said United Company, subject to a Mortgage debt of about Two hundred and twenty Seven thousand dollars, payable at periods varying from five to ten years

Second. The monies and means to be derived from subscriptions made to the Capital Stock of said Providence & Plainfield Company, about five hundred thousand dollars, now payable to the United Company

Third. The monies to be derived from the issue of the bonds of the Cities of Providence and Hartford, each to the amount of Five hundred thousand dollars, pursuant to the respective votes of the Electors and freemen of said Cities: which several sums will together constitute an investment by said Companys of about Three millions of Dollars on and for their said Railroad

That by the Charter powers of said United Company, the Directors are authorized from time to time, at a rate of interest not exceeding seven per cent, upon the credit of said United Company, to borrow from the Cities of Providence and Hartford such sum or sums of money as they shall deem necessary and proper for the construction, equipment and completion of the said proposed line of railroad, in any way authorized by the charter powers of said United Company; and to issue in paymnt of the Money which may be so borrowed, in the aggregate such an amount of the Seven per cent bonds of the United Company, as shall not exceed one half of the aggregate amount previously expended on and for their said railroad

And to the intent that the holders of said bonds may be at all times secured, in preference to all other creditors

the Directors have authority to mortgage to the bondholders the entire road or roads by the said United Company now owned or to be constructed, or any portion or portions of the same, together with all its franchises and other property and chartered rights in the two States of Rhode Island and Connecticut, and whether the same shall be vested in said Company at the time of the execution of said mortgage, or afterwards acquired;

And that by the Articles of Union of said companies it is provided that the City of Providence, in exchange for the bonds of said City shall receive railroad bonds secured by the first mortgage on all that portion of the proposed railroad which will be in Rhode Island, if the City Council shall so require, as far as the same may be issued for the road in Rhode Island; and in exchange for the residue of the bonds of said City, going to make up the said sum of Five hundred thousand dollars, and which will be expended in extending said road towards Willimantic, said City may receive railroad bonds secured be mortgage on other portions of said railroad, built and to be built

And the Directors of said United Company being now about to call in the said subscriptions to the Capital Stock of the Providence and Plainfield Railroad Company, and to apply the same towards the construction of the said line of railroad;

And the City of Hartford having directed the issue of the bonds of that City to the full amount of five hundred thousand dollars, in aid of said railroad, &c that the said bonds are now available for the purposes of said United Company when and as they may be required;

And more than three fifths of the Electors of this City, voting upon the question, having voted that the bonds of said City shall issue in aid of said Railroad under the authority of the Act of the General Assembly, in that case provided

And the City Council having thereby full authority to direct the issue of said bonds:

The undersigned do therefore in behalf of said United Company, and in order that the Directors and Stockholders may know with certainty that said Providence City Bonds will be available to said Company in aid of their said enterprize, respectfully request the City Council to direct the issue of the bonds of said City to the amount of Five hundred thousand dollars — the monies therefrom to be expended in constructing, equiping and completing that portion of the proposed line of said United Company necessary to secure a line of Rail Road communication between Providence and Hartford in accordance with the provisions of said Act of the General Assembly and Three Fifths vote of the Citizens, and in exchange for the seven per cent bonds of said United Rail-Road Corporation to be secured by Mortgage or Mortgages as aforesaid.

And to direct that the same shall be issued from time to time as required by the Directors of said Company, during the construction equipment and completion of their said railroad in such sums as shall not in the aggregate exceed at one time one half of the aggregate amount previously expended by said United Company on and for their said railroad; such previous expenditure to be ascertained by the Oath of the Chief Engineer.

And the undersigned do request that said City Bonds may be issued in even sums of one thousand Dollars each, with interest certificates attached, and consecutively numbered from One to five hundred, and being after the following form

Form of Bond

No Providence City Bond $1000
State of Rhode Island Providence July 1 1852

This certifies that the City of Providence is indebted to the Hartford, Providence and Fishkill Railroad in the sum of One thousand Dollars, payable to said Company, or its assigns at the end of Twenty five years from the day of 185 with interest at the rate of six per cent per annum payable semi annually on delivery of the interest warrants hereto annexed, as they shall respectively become payable until said principal sum is fully paid

In testimony whereof and pursuant to an Ordinance of said City entitled "An Ordinance directing the issue of City Bonds pursuant to an Act of the General Assembly, entitled 'An Act authorizing the City of Providence to loan its credit in aid of the Providence and Plainfield Railroad, and for its extension'," I Mayor of said City hereunto subscribe my name and have caused the Seal of said City to be affixed

Countersigned by
Treasurer

Dated Providence July 185

Mayor

Form of Interest Certificate

No Interest Warrant for thirty Dollars $30.—

On the first day of 185 the City of Providence will pay to the Hartford, Providence and Fishkill Railroad Company or bearer thirty dollars, being for the half yearly interest on City Bond No.

Wm Sprague, Henry Lippitt — Executive Com^te of the Board of Directors

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Police

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

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

Sect 1. The Annual election of Police Constables shall take place in the month of February of each year

Sect 2. So much of the Ordinance, to which this is in amendment as is inconsistent herewith is hereby repealed

Passed Feby 9 1852

City Funds

Resolved, That the Standing Committee on Finance be and they are hereby authorized to make an arrangement with one or more of the Banks in this City, for the deposit of the City Funds, or any part thereof, for the Year commencing on the first Monday of March next upon such terms as they may deem for the interest of the City

Passed February 9 1852

Bill for City Tax

Resolved, That the Standing Committee on Finance be, and they are hereby directed, to report at the first Meeting of the City Council in March next, a Bill providing for the assessment and collection of a City Tax for the year ensuing the first Monday in March next; and also, at the same time to report a Bill making appropriations for said year

Passed February 9 1852

Salaries

Resolved, that the sum of Two hundred Dollars be added to the appropriation for Salaries, and that the same be paid out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated

Passed February 9 1852

Highways

Resolved, that the sum of One thousand dollars be added to the appropriation for Highways, and that the same be paid out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated

Passed February 9 1852

Bells to be rung

Resolved, That the City Marshal cause the bells of the several places of Public Worship to be rung at noon on the twenty third instant

Passed February 9 1852

Report of Reform School for the G Assembly

Ordered, That the City Clerk transmit to the Secretary of State, One Hundred and fifty copies of the Report of the Trustees of the Providence Reform School, for distribution to the members of the General Assembly

Passed February 9 1852

Pumps

Resolved, That the sum of One Hundred Dollars be, and the same is hereby, appropriated, from any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated in addition to the sum of Five Hundred Dollars appropriated on the 13th day of October last, for repairing and improving the Pumps situated at the junction of Westminster & High Streets

Passed February 9 1852

Providence ss

To the Honorable the City Council of the City of Providence October 13. 1851

The undersigned, in behalf of the Hartford, Providence, and Fishkill Railroad Company, a Corporation formed by a Union of the Providence and Plainfield Railroad Company incorporated by the legislature of Rhode Island, with the Railroad Company hereinafter known by the same name of the Hartford, Providence and Fishkill Railroad Company, incorporated by the legislature of Connecticut

Respectfully Represent That the said United Company are about to complete the unfinished portions of a line of railroad from Providence to the Naugatuck Railroad, by way of Plainfield, Willimantic and Hartford, a distance about 115 miles That they are informed that the title to the inclosed triangular piece of land on the Northerly side of Cove Street and Westerly of the Boston and Providence Passenger Depot, is in controversy between the City and the Providence and Worcester Railroad Company, and that there are other claimants thereto, though in which party is the better right the undersigned are not informed; but that the Boston and Providence Rail Road Company, claiming to own about one undivided third part thereof have agreed to quit claim in fee and without charge all their right and title thereto for railroad purposes, to the Providence and Plainfield Railroad Company, which agreement now inures to the benefit of the said United Company

And the undersigned, believing that the said triangular piece of land is necessary for the uses of the said United Company for their said Railroad, and also that the public will derive more advantages from its being applied to the uses of said Railroad than from any other application or use of it — they respectfully request the City Council to concede all claim of the City thereto, in behalf of the said United Company, and to allow and permit the same to be used for railroad purposes.

And the undersigned do further represent that the Chief Engineer in the Employ of said United Company, after a full and careful examination of the lands at the Providence terminus of said Proposed railroad has made report that it is expedient and necessary for said United Company to obtain permission to fill up and occupy that portion of the Cove lands now covered by the public waters, which is bounded Southerly by the Northerly line of the Bank Wall or Embankment of the New York, Providence and Boston Railroad Company, Easterly by the Westerly line of the Street now being formed to complete the Circular ornamented Cove Avenue and Northerly by a line drawn parallel to the line of said embankment and four hundred feet northerly thereof, and Westerly by the shore along Carpenters point —

And the said Engineer has also reported that for the tracks advantageously to approach the lands so to be filled up and made, it will be necessary for the said United Company to obtain permission to occupy the certain other

inclosed triangular piece of land, lying between the track used by said New-York, Providence and Boston Railroad, and the 80 feet wide ornamented Cove Avenue, and the line of Sabin Street

And the said Chief Engineer has represented it to be his opinion that the quantity of land to be so made together with the said last mentioned triangular piece of land, is the very least quantity which ought to be provided for the Providence terminus of a line of Railroad of the length proposed, and which promises ultimately to command so large a traffic

The undersigned do therefore request the City Council to permit said United Railroad Company to fill up and occupy that portion of the Cove lands now covered by the public waters above bounded and described, for the erection thereon of such Depot Buildings, Car and Engine houses, turn tables and machine shops as may be necessary for the uses of said railroad, and for conveniently approaching the same also to permit them to occupy and use with their rails and tracks the said triangular piece of land last above described

And the undersigned would represent to the Honorable City Council, that unless the said United Company is permitted to fill up and occupy the lands within the lines above described, said Company will be driven to the necessity of establishing their machine and repair Shops at some other point of the line, and will be subjected to great inconvenience for want of lands for other necessary buildings

And the undersigned in behalf of the said United Company respectfully request the City Council to allow and permit the said Company to enter the City with their said railroad, and to lay out and continue and construct the same therein, at and from a point within or near the westerly side or portion of the location of the New York Providence and Boston Railroad Company where the same enters the City about 2000 feet Southerly of J Waterman & Co's Factory, and from thence along and upon or near the westerly and Northerly portion and side of the said location of said New York, Providence and Boston Railroad, to such convenient point or points of connection in the Cove, with the rails and tracks and Depot and other buildings of the Providence and Worcester Railroad Company and the other railroad companies there terminating as may be agreed on with the said Companies, or found necessary for the convenient uses of said United Company's railroad

William Sprague, Henry Lippitt } Executive Committee of the Board of Directors

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Plat of Rail Road

Resolved, That the City Clerk be and he is hereby directed to cause to be made, and to place upon the Records of the City, a Plat, shewing the lines and points named and set forth in the Resolutions passed by the City Council this day, consenting to the construction of a Railroad by the Hartford, Providence and Fishkill Railroad Company into and through part of the City

Passed February 9 1852

Hospital Park

Resolved, That the Surveyor of Highways, under the advice of the Board of Aldermen, be authorized to continue work upon the Hospital Park to the amount of One Thousand Dollars, in addition to former appropriation, which amount shall be returned from the first money received for lands sold from those described in the Hospital Plat

Passed February 9 1852

Resolved, That when the City Council adjourns, it will adjourn to meet on Wednesday the twenty fifth inst at 7 o'clock P.M.

Passed February 9th 1852

The Surveyor of Highways makes his Monthly Report of Work done from January 10 to February 7. 1852

Read. Whereupon it is resolved that the same be received

Passed February 9. 1852

Fire Limits

Resolved That the Standing Committee on the Fire Department be directed to consider the expediency of causing the Fire Limits to extend over the entire City, so far as it regards the fourth Section of the Act passed by the General Assembly, in October, 1843 and the second Section of an Ordinance passed by the City Council in June 1846

Passed February 25 1852

To the Hon City Council
of the City of Providence

The undersigned Committee respectfully Report That the case between the City of Providence and the Prov. & Worcester R Road Co. was heard at the last session of the General Assembly before two Committees, both of which unanimously recommended, that the City should have leave to withdraw

Thomas A Jenckes appeared as Council for the City and is still of opinion that the law does not authorize the Rail Road Co to take possession of the ground in dispute

If the Council believe it expedient to take further proceedings before the Courts, it will be proper that they give directions, which is respectfully submitted for the Committee Thos M Burgess.
Prov. Feby 25. 1852

Read. Whereupon it is resolved that the same be received

Passed February 25 1852

Return of Lumber Surveyed in the City of Providence, for the year ending February 2d 1852

By whom surveyed	White Pine Boards Timber Plank and Joist No 1	No 2	No 3	No 4	No 5	Southern & Eastern Hard pine Boards and Plank March	Refuse	South & Hard Pine Timber and Ship Plank Mer.	Ref	Spruce Boards. Plank Joist and Sawed Timber Mer	Ref	Hemlock plank Sawed Mer
	Feet	Feet	Feet	Feet	Feet	Ft	Ft	Ft	Ft	Ft	Ft	Ft
Aborn Arnold	3420	117651	160637	586027	189238	464263	222623	—	—	740641	311984	31818
Robert Manchester Jr	10792	66677	178114	1232235	150666	299812	125394	255154	2184	1052259	188883	77342
Jacob Silloway	25369	111423	240300	1157706	200122	173733	100154	164380	666	732424	241940	103246
Nathaniel C Bushee	25501	193749	276271	1217662	270000	285352	150798	20105	—	727778	176421	24085
Benjamin Bowman 1st	7234	163553	430988	914823	240314	415774	90270	99568	—	808612	77756	38558
Christopher Rhodes	2197	65625	201451	1001418	146475	204041	64843	—	—	1002783	165851	—
William C Davenport	361	9891	18334	89982	4940	—	—	—	—	1371	50807	27628
Esek A Jillson	479	39503	59616	324740	73346	13720	6393	—	—	367869	118182	70727
James P Metcalf	7432	9859	21725	516813	107966	18789	17005	—	—	1233	719	—
Charles C Lee	13359	44052	51580	23833	76213	121347	24127	—	—	135028	76712	35384
Temporary Appointments	1807	11911	47464	531017	89234	163833	32775	—	—	139314	39821	53276
Robert Manchester		170	1209	7413	68	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
	97978	837069	1688689	7821569	1548582	2228664	834382	539207	2850	5709312	1449076	462084

Boards Joist & Timber Ref	Hewn Timber Pine Mer	Ref	Oak & Ches Bds & Plank M	R	Ash Bds Plank & Joist M	R	Birch & Maple Bds, plank & joist M	R	Wht wood Bds Plank & joist M	R	Cherry Bds plk & Joist M	R	Bth Walnut Bds plk &c M	R	Mahogany Cedar & Bds &c M	R	Surveyor Generals Fees		D Surveyors Fees	
	Ft	Ft	Ft	Ft	F	F	F	F	F	F	F	F	F	F	F	F	$	¢	$	¢
20260	—	—	7104	373	10019	1767	10995	2518	26114	3046	1774	149	9409	1354	—	—	89	05	648	52
42262	—	—	—	—	—	—	18031	2873	27227	1944	4575	2146	3328	48	—	—	112	45	822	73
62522	—	—	—	—	—	—	6733	2336	39428	6852	—	—	1666	543	—	—	101	65	744	90
25188	1066	127	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	101	80	746	13
26171	56169	—	—	—	—	—	6143	896	44526	3949	3088	221	530	—	—	—	103	46	757	82
—	—	—	—	—	6414	392	2460	854	35668	4615	7069	1704	6807	768	—	—	88	50	648	28
8160	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	6	34	16	52
21301	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	32	87	240	96
—	—	—	—	—	7324	500	1094	1484	47772	2950	—	—	7248	187	2749	503	25	64	186	79
33666	—	—	973	571	18214	6548	35193	19178	249382	41453	21060	27614	55540	17597	27413	14257	48	92	350	92
54522	—	—	4604	416	—	—	5744	4608	226	1663	—	—	—	—	—	—	35	94	262	14
—	—	—	99	—	1432	573	4171	1418	22758	752	—	—	—	—	—	—	6	05	—	—
294052	57235	127	12780	1360	43403	9780	90564	36165	472615	67224	37506	31538	84523	20497	30162	14760	752	67	5455	71

To the Hon. City Council

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

Prov. Feby 2 1852 Robert Manchester

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

Passed February 9 1852

P. W. R. R. Co. Claim Public Lands

Resolved, That Messrs Hayes, Bush and Padelford and Alderman Knowles be a Committee to inquire what action if any is necessary on the part of the City to preserve the interests of the Public in the triangular piece of land near the west end of the Providence and Worcester Railroad Companys Passenger Depot, and that said Committee be authorized to employ Counsel and cause such proceedings to be instituted in relation to the same, as they may deem proper, said Committee to report their proceedings to be ~~instituted in relation to the same~~ from time to time to the Council

Passed Feby 25 1852

The Overseers of the Poor, make Report of the number of Insane City Patients at Butlers Hospital from January 1 to December 31. 1851

Read, whereupon it is resolved that the same be received

Passed February 25 1852

In Convention February 25 1852

Robert Manchester is Elected Surveyor General of Lumber for the year ending February 1852

The following persons are elected Police Constables, to serve until others are appointed in their place unless sooner removed by the City Council

Jabez J Potter
Nathan M Briggs
Wm G Merrewether
John M Shaw
Thomas W Hart
George A Billings
George W Weightman
Wm B Cranston
W. S. Slack
Wm H Hudson

Abner H Angell is appointed Fire ward in place of Israel G Manchester deceased

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

Temporary Loan

Resolved. That the City Treasurer be authorized under the advice & direction of the Standing Committee on Finance, to borrow for the use of the City the sum of Forty five Thousand Dollars, in anticipation of the annual tax.

Passed March 8. 1852.

Auditors Report

Upon the Annual Report of the City Auditor, this day made to the City Council; it is resolved that the same be received.

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

Passed March 8. 1852.

Compensation of Assessors

Resolved. That the Assessors of Taxes shall be allowed Two Hundred Dollars each, as a full compensation for apportioning the City Tax this day ordered, and also for apportioning the Registry Tax and enrolling the Militia; for copying of Tax Books, and for obtaining all necessary information for the proper and just apportionment of said Taxes, and for all other services in relation thereto.

Passed March 8. 1852.

Tax Ordinance

An Ordinance providing for the Assessment and collection of a Tax of fifty three cents on each One Hundred Dollars in value of the ratcable property in the City of Providence.

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

Section 1. That a Tax of fifty three cents on each One hundred Dollars in value of the ratcable property in said City be assessed and levied upon the ratcable property of the inhabitants and others owning such Property in said City; and that said Tax be assessed on or before the first Monday in September next, collected and paid into the City Treasury, on or before the first Monday in October next.

Section 2. That the Collector shall advertize in the Manufacturers and Farmers Journal and in the Republican Herald, for three weeks successively, calling upon all persons who may be assessed for said tax, to make payment at his Office within ten days ending on said first Monday in October next and including that day; and during said ten days said Collector shall attend at his said Office, for the purpose of receiving said tax, every day (Sundays excepted) from Nine o'clock in the morning, until three o'clock in the afternoon. And said Collector shall deduct three per cent from the respective sums assessed upon all those who shall make payment on or before said first Monday in October next.

Section 3. Said Collector shall be allowed three and an half per cent for collecting said Tax; he allowing out of his said Commission, three

per cent to all those who shall pay him the amount of their respective taxes on or before said first Monday in October next.

Section 4. That said Collector shall pay into the City Treasury, without delay, all Monies which he shall receive towards the tax hereinaid, by the first Monday in October next, collecting and paying over the residue (if any) of said tax, as soon thereafter as may be. And that all persons who shall be delinquent in paying said tax by said first Monday in October next, shall pay interest afterwards; for which interest, said Collector shall be accountable to said City.

Section 5. The Tax hereby ordered, is intended to include, and shall be held to include, the sum paid by the City to the State, in the year One Thousand Eight Hundred and fifty two, as the Citys proportion of the State Tax.

Section 6. The City hereby assumes the payment to the State, of the Citys proportion of the State Tax, for the year One Thousand Eight Hundred and fifty two; and the Assessors of Taxes are hereby directed not to assess said State Tax.

Passed March 8. 1852.

Appropriations

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

For the Fund, established for the payment of the City Debt in and by the Ordinance intitled "an Ordinance in relation to the City Debt;" — all sums of Money which may be received, being proceeds of the sales of Real Estate sold by the City; all sums received into the City Treasury, for Rents of City Property, Licenses and Interest, and the sum of Twelve Thousand Dollars from the first monies received into the Treasury, from other sources, after the first day of July next; as provided in said Ordinance.

For the support of Public Schools, for the year ending on the first Monday in March A.D. 1853: together with and in addition to the sum which the City may receive for the same purpose, from the State Treasury and Registry Tax; (the expenditures under this appropriation, to be made by the order and direction of the School Committee,) Thirty four Thousand Dollars.

For the support of the Poor and Removal of Paupers, (including Asylum) together with the income of the "Billinghast Fund," (so called) Thirteen Thousand Dollars.

For the Fire Department; Ten Thousand Dollars;

For the support of Public Bridges, One Thousand Dollars;

For the support of the Public Watch, Nine Thousand Dollars;

For lighting the Streets, Seven Thousand Five hundred Dollars;

For the Salaries of the Mayor, Aldermen and other City Officers, Seven Thousand Dollars.

For the Repairs of Public Buildings, Five hundred Dollars;

For the Repairs of City Pumps & Wells, Two hundred and fifty Dollars;

For the Police Department, Six Thousand Dollars;

For the Repairs of the Asylum Walls and Buildings, Five hundred dollars

For Highways, Twenty five Thousand Dollars;

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

For School Houses & Lots, Five Thousand Dollars;

For Improvements of the Cove Promenade, Eight hundred Dollars;

For Gas Light Fixtures, One Thousand Dollars;

For the reduction of the City Debt (in addition to the amount appropriated by Ordinance,) Three Thousand Dollars;

For the Providence Reform School, Three Thousand five hundred Dollars;

For the City's proportion of the State Tax, Eight Thousand and seventy nine Dollars, and seventy five cents.

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

Passed March 8. 1852.

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

Mayors Office
Providence March 8. 1852.

Gentlemen of the City Council

I herewith send to you a communication from the Hartford Providence and Fishkill Rail Road Company, declining to accept the terms of the resolutions passed by the City Council on the 9th of February last, accompanied by certain forms of resolutions which they envouge to accept if passed by the City Council prior to 14th day of April next; also a copy of a vote of said Rail Road Company; which papers I respectfully commend for your consideration.

Thos M. Burgess
Mayor.

In Common Council March 8. 1852.
Read. Whereupon it is resolved, that the same, together with the accompanying papers, be referred to Messrs Pabodie, Padelford, Hayes, Fenner, Carpenter and Stone and the Mayor and Alderman Whitaker, to examine and report thereon.

Passed March 8. 1852

S A Phillips

To the Hon City Council

The select Committee to whom on the Eighth day of December last, was referred the petition of Stephen A. Phillips, asking, for reasons therein stated, a reduction of Rent on certain Stalls in the Market then leased to and occupied by him, beg leave respectfully to report as follows, Viz;

They have attended to the duties of their appointment and find that there are two questions involved in the subject. One is, whether it is expedient for this Council to interfere with the Treasurer and Clerk of the Market in leasing the said Stalls, and the other is, whether the petitioner should have any deduction made him in his Rent for inconvenience subjected to and room taken up by putting water pipes in the Market, while he had a Lease of the same.

In reply to the first question, your Committee are of the opinion, that it is inexpedient for this Council to interfere, and to the second they recommend a deduction of Fifteen Dollars

Daniel C Carpenter.

March 8. 1852

In Common Council March 8. 1852.
Read. Whereupon, it is resolved that the same be received.

Resolved That the City Treasurer be and he is hereby directed to pay Stephen A Phillips, out of any Money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, the sum of Fifteen Dollars as a remuneration for inconvenience subjected to by the putting of Water pipes in the basement of the Market, while he has a Lease of two Stalls in the same.

Passed March 8. 1852.

Wooden Building

To the Honorable City Council; The undersigned requests liberty to remove a certain one story Wooden Building, measuring 28 by 42 feet on the ground, from its present location on the corner of Richmond & Pine Streets, & to place the same on the opposite side of Pine Street, about 300 feet West of their present location.

Providence Feby 19. 1852.

Benjamin Arnold

~~In Common Council March 8. 1852~~
Read. Whereupon it is resolved, that the prayer thereof be granted.

Passed March 8. 1852.

Wooden Building

To his Honor the Mayor, Board of Aldermen & Common Council.

The undersigned respectfully ask permission to remove the one story wooden Building, belonging to Hezekiah Satin, and occupied by Messrs Buffington and Sutton & North & Whitford, from its present location on Exchange Place to the Lot on the corner of Cove and Worcester Streets.

Sheldon & Arnold.

~~In Common Council March 8. 1852.~~
Read. Whereupon it is resolved, that the prayer thereof be granted.

Passed March 8. 1852.

Dr. City of Providence in account with

1851.						
May	3	To Cash paid Stephen Calhoone, Gen'l Treasurer for one half of Licenses and Tax on Billiard Tables & Bowling Alleys				
		" Cash paid for support of J. Tillinghast	647	08		
June	2	" Board of Aldermen for Commissions on above Licenses and Taxes	34	50		
1852			16	59	698	17
March	1	" Public Schools			32.791	81
		" City Debt Fund			11.926	86
		" Support of Poor at Large	6421	43		
		" " " " Asylum	617	62		
		" " " " Butler Hospital	511			
			5.772	12	12.571	24
		" Fire Department			19.778	41
		" Highways			25.583	65
		" Bridges			1420	26
		" City Watch			7921	46
		" Lighting Streets			7273	64
		" Salaries			6387	50
		" Repairs of Public Buildings			113	70
		" Pumps and Wells			118	59
		" Police			4993	26
		" Asylum Walls and Buildings			2644	16
		" Contingencies			6414	
		" School Houses and Lots			8344	
		" Cove Promenade			539	48
		" Gas Lights and Fixtures			1080	52
		" Storm School			3990	59
		" State Tax. Citys proportion			8079	75
		" Eclipse Wall Extension			834	97
		" Paving Stone for Exchange Place (R R Co Fund)			717	10
		" North Burial Ground (Grading)			382	41
		" Finishing Dam & Flood Gates & Erecting J. Staff			309	31
		" Paving Exchange Place (Balance of R R Fund)			2033	47
		" Repairs of Hospital			2870	75
		" Celebration of American Independence			1592	08
		" Culvert in Westminster Street.			6569	45
		" Improvement of Pumps at Junction of High & Westminster Sts			577	90
		" Hospital Park			1007	30
		" Notes received for Rent of Stalls in Market			1975	
		" Cash Balance in American Bank.			404	84
					$ 182.245	64

I certify that I have examined the accounts of Ezek Aldrich, City Treasurer, for the year ending March 1. 1852, and that these accounts agree with the vouchers and that on the said first day of March 1852, there was a balance in the City Treasury of Four hundred and four 84/100 Dollars, deposited in the American Bank as per Certificate of S. K. Rathbone, Cashier.

Providence March 6. 1852.

G. B. Jastram,
City Auditor

Ezek Aldrich, City Treasurer Cr

1851						
March	4	By Cash Balance in Treasury			15.424	40
1852						
March	1	" Tax on Bowling Alleys collected of the following persons, viz:				
		" B. Brennan	59	37		
		" Pier Bowling Club	10	30		
		" C. G. Arnold	174	44		
		" Rice & Kingsley	178	12		
		" Joslin & Proctor	31	66	453	89
		" Tax on Billiard Tables collected of P. T. Thurber			356	25
		" City Standard Scales			215	74
		" Auction dues paid by the following persons				
		" M. R. Gardiner	8	41		
		" D. G. Aldrich.	2	35		
		" J. A. & J. Joslin	33	30		
		" J. Hartshorn		44		
		" Jas Hammond	12	08		
		" N. B. Dike	13	92		
		" J. Alemy	2	42		
		" H. Staples	11	04		
		" N. G. Barton	8	70		
		" G. Wilbur	2	76		
		" E. N. Nichols		45		
		" J. W. Lowell		05	46	52
		" Jeduthun Northup Executor for support of J. Tillinghast			36	
		" C. J. Little for 8 lbs old Copper	1	33		
		" L. P. Child for entering public Sewer	30			
		" A. G. Greene, Clk Municipal Court, fine & cost against Wm L. Brown	26	04		
		" Estate of W. Lippitt for entering P. Sewer	30		87	97
		" James Mumford, Collr of Taxes. Balance taxes 1850			20.182	74
		" " " on Acct of Tax 1851			143.200	
		" J. H. Chase is pay Coroners Inquest	12	16		
		" Wm Covey, Admr, dividend in Estate of John Ellis	1	72		
		" Notes rec'd for Rent of Stalls in Market due June 1852	1975			
		" 12 Licenses issued March 5. 1851	213	25	2202	13
					$ 182.245	64

American Bank
Providence March 8. 1852.

I hereby certify that there was at the close of business hours on the 1st inst: to the credit of Ezek Aldrich, City Treasurer, on the Books of this Bank, Four hundred and four Dollars, eighty four cents ($404.84)

S. K. Rathbone.
Cash

~~In Common Council March 8. 1852.~~
Read. Whereupon it is ordered, that the same be received and recorded

Passed March 8. 1852.

To the Honorable City Council

The undersigned requests liberty to remove a certain one story Wooden Building, measuring about 30 by 27 feet on the ground, from its present location on the corner of Benefit & Cady Street, & to place the same on the rear of the same Lot, in Cady Street.

Providence Feby 19, 1852 — Asa Nevell.

~~In Common Council March 8. 1852.~~
Read. Whereupon, it is resolved that the prayer thereof be granted
Passed March 8, 1852.

Wooden Buildings

An Ordinance in addition to an Ordinance entitled "An Ordinance in relation to the removal of Wooden Buildings"

It is ordained by the City Council of the City of Providence, as follows viz

Sect 1 The Operation of the provisions contained in the fourth Section of an act of the General Assembly passed at their October Sesion A D 1843 entitled "An Act concerning the erection of buildings in the City of Providence" and of those contained in the second Section of the Ordinance to which this is in addition, is hereby extended so that the same shall have full force and effect within that part of the City included between the present district and a Line drawn from the junction of Pearl Street and Broad Street, through Broad Street formerly Pawtuxet Street to the Cranston Line, thence by said Line or as near as may be to said line to a point two hundred feet South easterly of Friendship Street, measuring at right angles from said Street, thence turning northeasterly and keeping parallel with said Friendship Street and two hundred feet from said Street to Point Street and thence through Point Street, to the present district at the junction of Point & Plane Streets

Passed March 8. 1852

In Convention March 8th A.D. 1852

Voted That Six Assessors be appointed to assess the Tax this day ordered

The following persons are appointed to assess the Tax this day ordered

Isaac Thurber	first
John J Stimson	second
Hiram Hill	Third
Abner Peckham	fourth
Daniel Field	fifth
John F Phillips	Sixth

James Mumford is appointed to collect the Tax aforesaid

The following persons are appointed weighers of Cotton viz
Samuel Almy
John A Bosworth

To the Hon. City Council

The undersigned Surveyor General of Lumber has appointed the following named persons as Deputy Surveyors of Lumber for the year ending the 25th day of February next and presents them to your honor for approval

Aborn Arnold
Robert Manchester Jr
Jacob Tilloway
Nathaniel C Bushee
Christopher Rhodes
Eseh A Jillson
Charles C Lee for Mahogany, Cedar & Cherry Tree
James Salsbury for hard Wood used in Ship Building

Prov. March 8. 1852 — Robert Manchester

Voted, That this Council do hereby approve the appointment of the persons named in the above communication as Deputy Surveyors of Lumber.

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

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Fire Department

An Ordinance establishing the Fire Department.

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

Section 1. The Fire Department of this City shall consist of Seven Fire-wards and as many Hose, Hook and Ladder and Engine Companies as the City Council may from time to time elect, so that the number of Firemen (under Hundred) prescribed by Law, be not exceeded by the whole Fire Department. The Seven Fire wards shall be designated as First, Second, Third, Fourth, Fifth, Sixth and Seventh Fire wards, and take rank accordingly, the first holding rank by election, the others determining their rank among themselves. They shall be elected by the City Council, the first, from the City at large; the other Six, one from each Ward; and from the number of Firewards so elected the City Council shall elect three Presidents of Fire-wards. The City Council shall also elect the Members of the different Companies; but each Company shall elect its own Officers.

The whole number of Fire-wards shall constitute a Board for the purpose of making regulations for the government of the Fire Department, trying cases of insubordination or violation of said regulations; and transacting such other business belonging to the Department, as may come before them.

Section 2. Each Company shall be commanded by a Foreman and such other Officers as they may choose, who shall have special charge of the Companies, Engine Houses and Apparatus under their command; report

any deficiency, defect or want of repairs, to the First Fireward; see that all the regulations of the Department relating thereto are strictly observed; and cause all orders emanating from the Firewards, directed to their Companies to be carried into immediate execution.

The whole Fire Department shall be under the command of the First Fireward; or in his absence or inability to act, of the highest Fireward present. It shall be the duty of the Firewards to repair immediately to all fires within the limits of the City; and their orders shall be promptly obeyed in all matters pertaining to the preservation of property, to the location and use of engines, to the extinguishing of fires, and in all other things belonging to the Fire Department. All disputes and controversies that may arise in matters relating to the Fire Department between any of its Officers, members or companies, shall be summarily decided by the Fireward in command, whose decision, shall be, for the time obeyed: but if any party be aggrieved or injured by such decision, he or they may appeal to the Board of Firewards, whose decision shall be final.

Section 3. The First Fireward shall have the general supervision of all repairs; he shall see that the Engine Houses and the Reservoirs of Water for extinguishing fires; the Engines (Stationary or otherwise) the Hose, Hooks, Ladders and other Carts or Trucks, and all the fire Apparatus are kept in good order and ready for immediate use. He shall make himself familiar with the location of the Reservoirs, the depth of Water in them, & the length of Hose necessary to reach it: and furnish a list of the same, with this information annexed, to the Foreman of each Company: and he shall make arrangements to secure the ringing of bells in different sections of the City, on alarms of fire; and report Monthly to the City Council, the amount of all the expenditures of the fire department. Any application to the Board of Firewards for the purpose of building Engine Houses or Reservoirs or buying lots for the same, or purchasing Engines shall be considered by them & reported to the City Council. All Bills against the Fire Department shall be examined and certified by an Audit appointed by the Board of Firewards, before being audited by the City Auditor. The Board of Firewards shall annually report to the City Council, the state of the Fire Department, with a list of Fires in the City during the year just closed, and such statistics in relation to losses, Insurance and causes of fire as they may be able to procure; and suggest such alterations and improvement as they may deem advisable.

Section 4. It shall be the duty of the whole Fire Department, unless specially excused, to proceed, as soon as practicable, with their Engines and Apparatus, to every fire that breaks out within the City. No Company shall take its Engine out of the City without the consent of the First Fireward. Not more than two Companies with their Engines shall be absent from the City at any one time on a pleasure excursion; nor shall more than one third of the whole number of Engines leave the City at any one time, on any pretence whatever. No Company shall beat its Gong, ring its bell or use any musical instrument while returning from a fire. In case of any breach of the peace or other violation of good order, on the part of any Foreman, while on duty, it shall be the duty of the Officer in command at the time, to report the name or names of the person or persons so offending, to the Board of Firewards; who shall inquire into the matter, and shall have power to expel the offender or offenders from the Fire Department.

Section 5. No cards or other gaming implements, shall be used in any Engine House; nor shall any disorderly conduct be permitted, nor spirituous liquors be used therein; and no Engine House shall be opened on Sunday

except in case of alarm of fire.

Section 6. In case any Foreman, Assistant Foreman or any other Fireman, having command of any company, when actually on duty, shall disobey or refuse to obey any order or direction given by any Fireward, he shall for such offence, be suspended or expelled from the Fire Department, at the discretion of the Board of Firewards.

Section 7. If any Company shall become inefficient for want of members; it shall be the duty of the Board of Firewards to notify the Foreman of such company, that, unless within a reasonable time the permit their company to an efficient number, they will be disbanded and their Engine taken from them; and if such Company shall fail so to permit their members as to observe the requirements of the Fire Department, the Board of Firewards shall disband the Company, and take possession of the Engine.

Section 8. Whereas, the practice of permitting volunteer associations, not belonging to the Fire Department, to mingle in the duties thereof, has been found pernicious in its results, it shall be the duty of the Fireward in command to order from the ground, at fires, all such companies.

Section 9. No Fire Engine or Hook and Ladder Truck or Hose Cart shall, in going to, or returning from any fire, or at any other time, be run, driven, wheeled, drawn or placed upon any side-walk, except by the special order of a Fireward, under a penalty of Ten Dollars for each offence to be forfeited and paid by every person aiding or abetting in the violation of this Ordinance.

Section 10. No person shall be eligible to the Office of Fireward, after he shall have arrived at the age of Sixty years.

Section 11. This ordinance shall go into effect on the first Monday in June 1852, at which time all Ordinances, Resolutions and Votes of the City or Town of Providence, in relation to the Fire Department shall be repealed.

Passed March 15. 1852.

Bowen St

Resolved That the Surveyor of Highways be and he is hereby directed to cause the curb Stones to be set and the gutters paved on that part of Bowen Street lying between Congdon & Prospect Streets and also that part of Bowen Street lying between Prospect Street and the brook whenever the owners of the adjoining land shall furnish curb Stones for the same

Passed March 15 1852

Appropriation for Female Teacher

Resolved That the School Committee be and they are hereby authorized to draw upon the City Treasury for a sufficient sum for the payment of an Assistant female teacher in the fourth Ward Grammar School, during the present illness of one of the female teachers in said School; and that the same be paid by the City Treasurer from the appropriation for Public Schools; provided the same shall not exceed forty five Dollars

Passed March 15 1852

Surveyor of Highways &c

Resolved, That the accompanying draft of an Ordinance be referred to the joint Committee on Highways with instructions to report at the April Meeting of the City Council, and if the opinion of said Committee be against the passage of said Ordinance, that they be instructed to report upon the expediency of such division of the highway work as may make it practicable for the officers appointed by the City, to give more personal superintendence, and for such officers to report accurately the cost of each expenditure ordered by the City Council.

Passed March 15 1852

The ordinance referred to in the above resolution is entitled "an Ordinance in relation to the care of the Public Streets & Highways

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Envelope Distributors

Resolved, That the Board of Aldermen be requested to appoint two psons for each ward to perform the duty in relation to Envelopes required by the thirty seventh Section of Act passed by the General Assembly at its January Session last entitled "An Act to revise and amend the several acts in relation to the election of Civil Officers" and that the sum of two dollars per day be paid out of the City Treasury to each person so appointed who shall perform the aforesaid duty; and that the same be paid out of the appropriation for Contingencies

Passed March 15 1852

Assessors to employ a Clerk

Resolved, That the Assessors of Taxes be and they are hereby authorized to employ a Clerk, provided his compensation do not exceed Seventy five Dollars, to be paid to the Order of the Assessors from the money appropriated for contingencies

Passed March 29 1852

Mayors Salary

Resolved That the Salary of the Mayor for the year ensuing the first Monday in June next shall be One Thousand Dollars payable quarterly

Passed March 29. 1852

Wooden Building

On the petition of Thomas G Hazzard requesting liberty to remove a certain Three Story Building from Westminster Street and to place the same on the North side of Washington Street near the Coal yard

Read, Whereupon it is resolved that the prayer thereof be granted

Passed March 29 1852

G W Page

Resolved, That the City Treasurer be and he is hereby authorized and directed to pay to George W Page, the sum of Forty Dollars in full compensation for injuries sustained by him at the foot of College Street, during an alarm of Fire; and also to pay the expenses incurred by said Page in the prosecution of his suit against the City for such compensation, not exceeding twenty dollars; on receiving from said Page a full discharge of all claims upon the city for such injury

Passed March 29. 1852

Fire Department

An Ordinance in amendment of an Ordinance entitled "An Ordinance establishing the Fire Department"

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

Section 1 Each Company may recommend its own Foreman who when elected by the City Council shall be duly Sworn and commissioned to the faithful discharge of his duties

Passed March 29. 1852

N E Screw Co.

Upon the Application of the New England Screw Company,

It is Resolved, That the City Treasurer be and he is hereby authorized to convey to said Company, for the consideration expressed in the Resolution of the City Council, passed on the fifteenth day of January A D 1852, the strip or parcel of land belonging to the City, lying on the North side of Hospital Street, and bounded Westerly on the Pawtuxet Turnpike and Easterly by the Harbor Line; provided said Company make and execute an Obligation to the City, to fill up and grade Hospital Street, from the Pawtuxet Turnpike to Allens Avenue within one year; and to fill up and grade said Hospital Street from Allens Avenue to the Harbor Line, as fast as they shall fill up the land so granted them by the City

Passed March 29. 1852

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

Resolutions, Re enacting and amending certain Resolutions passed by the City Council of the City of Providence consenting to the construction of a Rail Road by the Hartford, Providence and Fishkill Rail-road Co. into and through part of said City, pursuant to authority vested in said City Council by laws of this State, and especially by "An Act in addition to an act relative to the Harbor and public waters of the Town of Providence" and "An Act to incorporate the Providence and Plainfield

Railroad Company" which Resolutions are recorded at pages 202, 203. and 204 of Book No 3 of City Council Records.

Resolved, That the Resolutions passed on the 9th of February last, consenting to the construction by the Hartford, Providence & Fishkill Railroad Co. of a Railroad into and through a part of said City, and to the filling of land for Railroad purposes, in a certain portion of the public waters of said City, delineated upon a plat referred to in said Resolutions, which are recorded at page 202. 203. and 204 of Book No 3. of City Council Records, and which have become null & of no effect in consequence of not being accepted by said Railroad Co. be and the same are hereby reenacted and continued in force, with the following modifications and amendments viz

1st. Nothing in said Resolutions shall be construed to require the said Railroad Co. to excavate any mud from the Cove, excepting such mud opposite the wall to be built from the point T to S, as shall be raised by the weight of the wall or of the sand used in filling; or by the running in of sand through said wall and unless the City authorities shall call upon said Railroad Co. to make such excavation before the expiration of one year after completing the walls and filling authorized by said Resolutions

2d Nothing in said Resolutions shall be construed to prevent said Railroad Co from laying such rail tracks as may be necessary and convenient for the purposes of connecting their Railroad with the Depots, Stations and Tracks of their own or of other Railroad Companies, across the land South and Easterly of the point O to the point L; but not entering, or infringing upon, the 80 feet Promenade around the margin of the Cove

3d It shall be lawful for said Railroad Co. to build any buildings needed for Railroad purposes, upon the land to be filled in west of a line from X to O, and South of the proposed street on the margin of tide water, as delineated on said plat; Provided, that the location as well as the plans and materials of such building shall be approved by the City Council, before they are erected

4th The clause in said Resolutions, limiting the time during which said Railroad Company shall have the right to erect Buildings on the land filled in by them, to the year 1860; is hereby repealed and expunged

Resolved, That if the terms of these Resolutions and of those which are hereby reenacted and amended, are not accepted by said Hartford, Providence and Fishkill Railroad Company, within thirty days after the passage of these resolutions, said resolutions and all their provisions shall become null and of no effect, excepting so far as they authorize the construction of a Railroad from the line of the City to the land above high water mark as now existing, near Carpenter's Point

Passed March 29 1852

City Clerk

Resolved, That the Board of Aldermen be and they are hereby authorized to allow to the City Clerk and Assistant such sums as they deem just for extra labor in preparing registry and voting Lists not exceeding in all One Hundred Dollars and that such allowances be paid from the appropriation for Contingencies

Passed April 12. 1852

Trustees appointed to receive a Mortgage

Resolved by the City Council of the City of Providence, That Benjamin Hoppin Alexander Duncan and Samuel Ames of this City and the Treasurer of this City for the time being, be named as Trustees, to whom shall be executed by the Hartford, Providence and Fishkill Rail Road Company the Mortgages of their Rail Road in Rhode Island stipulated for in any Agreement between said City and said Rail Road Company for the security of Bonds of said Rail Road Company to be issued in exchange for the Bonds of said City, said Agreement bearing date the 27th day of February 1852

Passed April 12. 1852

S Ames & other Counsel

Resolved, That Samuel Ames, Thomas F Carpenter and Thomas A Jenckes, be selected as the Legal Advisers of the City of Providence for the purpose of determining the Equality and adequacy of the security offered by the Hartford, Providence and Fishkill Railroad Company to said City, under the Mortgage of their Road and Estate in Connecticut dated August 25d 1849. with the security given by said Rail Road Company to the City of Hartford under the same Mortgage, and also for the purpose of advising this City, as to the legal sufficiency of the Mortgages to be executed by said Rail Road company on their Rail Road in Rhode Island as security to said City

Passed April 12. 1852

Surveyor of Highways &c

To the Honble City Council

The Standing Committee on Highways, that were on the eighth day of March last directed to report at this meeting an Ordinance in relation to highways, beg to be excused from reporting until the next regular meeting of the City Council

Daniel E Carpenter
for the Committee

The Report of the Standing Committee on Highways Read, Whereupon, Resolved, that said Report be received and the reference to the Committee be continued

Passed April 12. 1852

Wooden Building

On the petition of J P Haskins requesting liberty to remove a certain One & hdlf Story wooden Building from the rear of a Lot on Summer Street to the front of said Lot

Read. Whereupon it is resolved that the prayer thereof be granted

Passed April 12. 1852

Sup of Highways Report

The Surveyor of Highways makes his Monthly Report of Work done from February 7th to March 6. 1852

Read. Whereupon it is resolved that the same be received

Passed April 12. 1852

Surveyor of Highways Report

The Surveyor of Highways makes his Monthly Report of Work done from 6th of March to 10th of April 1852

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

Passed April 12. 1852

City Clerks Report

City Clerks Office Providence
April 12. 1852

To. The Hon. City Council

In conformity with the Ordinance, I hereby make report of the Fees of my Office for the past Financial year

I have received from March 1 1851
to February 29, 1852 inclusive $ 1137. 73
Less for Clerk Hire 293. 25
Nett $ 844 48

I also herewith present the Certificate of the Mayor relative to the Records and Papers in my office

Albert Pabodie City Clerk

To/ The Honorable City Council

I hereby certify that I have examined the Records and Papers in the City Clerks Office and find that the Records are made up to the last day of February of the Present Year and that the Papers and Books (excepting Book of Plats No 2) in said Office are in good order

Book of Plats No 2 is so large & unwieldy that the plats cannot be examined without risk of damage. I recommend that the Clerk be authorized to cause the plats in said Book to be copied into a smaller book for ordinary use, and that the originals be placed in a tin case for safe keeping. A large number of Deeds refer to the plats contained in this Book

City of Providence
April 12 1852

Thos M Burgess
Mayor

Read, Whereupon it is resolved that the same be received

Passed April 12. 1852

High Street Cross walks

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

One across High Street east side of Marshall Street
One " Marshall " North " " High "
One " High " East " " Parade "
One " Do " West " " Tobey "
One " Do " East " " Messen "

Passed April 12 1852

Cranston St Cross Walks

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

One across Cranston Street west side of Dodge Street
One " Do " " " Bridgham "
One " Do " " " Hammond "

Passed April 12. 1852

Windmill & Point Sts Cross Walks

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

One across Windmill Street corner of Point Street
One " Do " Opposite " Providence "
One " Point " Do " Windmill "

The same to be done under the direction of the Standing Committee on Highways

Passed April 12. 1852

Westminster St Cross Walk

Resolved. That the Surveyor of Highways be and he is hereby directed to cause a Cross Walk to be laid across Westminster Street, West side of Eddy Street

Passed April 12. 1852

Finance Com to report a bill fixing the Salaries

Resolved. That the Standing Committee on Finance be and they are hereby directed to report, at the next regular meeting of the City Council, a bill fixing the compensation of the City Officers, for the Municipal year commencing on the first Monday of June next

Passed April 12. 1852

In Convention April 12 1852

Solomon Ingraham is appointed to Apsess the Tax ordered the 8th Ult in Place of Hiram Hill who declines serving

The Surveyor Genical of Lumber has appointed Benjamin Bogman 1st and James P Metcalf, Deputy Surveyors and presents their names for approval

Voted That this Council approve of the appointment of Benjamin Bogman 1st and James P Metcalf as Deputy Surveyors of Lumber

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

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Plat Book No 2

Upon the Communication, this day made to the City Council by the Mayor, relative to the Book of Plats No 2 in the City Clerks Office, It is resolved, that the same be referred to Messrs Lewis, Bush and Taylor and Aldermen Knowles, to examine and report thereon

Passed April 17 1852

Surveyor of Highways Report

The Surveyor of Highways makes his Monthly Report of Work done from 10th of April to 8th of May 1852 amts $ 1224.93

Read, Whereupon it is resolved that the same be received

Passed May 10. 1852

John Irwin

Resolved, That the City Treasurer be and he is hereby directed to pay John Irwin the sum of One Hundred Dollars as a gratuity for arresting Isaac Mathews, an incendiary on the Morning of the fifth of December last

Passed May 10. 1852

Hospital Park

Resolved, That the Surveyor of Highways be and he is hereby authorized under the direction of the Board of Aldermen to expend Twenty five hundred Dollars, the same being the balance of the sum of Money received of the New England Screw Company for Lots sold (when repending One thousand Dollars appropriated Feby 9. 1852) in improving the Hospital Park, in accordance with the Plat adopted by the City Council

Passed May 10. 1852

City Funds

The Standing Committee on Finance who were directed to make an arrangment with one or more Banks for the keeping of the City Moneys

Report, That they have made an arrangment with the American Bank, for that purpose and that said Bank are to pay the City 5 3/4 per ct per annum for the deposits

May 10 1852 James G Anthony Chairman

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

Passed May 10. 1852

Clerk of the Municipal Court Report

To the Hon. City Council

The undersigned Clerk of the Municipal Court as required by Ordinance, hereby makes Report

That the amount of Clerks fees charged and collected, for busines trahsacted in said Court, during the year ending on the first Monday in March 1852, is $ 700.71

And that the amount charged and not collected, is 399.50

$ 1100.21

Albert G. Greene
Clerk of Municipal Court

Providence May 3 1852

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

Passed May 10 1852

Providance May 3 1852

I certify, that all the records in the office of the Clerk of the Municipal Court, are made up, to the last day of February 1852, and that the books, papers and records in said Office are in good order

Thomas Burgess
Judge of the Municipal Court

Judge of the Municipal Court Report

To the Hon. City Council

The Judge of the Municipal Court, hereby makes Report;

That the whole amount of his fees charged for business transacted in said Court, for the year ending on the first Monday in March A.D 1852; as appears by the accounts kept by the Clerk of said Court, is $ 762.71

Of which there has been collected 523.14

Leaving uncollected 239.57

Providence May 3 1852

Thomas Burgess
Judge of the Municipal Court

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

Passed May 10 1852

C R Budlong Wooden Building To remove

The petition of C R Budlong requesting liberty to remove a certain one & half story wooden Building from 393 Broad Street twenty feet back from its present location on the same lot,

Read, Whereupon, it is resolved that the prayer thereof be granted

Passed May 10. 1852

J R Budlong To remove Wooden Building

The petition of Joseph R Budlong to remove a one & half story Wooden building from Broad Street & place the same on Dexter's Lane in the rear of Broad Street is

Read Whereupon it is resolved that the prayer thereof be granted

Passed May 10. 1852

City Hall

Resolved, That Messrs Pabodie, Grinnell, Hayes, Anthony Carpenter and Dupee of the Common Council and Aldermen Knowles and James be and they are hereby appointed a Committee, to enquire respecting a location for a City Hall, in conformity with the vote of the people; and to make Report to the City Council

Passed May 10. 1852

J W Winsor Wooden Building

The petition of J. W. Winsor requesting liberty to remove a One story Wooden Building from Plane Street and to place the same in the rear of No 301 High Street

Read Whereupon it is resolved that the prayer thereof be granted

Passed May 10. 1852

Ordinance Public Schools

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

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

Section 1 Thorough instruction shall be given in said Schools in all the branches of a good English education, and the School Committee are authorized in their discretion to cause to be given to all the Male pupils in the High School whose parents or guardians may desire it, instruction in all the preparatory branches of a classical education and also in the Modern European Language, and they are also authorized to cause to be given to all the female pupils in the High School whose parents or guardians may desire it, instruction in the Latin language and also in the Modern European language.

Section 2, The second Section of the Ordinance in relation to Public Schools of which this is in amendment, is hereby repealed

Passed May 10. 1852

Resolved, That the City Treasurer be directed to pay Mrs Mary C. Waterman the sum of Ninety six dollars and ninety six cents for taxes illegally assessed against, and paid by her, while she was a non resident of this State

The Board of Aldermen did not concur in the above resolution

Hope Street

Resolved that the Surveyor of Highways be and he is hereby directed to cause the curb stone to be set and the gutters paved on that part of Hope Street lying between the termination of the Curbing already set and the North Asylum Wall, on the East side, and Bowen Street on the West, whenever the owners of the adjoining estates shall furnish curb stone for the same

Passed May 10. 1852

Plane Street

Resolved, That the Surveyor of Highways be and he is hereby directed to cause the Curb Stones to be set and the gutters paved in that part of Plane Street lying between Friendship and Clifford Streets, whenever the owners of the adjoining estates shall furnish Curb Stones for the same

Passed May 10. 1852

Westminster, St

Resolved, That the Surveyor of Highways be and he is hereby directed to cause that part of Westminster Street lying between Burrill and High Streets to be repaved, whenever the owners of the adjoining estates shall furnish curb stones for the same of uniform dimensions and equal in quality to those laid upon the lower part of said Street, the same to be approved by the Street Commissioners

Passed May 10. 1852

S Main St

Resolved, That the Surveyor of Highways be and he is hereby directed to cause that part of South Main Street, lying between Market Square and Transit Street, to be repaved whenever the owners of the adjoining estates shall furnish Curb Stone for the same of uniform dimensions and equal in quality to those recently laid upon Westminster Street & which shall be approved by the Street Commissioners

Passed May 10. 1852

N Main St

Resolved, That the Surveyor of Highways be and he is hereby directed to cause that part of North Main Street lying between Market Square and Smith Street to be repaired whenever the owners of the adjoining estates shall furnish curb Stones for the same of uniform dimensions and equal in quality to those on Westminster Street and which shall be approved by the Street Commissioners

Passed May 10 1852

Dean St

Resolved, that the Surveyor of Highways be and he is hereby directed to cause the Curb Stone to be set, and the gutters paved, on that part of Dean Street lying between High Street and Atwells Avenue, provided the Owners of the adjoining lands shall furnish curb Stones for the same

Passed May 10 1852

W Clifford St

Resolved, That the Surveyor of Highways be and he is hereby directed to cause the Curb Stones to be set and the gutters in that part of West Clifford Street lying between Point and Lockwood Streets, whenever the owners of the adjoining estates shall furnish Curb Stones for the same

Passed May 10. 1852

Angell St

Resolved, That the Surveyor of Highways be and he is hereby directed to cause the curb Stones to be set and the gutters paved on the North side of Angell Street, between Hope and Governor Streets and on the South side between Hope and York Streets, whenever the owners of the adjoining estates shall furnish curb stones for the same, whenever the owners of the adjoining estates shall furnish curb stones for the same

Passed May 10. 1852

Morris St

Resolved, That the Surveyor of Highways be directed to expend the sum of One hundred dollars in repairing Morris Street

Passed May 10 1852

Com[e] appointed to apply for Amend[t] of Charter

Resolved That Messrs Carpenter & Padelford and Ald James be a Committee to apply to the General Assembly at their next Session for an amendment of the City Charter, providing that members of the Common Council may severally receive as compensation for their services, such Sum as the City Council may fix not exceeding One hundred Dollars per annum

Passed May 10. 1852

In Convention May 10. 1852

Trustees Reform School

The following Gentlemen are appointed Trustees of the Providence Reform School, to continue in Office until the second Monday of May next, viz:

Edmund Thurber
William P. Bullock
Samuel G. Arnold
William S Patten
Henry A Howland
Christopher C Potter

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

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Chas Field Street

Resolved, That the Surveyor of Highways be and he is hereby directed to cause the Curb Stones to be set and the Gutters paved in that part of Charles Field Street between Benefit and Brown Streets, whenever the owners of the adjoining estates shall furnish Curbstones for the same

Passed May 17. 1852

Fenner St

Resolved, That the Surveyor of Highways be and he is hereby directed to cause a cross walk to be laid across Fenner Street opposite the Catholic Church

Passed May 17. 1852

Engine House N° 2

Resolved, That Messrs Pabodie, Grinnell and Stone and Alderman Knowles, be a Committee to select a suitable location for Engine House N° 2, and to report the same, with the probable cost, to the City Council

Passed May 17 1852

Engine House N° 10

Resolved, That the Standing Committee on the Fire Department be and they are hereby directed, to select a suitable location, in the vicinity of Knight Street for Engine House N° 10, and to report the same, with the Probable cost, to the City Council

Passed May 17 1852

Power St

Resolved, That the Surveyor of Highways be and he is hereby directed to cause a Cross walk to be laid across Power Street, on the west side of Benefit Street

Passed May 17. 1852

Salaries

An Ordinance, fixing the compensation of certain Officers, for the year ending on the first Monday in June A D. One thousand, eight hundred and fifty three

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

Section 1. For the year ending on the first Monday of June A D 1853, the compensation to be allowed and paid to the several Officers hereinafter named, shall be as follows; viz

To the City Clerk, Four Hundred Dollars

To the Clerk of the Common Council Two hundred & fifty Dolls

To the City Treasurer, One Thousand Dollars

To the Overseer of the Poor, Five Hundred Dollars

To the City Sergeant, Four Hundred & fifty Dollars

To the Surveyor of Highways, Eight Hundred Dollars,

To the Clerk of the Market, Two Hundred Dollars

To the Clerk of the Municipal Court (in addition to the fees allowed by law, for business transacted in said Court) Four Hundred Dollars

To the Sealer of Weights & Measures One hundred & fifty Dolls

To the City Auditor, Two Hundred Dollars

Section 2 Said Sums so appropriated, shall be paid out of the City Treasury, in quarterly payments, to the Officers respectively, entitled thereto

Section 3 The fees allowed by law, to Justices of the Peace, shall be in full compensation to the Justices of the Police Court, for their services as such

Passed May 17. 1852

Wm Sprague Tax Remitted

Resolved, That the Sum of One hundred and six Dollars, assessed on the personal Estate of William Sprague in the year 1851, and the sum of One hundred and six Dollars, assessed on the Personal Estate of Fanny Sprague in the same year, be and the same are hereby severally remitted; and that the City Treasurer be, and he is hereby directed to credit said Sums to James Mumford, Collector of Taxes, for said year, in account with him, together with the interest which has accrued thereon

Passed May 17. 1852

Hartford Providence & Fishkill R R Co accept° of Grant

To the Honorable the City Council of the City of Providence

At the Monthly Meeting of the Directors of the Hartford, Providence and Fishkill Rail Road Company, held at Hartford April 14th 1852, it was voted, that the question of accepting the Cove Lands in Providence on the terms granted in the Resolutions of the City Council of the City of Providence as amended and modified by the City Council on the 29th of March last be referred to the members of this Board who reside in the State of Rhode Island, with full power to said Members to accept or decline said Grant and terms, as they deem expedient and to give notice to the City Authorities accordingly. A true copy of which said Vote from the records of said Company duly attested by E M Goodrich Secretary is hereto attached

We the undersigned Directors of the Hartford, Providence and Fishkill Rail Road Company, residing in Rhode Island having pursuant to the authority vested in us voted unanimously to accept the Cove Lands in Providence on the terms granted in the Resolutions of the City Council, as amended and modified by the City Council on the 29th of March last, do hereby respectfully notify the City Council of the City of Providence of the acceptance by the Hartford, Providence and Fishkill Rail Road Company of the said Cove Lands on the terms so granted

Providence April 27. 1852

William Sprague — James G. Anthony
William W Hoppin — Henry Lippitt

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

Passed May 17 1852

High St

Resolved, That the Surveyor of Highways be and he is hereby directed to cause that part of High Street lying between the Cross walk in front of the Catholic Church and Stewart Street to be repaved, whenever the owners of the adjoining estates shall furnish suitable curb-stones for the same, of uniform dimensions and equal in quality to those recently laid upon Westminster Street and which shall be approved by the Street Commissioners.

Passed May 17. 1852

Plat Book N° 2

Resolved, That the City Clerk be and he is hereby directed to cause the Plats in Book N° 2 to be copied and put into a more convenient form and the originals preserved: provided the expense shall not exceed the sum of Fifty Dollars

Passed May 20 1852

An Ordinance in relation to the Police

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

Section 1. The permanent Police Officers of the City shall hereafter be a City Marshal, City Sergeant, and ten Police Constables, who shall be elected Annually during the month of February, by the City Council in Convention of the two Boards; and of one Captain of the Watch and thirty two Watchmen, to whom all the provisions of an ordinance entitled "An Ordinance providing for the establishment of a Public Watch;" and also an Ordinance in addition thereto, passed December 23d 1850. shall apply

Section 2. There shall be established a Police Office, at which the City Marshal and Police Constables shall attend, under such arrangements, approved by the Mayor, as that two of said Officers shall be present at all times during the day and evening from the hour when the Watch House is closed in the morning until ten o'clock P.m. Two of the Watchmen, to be designated by the Captain of the Watch, shall remain on duty in the morning until relieved by the Police Constables.

Three Books shall be kept at said Office, in the first of which the City Marshal shall cause to be entered all articles which shall be reported at said Office as having been lost or found in the City; in the second, every offence known to any of said Police Officers against any law of the State or ordinance of the City; in the third, every warrant or precept in a criminal case which shall be delivered to any of said Officers for service, giving the date of the same, the offence charged, the authority by which it is issued, the names of the Complainant and of the respondent, the name of the Officer to whom it was delivered for service, the Officers fees distinguishing the service for which each fee is taxed, the other costs accruing on said warrant or precept, and the result thereof; the last two named books shall, at all times be open to the inspection of the Mayor or either of the Aldermen, and the Members of the Standing Committee on Police, but shall not be open for the perusal of any other person, than those above named, nor shall any officer disclose or make conversation upon any matter in said last two named book.

The Police enumerated in this Ordinance shall, when on duty, wear such badges as the Board of Aldermen may direct; and the Board of Aldermen may cause proper arms to be purchased at the Citys expense. The Police office shall be kept open on Sundays, and the Police Constables shall render such service on that day as the Board of Aldermen may require

Section 3 It shall be the duty of said Police Constables, as directed by the City Marshal, under such rules as the Board of Aldermen may establish, to pass through the City and take diligent notice of the violations of law, and, as far as practicable, to give such information and advice as may prevent such violations; to report all nuisances; to examine all cases of pauperism, and remove all paupers and sick persons which the Overseers of the Poor shall direct; to visit the Railroad Stations at every arrival or

departure of a passenger train by day or night; to attend Ward meetings and meetings of either branch of the City Council; to serve all notices delivered to them by any city Officer in the discharge of his duty; to attend all places of amusement to which they may be directed by the Mayor, Aldermen or City Marshal; to examine into all cases of truancy which are reported to the Mayor, by the Superintendent of Public Schools; to perform any executive duties which the Mayor shall direct, in any part of the City, or which any Alderman shall direct in his own ward; and promptly to execute any process or summons which is placed in their hands, and which they are by law authorized to execute. The City Marshall and Police Constables, unless otherwise ordered, shall attend at fires, which may happen in the City, and perform any duty for the preservation of good order or of property, which the Mayor, or in his absence, any Ward may direct.

Section 4 The City Marshal shall as far as practicable, cause all warrants, summons, and other process which may ensue from complaints made by him, to be delivered to the Police Constables for service.

Section 5 The Compensation of the City Marshal shall be Eight hundred dollars per annum, of each Police Constable Six hundred and fifty dollars per annum payable quarterly. No extra Compensation shall be paid unless the Board of Aldermen shall allow the same. All fees and penalties, and all compensation for services rendered in an Official capacity, or within the hours prescribed for Official duty received by the City Marshal and Police Constables, shall be paid by the Officer receiving into the City Treasury, before he shall be entitled to receive his Quarter's Salary; Provided, however, That nothing herein contained shall be construed to require the payment into the City Treasury of any money received as fees to be paid Attorneys employed in Liquor Cases, any mileage fee in civil cases, or any penalty accruing to either, of the aforesaid officers from any process, either civil or criminal commenced before the passage of this Ordinance

Section 6 The City Marshal shall Annually, on the Second Monday of January, make a detailed Report to the City Council of the business of the Police Department for the year preceding stating therein the number of Warrants issued, the number of convictions and for what offences, the estimated value of Property, received at the Police Office as found or Stolen, what proportion has been returned to the Owners, the amount of fees and penalties received by himself and the Police Constables together with such other information and suggestions as he may deem of importance, as showing the operation of the Police System. The Marshal shall be authorized at his discretion, to advertise at the Expense of the City, for owners to any property that may be left at the Police Office, as found or Stolen

Section 7 At least five horses and carriages shall be kept at the expense of the Police Constables, for the use of the Police Department of the City, and no allowance shall be made by the City for horses and Carriages

Section 8 The Mayor and Aldermen may appoint supernumary Watchmen, in any emergency, not exceeding thirty two in number, who shall receive payment as the Mayor and Aldermen shall direct

Section 9 The Mayor may, for cause suspend from duty and endorsement any Police Constables, which suspension shall be made in writing, directed to the City Marshal, and the Mayor shall give notice in writing, to the person suspended, of the reasons for such suspension, and such suspension shall continue in force until the next meeting of the City Council

Section 10. This Ordinance shall go into effect on the 10th day of June next. Police Constables shall hold their Offices until others are appointed and qualified in their places, unless sooner removed by the City Council

Section 11 The Ordinance in amendment of an Ordinance, entitled "An Ordinance providing for the establishment of a Public Watch", passed November 9 A D 1846, and the "Ordinance in relation to Police" passed February 10 A D 1851, and so much of any other Ordinance as is inconsistant herewith are hereby repealed

Passed May 20 1852

Wm T Pullen

Whereas, Mr William T Pullen, who for many years has been a City Watchman, was on the night of the 18th instant, while engaged in the performance of his duty attacked and killed

Therefore

Resolved, That this City Council desire to express their approbation of the fidelity and energy with which their departed fellow Citizen has always exercised the duties of his Office; and respectfully offer to his Widow and family their sympathy in this bereavement

Resolved, That the sum of One hundred dollars be paid by the City Treasurer out of the appropriation for the Police Department, to Mrs Eliza Pullen, widow of William T Pullen, who was killed on the night of the 18th instant, for her present use; and that a Committee of the City Council be appointed, to consider and report at the next meeting of the City Council, what further relief should be provided by the City for the family of the deceased

Resolved, That Messrs Hayes, Sillinghast and Blodget and Alderman Hale constitute the aforesaid Committee

Passed May 20 1852

Cranston St

Resolved, That the Surveyor of Highways be and he is hereby directed to cause that part of Cranston Street lying between the present termination of the paving and Dodge Street (so called) to be paved whenever the Owners of the adjoining Estates shall furnish Curb Stones for the same

Passed June 7, 1852

In Convention June 7 1852 at 3 p m

This being the day fixed by Law for the Annual Organization of the Municipal Government of the City of Providence, the following Gentlemen, being the Mayor, Aldermen and Common Council men elect, met in Convention in the Council Chamber, to wit

Amos C Barstow Mayor

Edward P Knowles	Alderman	of the	First Ward
Varnum J. Bates	do	"	Second "
George W Hall	do	"	Third "
Gebge S Rathbone	do	"	Fourth "
Samuel James	do	"	Fifth "
Joseph F Gilmore	do	"	Sixth "

Common Council Men

First Ward	Second Ward
John A Taylor	Richard W Bush
George Hunt	Wm T. Grinnell
Dexter B Lewis	William Goddard
Benjn G Pabodie	Abraham Payne
Third Ward	**Fourth Ward**
Wingate Hayes	James G Anthony
Chas E Sillinghast	Sam[l] C Blodget
Samuel Allen	Walter Paine 2d
Stephen G Mason	Oliver Johnson
Fifth Ward	**Sixth Ward**
Wm A Williams	Isaac A Holden
Wm M Rodman	James W Winsor
Thos[s] A Doyle	
Daniel C Carpenter	Wm O Darling

Hon. Thomas M Burgess administered the Oath of Office required by the City Charter to Amos C Barstow Mayor elect

The Mayor then administered the like Oath to the aforenamed Aldermen & Common Council men elect. Thereupon the Convention proceeded to ballot for City Clerk and on counting the ballots it appeared that Albert Pabodie was elected to that Office, and he was then duly engaged by the Mayor

The Mayor then delivered an Address in relation to the Municipal Affairs of the City

The two Boards then separated, the Board of Aldermen retire to their Chambers.

Standing Rules

Resolved, That the same Standing Rules, which were on the second day of June A D 1851 adopted as the Standing Rules of the City Council last past, be adopted as the Standing Rules of the City Council, for the present Municipal year

Passed July 7. 1852

Standing Comtee

Standing Committees of the City Council appointed on the part of the Common Council on the 7th day of June A D 1852 for the present Municipal year

On Finance
Messrs Anthony, Pabodie, Goddard } Ald^n Rathbone

On Highways
Messrs Carpenter, Lewis, Winsor } Ald Hall

To ingross Ordinances
Messrs A Payne, Johnson, W Paine Jr } Ald Knowles

On Public Schools
Messrs Grinnell, Stone, Doyle } Ald. James

On the Fire Department
Messrs Taylor, Tillinghast, Williams } Ald Gilmore

On City Property
Messrs Bush, Rodman, Allen } Ald James

On Police
Messrs W. Paine Jr, Hunt, Darling } Ald^n Bates

On North Burying Ground
Messrs Blodget, Mason, Holden } Ald Knowles

In Common Council June 7th 1852
The aforenamed members of this Board having been this day appointed as members of this Board, of the Standing Committees of the City Council for the present Municipal year

it is resolved, that the aforegoing List, be communicated to the Board of Aldermen, in order that an Alderman may be added to each of said Committees

Read and Passed

A G Greene Clerk

In Board of Aldermen same day. Read whereupon It is resolved, That the Aldermen above named be added to each of the Committees to which their names are affixed

G A Williamson
Clerk pro tem

Mayors Address

Resolved, That Messrs Taylor, Johnson & Winsor and Ald^n Rathbone be and they are hereby appointed a Committee, to wait upon the Mayor and request him to furnish for publication, a copy of the Address this day delivered by him, to the City Council; and to cause the same to be published in such manner as they may deem expedient

Passed June 7. 1852

City Printing

Resolved, That Messrs W. Paine Jr, Grinnell & Doyle and Ald^n James, be and they are hereby appointed a Committee to contract for the City Printing, for the present Municipal year

Passed June 7. 1852

City Treasurers Bond

Resolved That Messrs Anthony, Pabodie & Goddard and Alderman Rathbone, be and they are hereby appointed a Committee to take a Bond of the City Treasurer, for the faithful discharge of the duties of his Office for the present municipal year, and that said Bond be for the sum of Thirty thousand Dollars.

Passed June 7. 1852

Firemens Association

Resolved, That the sum of One Dollar be paid by the City Treasurer, to the Treasurer for the Mutual Association of Firemen for Mutual Assistance, for each of the Firemen of the City in order to entitle them severally, to the benefit of the funds of that Association; and that said sum be paid, on the Certificate of the City Clerk respecting the appointment of said Firemen, out of the appropriation for the Fire Department

Passed June 7. 1852

School Comtee Report

To the Hon. City Council of the City of Providence

The School Committee have held six meetings, during the past year, subjoined is a list of its members, with a table shewing the attendance at the several meetings

Respectfully Submitted
Edward R Young
Secretary

Moses B Ives, present at all the meetings
Edward B Hall " Do
Amherst Everett " Do
John J Stimson Absent once
Edward R Young present at all the Meetings
Thomas M Burgess Do Do
Richmond Brownell Do Do
George H Tillinghast Do Do
Amos D Smith, absent three meetings out of the Country
Edward P Knowles, present at all the meetings
Elisha Dyer Jr, absent once
Jamalill L Dwight, present at all the Meetings
Esek Aldrich Do Do
William C Snow Absent once
Thomas C Hartshorn, absent four Meetings, out of the Country
James M Granger, absent once
John P K Henshaw, absent twice
William Gammell, absent four meetings out of the Country
William J Reed, absent once
S Augustus Arnold, present at all the meetings
Samuel G Arnold, absent twice
William W Hoppin, absent twice
Edward Walcott, absent once
Owen Mason, present at all the Meetings
Jabez C Knight Do Do
Robert W Potter Do Do
George I Chace Do Do
Seth Padelford, absent once
Edwin M Stone, present at the only meeting held since his election
Amos C Barstow Elected May 21

Providence June 7. 1852

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

Passed June 7. 1852

Police Court

Resolved, That from the Justices assigned to keep the Peace within this City,
Samuel Peckham
Francis E Hoppin and
Charles Hart
be and they are hereby selected to compose the Police Court of this City, during the present Municipal Year

Passed June 7. 1852

Fire Department

An Ordinance in Amendment of An Ordinance entitled "An Ordinance establishing the Fire Department"

It is ordained by the City Council of the City of Providence, as follows, viz

Section 1. The Ordinance to which this Ordinance is in amendment, shall go into operation on the third Monday in June instant; at which time all Ordinances, Resolutions and Votes of the City or Town of Providence, in relation to the Fire Department, shall be repealed.

Passed June 7 1852

4th July

Resolved That Messrs Blodget Darling & Allen and Alderman Hall be and they are hereby appointed a Committee of Arrangements for a Municipal Celebration of the approaching Anniversary of American Independence

Resolved, That the sum of fifteen hundred Dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated, for defraying the expenses of said Celebration; to be paid to the order of said Committee, out of any monies in the Treasury, not otherwise appropriated

Passed June 7. 1852

N Burial Ground

Resolved, That Messrs Blodget, Mason & Holden and Alderman Knowles be and they are hereby appointed a Committee upon the North Burial Ground; with full power under, and to carry into effect the provisions of any Ordinance or Resolution existing in relation to said Burial Ground

Passed June 7. 1852

City Debt

Whereas Messrs Anthony, Pabodie & Goddard have been this day, appointed by the Common Council, as the Committee, on their part for the reduction of the City Debt for the present Municipal year, pursuant to the requisition contained in the first Section of the* It is Resolved, that the names of said Committee be communicated to the Board of Aldermen in order that said Board may add an Alderman to said, pursuant to the requisition contained in said Section

In Common Council June 7. 1852
Read and passed
A. G. Greene Clerk

In Board of Aldermen same day
Read Whereupon resolved that Ald[n]
Rathbone be added to said Committee
G A Williamson
Clerk pro tem

* Ordinance entitled "An Ordinance in relation to the City Debt"

Vote Thanks to Thos M. Burgess

Resolved, That the thanks of the City Council be given to Thomas M. Burgess Esq late Mayor of this City, for the able and impartial manner in which he has discharged the duties of his Office

Passed June 7 1852

Supnt of North Burying Ground Report

To the Hon.e City Council

In conformity to the 7th Section of an Ordinance in relation to the North Burying Ground herewith attached the undersigned respectfully reports, that from the first Monday in June 1851 to the first Monday in June 1852 he has caused to be dug 269 graves including removals and re-interments from yards & Avenues amounting to 409.50

The undersigned further reports that he has issued within the above period 21 certificates amounting to 21.00

Total amt received 430.50

Providence June 7 1852

Respectfully submitted by

P. W. Martin Supt of N B Ground

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

Passed June 7 1852

Surveyor of Highways Report Referred

Resolved, That the Monthly Report of the Surveyor of Highways be received; and that the same be referred to the Standing Committee on Highways, with instructions to enquire, and report whether the prices paid during the time mentioned in said Report, are proper and expedient

Passed June 7 1852

Thos M. Burgess Portrait

Resolved that Messrs Anthony, Rodman & Goddard, and Alderman Knowles be a Committee to wait on Thomas M Burgess Esq late Mayor of this City and request him to sit for his portrait for the use of the City, and that said Committee be authorized to draw on the appropriation for Contingencies for the Expense of the same

Passed June 7. 1852

Wooden Buildg

On the petition of John E Collier requesting liberty to remove a One Story building from Wickenden Street and to place the same on Benevolent Street

Read Whereupon, it is resolved, that the prayer thereof be granted

Passed June 7 1852

Wooden Buildg

On the petition of William A Williams requesting liberty to remove a One Story Wooden Building from the corner of Friendship & Page Street and place the same on the corner of Orange & Friendship Streets

Read Whereupon it is resolved that the prayer thereof be granted

Passed June 7 1852

In Convention June 7. 1852

The following Officers are chosen

Judge of the Municipal Court	Thomas Burgess
Clerk " Do- Do	Albert G Greene
City Treasurer	Esek Aldrich
City Auditor	Geo. B Fastram
City Sergeant	James C Sheridan
City Marshal	Daniel K Chaffee
Surveyor of Highways	Henry G Mumford
Clerk of the Market	James C Sheridan
City Constables	Jabez J Potter, Daniel K Chaffee James Sheldon, Jabez C Potter James Sherburn, John H. Gould Christian M. Johnson, John B Barton Ethan Tourtellot, Philip W Martin
Sealer of Weights & Measures	Charles T Little
Surveyor of Hoops Staves & Heading	George S Harwood, Peleg S. Sherman, Samuel Eatherforth
Undertakers	Judson Blake, John G Hopkins Gardner T Swan, Wm C Millard Daniel Robinson, Amos Fletcher Patrick Wallace, Namon Mullen Merit Nichols, Hollis Chaffin Patrick Barron, Wm O Briggs Wm Vero, Samuel Rawson
Overseer of Public Bridges	Menzies Sweet
Guagers of Casks	James Burrough, John A Bosworth Peleg S Sherman, D. V. Rose
Packers & Inspectors of Fish	Peleg S Sherman George S Harwood

Inspectors of Pot & Pearl Ashes.	Smith Bosworth, Amasa Manton
Inspector of Saleratus & Bicarbonate of Soda,	Joseph Martin
Inspector of Beef & Pork	Rufus W Kimball
Inspector of Liquor to ascertain Proof	D. V. Rose
Sealer of Leather	Henry Metcalf
Collector of Taxes	James Mumford
Overseers of the Hospital	Mayor & Aldermen
Auctioneer	Sylvester Hartshorn
Fence Viewer	Henry G Mumford
Field Driver	James C Sheridan
Advising Com^e on Bridges	Mayor & Aldermen
Overseer of the Town House	Daniel K Chaffee
Overseer of the City Pumps	Daniel K Chaffee
Pound Keeper	Hollis Chaffin
Surveyors & Corders of Wood.	Tho^s J. Wardwell, Benj^a S Olney, Sam^l B Bullock, Geo. B. Holmes, Nelson Chace, Joseph Robinson, Wm K Thurber, Geo. T. Bowen, Clark Steere, Wm W Arnold, Nathan Thornton, James Brattell Cyrus Potter, Sayles Brown Benj J Brown, Jabez C Olney Benj^a S Olney Jr, John A Bosworth
Surveyors & Measurers of Stone	William Andrews, Leonard Blodget Cyrus Fisher, John A Bosworth
Committee to Superintend the building of Chimneys & placing Stoves & Pipes	Cyrus Fisher, Moses Richardson James Brattell Samuel Lewis
Inspectors & Measurers of Carpenters, Masons & Painters Work	Leonard Blodget, Robt Manchester Robert Manchester Jr, Emor Angell James Lewis, Rupell Greene Weston A Fisher, Cyrus Fisher Jonathan S. Angell, Horace Gray John A. Bosworth, Stephen C. Arnold, Clifton A. Hall
Assessors of Taxes	Isaac Thurber, John J Stimson Solomon Ingraham, Abner Peckham Daniel Field, John F Phillips

Measurers of Grain Salt & Sea Coal	Hazeltine Tafft, Jonathan West, Joseph Smith, Edwin G Greene, Ellery Wesson, James Brattell John A Bosworth, John L Clark, Charles Hodges Samuel Jackson 2^d
Measurers of Bran	Hazeltine Tafft, Jonathan West
Court of Magistrates	Samuel W Peckham, Francis C Hoppin, Charles Hart
Weighers of Anthracite Coal	James Burrough, James A. Mumford, Sam^l Jackson 2^d, Charles Hodges, Thomas Pearce, Henry L. Mathewson, Seth W. Baker, William A. Aborn, George B. Peck, Stephen Burr, Israel J. Bullock, Stephen S Salisbury James W Allen, Christopher B Pearce Henry G Tucker, William A Hopkins Charles Remington, Gilbert Richmond, Ansel B Pope, Edw^d W Baker Joseph Hodges, James A Coggeshall Isaac N Beach, Lewis J Doyle John Henry Ormsbee
Street Commissioners	Samuel B Cushing, Asa Pierce, Cyrus Fisher
Superintendant of North Burying Ground	Philip W. Martin

The Election of Overseer of the Poor postponed to the 2^d Monday in August

The Election of Firewards & Presidents of Firewards postponed for One Week

The Election of the School Committee postponed for one wk

The following Firemen were elected for names see List

Hydraulion	Company	№ 1
Do	Do	2
Engine	Do	1
Do	Do	2
Do	Do	3
Do	Do	4
Do	Do	5
Do	Do	6
Do	Do	7
Do	Do	8
Do	Do	9
Do	Do	10
Steam Forcing Stationary Engine		1

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

Public Pound

An Ordinance, establishing a Public Pound.

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

Section 1. That the Dexter Asylum Farm, as enclosed by the present wall around the same, is hereby designated and established as a Public Pound

Passed June 14 1852

Reform School Building to be furnished with Lightning Rods

Resolved, That the Trustees of the Providence Reform School be and they are hereby authorized to cause lightning rods to be placed upon the Reform School Building and draw upon the City Treasurer for the Expense thereof, to be paid out of the appropriation for Contingencies.

Passed June 14 1852

Eben Simmons Case

Resolved, That the City Treasurer be directed to pay One hundred eighty six 83/100 Dollars, the same being amount of Executions in cases of Eben Simmons against Henry G Mumford and against James C Sheridan, out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated and that the same be charged to Contingencies

Passed June 14 1852

Ink Stands for Com Council

Resolved, That the Committee on City Property be directed to cause Ink Stands to be placed in the desks of the Common Council, and that they be authorized to draw upon the appropriation for contingencies for the Expense of the same

Passed June 14. 1852

4th July

Resolved, That the Sum of Five Hundred Dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated for defraying the expenses of the Municipal Celebration of the approaching Anniversary of American Independence; in addition to the Sum appropriated for that purpose on the 7th day of June instant; to be paid to the order of the Committee of Arrangements for that occasion, out of any money in the Treasury, not otherwise appropriated

Passed June 14 1852

American Brass Band &c

Whereas the American Brass Band propose entertaining the Citizens of Providence with their delightful music, twice a week, during the Summer Months, on the Cove Promenade; and whereas, it is necessary that a suitable location be selected for that purpose; Therefore

Resolved, That Messrs Blodget, Darling and Allen of the Common Council and Alderman Hall, be a Committee to cause suitable Staging to be erected between the Bridges on the Cove Promenade, or in such other location as they may deem expedient, for the purpose of placing the Music Stands belonging to the City thereon, for the use of said Band; and also, to cause Gas Pipes to be carried to the Same.

Resolved, That the Sum of fifty Dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated for defraying the Expense of the same; to be paid from the appropriation for Contingencies

Passed June 14 1852

Reform School

Resolved, That the City Council do hereby accept the provisions contained in the Act of the General Assembly passed at their January Session A D 1852, entitled "An Act in Amendment of an Act entitled "An Act concerning Crimes and Punishments."

Passed June 14. 1852

West Burying Grounds

Upon the Petition of Alexander Duncan & Others relative to the Cemeteries on Plane, Point & Friendship Streets

It is resolved, that the same be received and referred to Messrs W^m Paine J^s Williams and Winsor and Alderman Rathbone, to examine and report thereon

Passed June 14 1852

In Convention June 14 1852

The two Boards joined for the Election of School Committee. Stewards &c &c

School Committee.

Moses B Ives.	Edw^d B Hall.	Amherst Everett.
John J Stimson.	Edw^d R Young.	Tho^s W Burgess.
Richmond Brownell.	Geo. H Tellinghast.	Amos D Smith.
Edw^d T Knowles.	Elisha Dyer J^r.	G L Dwight.
Esek Aldrich.	Shubael Hutchins.	W^m C Snow.
Tho^s C Hartshorn.	Jas N Granger.	J P K Henshaw.
W^m Gammell.	W^m J Breed.	S Aug^s Arnold
Sam^l G Arnold.	W^m W Hoppin.	Edw^d Walcott
Owen Mason.	Jabez C Knight	Robt W Potter
Geo. T Chace.	Edwin M Stone.	Amos C Barstow

Firewards — Joseph W Taylor — First Fireward
Charles T Robbins — Edwin J. Nightingale
William H Sweet — Samuel C Blodget
Bradford C Shaw — Abner H Angell

Presidents of Firewards } Joseph W. Taylor, William H Sweet — Edwin J. Nightingale

Engine Company No 11 are Elected Firemen

Fire Hook & Ladder Co No 2 are elected Foremen

The following persons are elected Foremen of the several Engine Companies

Thomas F Vaughan,	Foreman	of	Hydraulion	Co.	No 1
Henry Staples	Do	"	Do	"	" 2
Simeon M Pike	Do	"	Engine	"	" 1
Nathan C Jenks	Do	"	Do	"	" 2
Edward Burr	Do	"	Do	"	" 3
Ebenezer W Percival	Do	"	Do	"	" 4
Welcome G Comstock	Do	"	Do	"	" 5
Wm H P Steere	Do	"	Do	"	" 6
Geo. Earle 2d	Do	"	Do	"	" 8
John H Kenyon	Do	"	Do	"	" 9
Chas H Waterhouse	Do	"	Do	"	" 11
Wm A Wardwell	Do	"	Fire Hook & Ladder	"	" 2
Newton O Whipple	Do		Steam Forcing Stationary	"	" 1

Foremen for Engine Cos 7 & 10 Passed — No 7 not having designated a foreman & the foreman of No 10 having been elected Fireward

Clifton A Hall is appointed Surveyor & Measurer of Stone

Peleg Johnson is elected City Constable

Voted That no more Constables be elected

The two Boards separated, the Board of Aldermen retired to their Chamber

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St Commissioners Com^e to enquire

Resolved, That the Standing Committee to engross Ordinances, be instructed to report whether any, and if any, what amendments are necessary in the Ordinance establishing Street Commissioners, prescribing the duties thereof, and for other purposes

Passed June 21 1852

Surveyor of Highways Report

The Surveyor of Highways makes his Monthly Report of Work done from 7th of June to 10th of July 1852

Read, Whereupon it is resolved that the same be received

Passed July 12 1852

Charter to amend

Resolved, That Messrs Carpenter & Hayes and the Mayor be a Committee to petition the General Assembly at their October Session, for an Amendment of the City Charter, allowing compensation to each of the Aldermen of the City, not exceeding two hundred dollars per annum.

Passed July 12, 1852

Iron Fence

Resolved, That Messrs Hunt, Bush, Tillinghast, Paine, Carpenter and Stone of the Common Council and the Mayor and Alderman Bates, be and they are hereby appointed a Committee, to cause an iron fence, to be placed around the inner circle of the Cove promenade; commencing on each side of the bridge near the Providence & Worcester Rail Road passenger Station, and continuing said fence, building an equal length annually on each side of the river, until the same shall be completed, and that a suitable number of Gas Lanterns be placed in the same, and that the Sum of Twenty five hundred Dollars be appropriated to defray the expense thereof, payable out of any moneys in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated

Passed July 12, 1852

For Engine House No 2

Lot of Engine House No 2

Resolved, That the City Treasurer be and he hereby is authorized, under the advice and direction of the Standing Committee on the Fire Department, to Purchase of the heirs of James Thurber a Lot of Land near Mill Bridge or such other Lot as said Committee shall select, provided the cost of the same shall not exceed five hundred and fifty Dollars.

Passed July 12 1852

Geo Beverly

On the petition of George Beverly requesting liberty to remove a Three Story Worden Building from Pine Street and to place the same on the Corner of Atwells Avenue & Bourne St

Read, Whereupon it is resolved that the prayer thereof be granted

Passed July 12 1852

B. Greene

On the petition of Benjamin Greene requesting liberty to remove a Wooden Building about eight feet north from its present location on Benefit Street

Read, Whereupon it is resolved that the prayer thereof be granted

Passed July 12 1852

Eliza Pullen

Resolved, That the sum of One Hundred Dollars be annually paid by the City Treasurer out of the Appropriation for the Police to Mrs Eliza Pullen, widow of the late William F Pullen deceased, so long as she shall remain his widow; said sum to be payable in quarterly payments of Twenty five Dollars each, on the first Mondays in January, April, July and October, in each year.

Passed July 12 1852

On the petition of Engine Company Number 5.

Engine Co N°5

Resolved, that the Committee on the Fire Department be and they hereby are authorized to procure plans and estimates for the alterations asked for by Engine Company N° 5, on the House occupied by them.

Passed July 12. 1852

An Ordinance in Amendment of "An Ordinance establishing the Fire Department"

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

Fire Hook & Ladder Co

Section 1 There shall be allowed to the members of the Fire Hook & Ladder Company fifteen Dollars each, yearly, which shall be paid out of the appropriation for the Fire Department, on the Certificate of the First Fireward that the years service has been performed; provided, that the number of such members shall not exceed Twenty.

Passed July 12 1852

Engine N° 10

Resolved, That the City Treasurer be and he is hereby authorized under the advice and direction of the Standing Committee on the Fire Department to purchase of Isam W Norton a Lot of Land adjoining the Primary School House Lot on Knight Street, or some other suitable lot, at a sum not exceeding Seven hundred Dollars

Passed July 12 1852

Engine N°2

Resolved, That the Special Committee appointed on the 10th of May last, to select a suitable location for Engine House N°2. be discharged

Passed August 2 1852

Abstract of Issues and Payments of City Debt from March 1 1852 to June 14. 1852

When Issued 1852	N° of Note	To whom Issued	Rate of Int	Amount
March 9	169	Prov. Institution for Savings	6 p/c	5000.—
15	170	" " "	"	5000.—
April 3	171	" " "	"	6000.—
9	172	" " "	"	10000.—
17	173	" " "	"	5000.
May 7	174	" " "	"	6000.
13	175	" " "	"	10000—
24	176	" " "	"	5000—
				$ 52.000

When paid 1852	N°	To whom Paid		
April 3	157	Prov. Ins. for Savings	6 p/c	6000.
9	140	Estate of A P Franklin	"	10.000.
May 7	159	Prov. Ins. for Saving	"	6000.
24	161	" " "	"	5.000
				$ 27.000

$52.000
27.000
25.000 Issued of Temporary Loan

To the Hon^e City Council

Gentlemen

Please receive the above Abstract of Issues and Payments of the City Debt

Respectfully Yr. Se

Esek Aldrich

City Treas

June 14 1852

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

Passed August 2 1852

Fire Department

An Ordinance in Amendment of an Ordinance entitled "An Ordinance establishing the Fire Department"

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

Section 1 No one of the Seven Fire Wards shall be during his term of Office, Foreman of any one of the Companies of the Fire Department

Passed August 2 1852

Fire Department

An Ordinance in Amendment of Ordinance entitled An Ordinance in Amendment of an Ordinance, entitled An Ordinance establishing the Fire Department

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

Section 1 Each Company shall recommend its own Foreman, who when elected by the City Council shall be duly commissioned and Sworn to the faithful discharge of his duties

Section 2 Such parts of the Ordinance entitled an ordinance establishing the Fire Department and the Ordinance of which this is an amendment as are inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed

Passed August 2 1852

To sell Fire Apparatus

Resolved, That the First Fireward be and hereby is authorized under the direction of the Standing Committee on the Fire Department, to sell such Fire Apparatus as may be found useless to the City and Pay the amount received for the same into the City Treasury

Passed August 9. 1852

City printing

To the Hon. the City Council

The Committee appointed to contract for the City Printing and Advertising for the ensuing Municipal year,

Respectfully Report, That they have contracted with the same parties, and at the same rates, at which the Printing has been done for the year past, as will be seen by the written contracts herewith presented for the Committee

Walter Paine Jr.

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

Passed August 9. 1852

For contracts see files City Council Papers of page 168 of this Book

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Salary of the Sup. of the Reform School

An Ordinance in amendment of an Ordinance, entitled "An Ordinance in relation to the Salary of the Superintendent of the Providence Reform School"

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

Sect 1. That the Salary and Compensation of the Superintendent of the Providence Reform School, be Eight Hundred Dollars per annum payable quarterly

Passed August 9 1852

Peck, Orange Dorrance Pine and Mathewson Sts

Resolved, that the Surveyor of Highways be and he is hereby directed, to cause Peck, Orange, and Dorrance Street, between Broad and Dyer Streets, and that Part of Pine Street below Eddy Street and also Mathewson Street between Broad and Westminster Sts to be paved, whenever the owners of the adjoining estates shall furnish curb stone for the same Satisfactory to the Committee on Highways.

Passed August 9 1852

City Clerk

Resolved, That the Sum of Two Hundred Dollars be appropriated and paid out of the appropriation for Contingencies to the order of the City Clerk, as additional Wages to the Clerk G A Williamson (now employed by him) for the present Municipal year

Passed August 9. 1852

Cove Promenade

Resolved, That Messrs W Paine, Doyle & Taylor and Alderman Gilmore, be and they are hereby appointed a Committee, to cause an additional number of Seats to be placed on the Cove Promenade, not exceeding fifty in number, the expense thereof to be paid out of the appropriation for the Cove Promenade

Passed August 9. 1852

Engine House for Co N°2

Resolved, That the First Fireward with the advise of the Committee on the Fire Department, to cause an Engine House to be built of brick on the Lot recently purchased near Mill Bridge, and that the Cost there of be paid out of the appropriation for the Fire Department; provided said Costs shall not exceed twenty five hundred Dollars.

Passed August 9. 1852

Reservoir

Resolved, That the First Fireward, with the advise of the Committee on the Fire Department, cause a Reservoir to be built, near the junction of Bowen and Prospect Streets with a well at such point on Bowen Street, as will ensure a Supply of Water to the aforenamed Reservoir; also a Reservoir on or near Davis Street; and that the Cost of the same be paid out of the Appropriation for the Fire Department

Passed August 9. 1852

Temporary Loan

Resolved, That the City Treasurer be authorized, under the advice and direction of the Standing Committee on Finance to increase the present Temporary Loan of Forty five thousand dollars, by the additional sum of not exceeding Fifteen Thousand Dollars

Passed August 9. 1852

Avis Harris

Upon the Petition of Avis L Harris this day presented to the City Council;

It is Resolved, that the same be received, and referred to Messrs Bush, Lewis and Williams, with such as the Board of Aldermen may add, to examine and report thereon. Alderman Bates added

Passed August 9th 1852

Cross Walks

Resolved, that the Surveyor of Highways be and he is hereby authorized, acting under the advice and direction of the Standing Committee on Highways, to lay such Cross walks as in their opinion the public convenience may require upon any Street upon which he may be setting Curbing and Paving Gutters

Passed August 9th 1852

First Forewards Report

The Monthly Report of the First Foreward is presented and read

Whereupon it is resolved, that the same be received

Passed August 9th 1852

Ordinance of Births &c referred

Resolved, That the "Ordinance in relation to the interment of the dead" be referred to the Committee to Engross Ordinances, with instructions to report an Ordinance in conformity to the present law of the State respecting the registration of Births, Marriages & Deaths

Passed August 9th 1852

Plane St

Resolved, That the Surveyor of Highways be and he is hereby directed so to extend the Gutter on the East side of Plane Street, so as to carry the water into the Ravine at its Southern termination

Passed August 9th 1852

Ward Limits

Resolved, That Aldermen James & Hall and Messrs Hunt A Payne, Tillinghast, W Paine Jr, Carpenter and Stone, be and they are hereby appointed a Committee to examine and report a plan, to revise and alter the Ward Limits, in such manner as to preserve, as nearly as may be, an equal number, of freemen or voters in each ward

Passed August 9 1852

In Convention August 9th 1852

Peleg Johnson is elected Field Driver

Thomas R Henry is elected Foreman of Engine Co No 10

Elected Nine additional members for Engine Co No 9

The following persons are elected Weighers of Cotton

Samuel Almy — John C Foster
John A Bosworth — James Burrough
Nath[l] B Chace

The Election of the Overseer of the Poor is postponed to the second Monday of October

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

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Iron Fence

Resolved, That the Mayor be and he is hereby excused from serving on the Committee, appointed the 12th of July last, to build an Iron Fence around the Cove; and that Alderman Rathbone be added to said Committee

Passed September 13th 1852

Animals going at Large

An Ordinance in Amendment of an Ordinance entitled "An Ordinance to prevent the going at large of certain Animals"

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

Section 1 From and after the first day of June next, it shall not be lawful for any horses, sheep, hogs, goats or cattle of any kind, to go at large within the limits of said city

Section 2 Every owner of any Animal found at large contrary to the provisions of this Ordinance shall forfeit and pay a fine of not less than One Dollar nor more than twenty Dollars, to be recovered for the use of the City by proper legal process before any court of competent jurisdiction

Section 3 So much of the Ordinance of which this is in amendment, as is inconsistent herewith, is hereby repealed

Passed September 13th 1852

What Cheer Hotel

Resolved, That Messrs Grinnell, Goddard and Johnson and Ald.n Hall be a Committee to enquire and report upon what terms the land upon which a Portion of the What-Cheer Hotel stands can be obtained by the City for the uses of a Public Street

Passed September 13. 1852

Wooden Building

The petition of Enoch Freeman requesting liberty to remove a One & half Ston Wooden Building from the rear to the front of a lot on Winter Street

Read, Whereupon, it is resolved, that the Prayer thereof be granted

Passed September 13. 1852

Engine Co. No 2

Resolved, that the first Fireward be and hereby is directed to cause the Bank Wall, on the lot recently purchased for Engine House No 2 to be rebuilt, provided that the cost thereof shall not exceed One hundred and fifty Dollars ($150.) to be paid out of the appropriation for the Fire Department

Passed September 13 1852

Engine Co. N. 10

Resolved, that the First Fireward under the advice of the Committee on the Fire Department, cause a house to be built for Engine Co. No 10 on the lot in Knight Street, recently purchased of Isaac W. Norton;

Provided, that the amount to be expended in building such house shall not exceed Two thousand five hundred dollars ($2500.) to be paid out of the appropriation for the Fire Department

Passed September 13. 1852

Hydraulion No 2

Resolved, that the First Fireward be and hereby is authorized to make such repairs and improvements on Hydraulion House No 2 as he may deem necessary;

provided that the cost thereof, shall not exceed the sum of Four Hundred and fifty Dollars ($450.-) to be paid out of the appropriation for the Fire Department.

Passed Sept.r 13 1852

CMt Hire for Municipal Court

Resolved, That the sum of One hundred and fifty dollars be appropriated, and paid out of the appropriation for Contingencies, to the Order of the Clerk of the Municipal Court, for assistance in recording the papers in his Office

Passed Sept.r 13 1852

Portraits

To the Hon.e City Council

The Board of Managers of the Third Industrial Exhibition, respectfully request from your Hon. Body, the loan of the portraits now in the Council Chamber

In behalf of the Board
W. T. Grinnell

Prov. Sept 13 1852

Read, Whereupon it is resolved, that the request therein contained be granted

Passed Sept.r 13. 1852

First Fireward Report

Monthly Report of Expenditures for the Fire Department

For Engine Company	No 2	— — —	92.50
" " "	3	— — —	40.36
" " "	4	— — — —	17.30
" " "	5	— — — — —	15.00
" " "	6	— — — —	32.24
" " "	7	— — — —	22.63
" " "	9	— — — — —	38.72
" " "	10	— — — — —	16.00
" " "	11	— — — —	9.63
" Hydraulion "	2	— — — —	65.45
" Incidental			20
			350.03

Providence Sept.r 13.th 1852

Jos W Taylor First Fireward

Read, Whereupon it is resolved that the same be recorded

Passed Sept 13 1852

Prov.d & Wor. R.R Co.

On the petition of the Superintendent of the Providence & Worcester Rail Road Company it is

Resolved That said Company have permission acting under such rules and regulations as the Board of Aldermen may prescribe, to run Locomotives with Cars attached, over the newly laid track of said Company, through the Streets of the City, between the hours of four and half past six in the Morning until the first day of May next

Passed September 13. 1852

Cross Walk

Resolved, That the Surveyor of Highways be and he is hereby directed to cause two Cross walks to be laid across Benefit Street at the Central Congregational Church — the same to be done under the direction of the Standing Committee on Highways and done immediately

Passed Sept 13.th 1852

Taxes Remitted

Whereas James Mumford has represented to the City Council that the Taxes assessed on certain persons in the year 1851 and in other years previous thereto, and committed to him to collect are not collectable owing to Errors in the assessment thereof &c; And whereas the City Council are satisfied that the Taxes in the respective amounts following, upon the persons hereinafter named are not collectable; viz

Chas W Rhodes	2	65	Reuben A Armstrong	13	78
William Viall	14	31	Benjamin Cornell & Wife	2	65
Robert S Burrough	2	12	John Hopkins	4	24
Dexter Daniels	5	30	Lucy Horton	5	30
Thomas Brown	31	80	Nathan B Wood	2	12
Leonard Hopkins	4	24	William W Corning	7	42
Rufus Waterman	211	47	Pardon Bowen's heirs	90	10
Cyrus B & A H Manchester	42	40	Harriet H Creighton's heirs	93	28
Dutee Evans	11	13	Frances M Cross	100	70
Eric Walker (Coventry)	2	12	Samuel Metcalf's heirs	21	30
Joseph Thatcher's heirs	1	06	Samuel B Halliday	2	65
Catherine McGuire	4	49	Thomas H Dunham	5	30
Newell, Daniels & Co house at India Point	6	36	Lewis T. Hodges	2	65
Wm W Brown, (Son Tho')	16	50	William E Jones	7	95
Geo A Kenyon Warwick 2 yrs	17	43	Conrad C Ellery	1	59
Samuel A Gerald	9	01	Aaron P Kenyon	3	18
Joseph P McKenna	3	71	Elisha S Wenson	5	30
Patrick Donnelly	1	59	Mowry & Steere	15	90
Sonelon E Moses	4	49	Franklin Greene	2	65
Charles L Fishen and Wm S Chamberlin	1	59	William E Hines	1	06
William H Murray	1	06	Kinsley T. Lewis	6	36
Daniel Armington	2	65	Tristam H Angell	5	30
John & Patrick Murray	3	71	Charles Gray	1	59
Francis M Haskins & Wife	10	60	Albert C Greene (Fall River 2 mos)	5	30
J C Joslin & Wm R Proctor	1	59	George W. Lewis	3	18
John B Earle	8	48	George F Campbell	4	24
Mary Branam	1	06	James Sawyer	1	59
Jedediah Sprague	11	66	Lorenzo T Potter	10	60
Richard Nichols	11	24	Henry Bowen (Carpenter)	6	36
Rupell Millard (Johnston)	4	49	P L & M W Cooper	7	95
Rebecca Whitaker (1847)	1	12	Rufus B Briggs	2	65
Uriah Baker (F Baker assignee)	15	90	Oliver Prosser	4	24
Robert S Knight	5	30	Alpheus B Southwick	7	95
Allen Munroe Bristol	2	12	Samuel W Brown (Olneyville)	4	36
Luther Calder	3	18	Samuel Masury	5	30
Sally Barber (2 yrs)	4	49	Ambrose P G. Steward	2	65
James M Saunders	7	95	Thomas Fuller	2	65
Mary Ann Phillips	5	78	Willard & Nickerson	1	32
Isaac J Britton	1	06	Henry Fowler	2	65
John Morris	3	71	Edward C Manton	13	25
William Atkinson	7	42	Robert A. Potter	3	18
Albert H Cole	10	60	Isaac Gray	2	65
George P Daniels' heirs	10	60	Borden A Morton	2	65
Asarella Harris	7	95	George W. Reynolds	5	30
Mary Driscoll	3	18	John Henry Greene	1	59
Samuel A Gerald	8	74	Hugh Donelly	2	65
			Daniel A Brown	2	12
			Calvin C Shute (2 yrs)	11	56

Henry G Metcalf	2	65	Geo. N. Briggs (2 yrs)	2	24
Seth R Shepard	26	50	John Meader	3	18
John Cooke	10	60	Christopher E Potter	18	55
Ferdinand Bardeen	15	90	Amasa Yeaw	10	60
Arnold Nightingale	5	30	Obadiah Slade	3	18
Stephen H Robinson	10	60	Moses Hall	2	12
Joshua M Eddy	4	24	John O Brien	7	42
Asa W Davis (2 yrs)	8	99	Thomas McCaslin	2	12
Geo. K Davis (2 yrs)	5	62	Hannah C Allen	3	71
John E Nichols	42	40	Ellis Hooper & Wife	10	60
Benjamin F Reance	2	65			
Eagle Lodge	5	30			
Jarvis S Reynolds	5	30		$	1279 37

It is therefore resolved, that the respective taxes aforesaid be, and the same are hereby remitted: and that the City Treasurer be and he is hereby authorized and directed to credit the amount thereof, viz One thousand two hundred and seventy nine 37/100 Dollars to the said James Mumford in account with him, as Collector of Taxes, together with the interests which has accrued on said several items

Passed Sept 13 1852

Broad St

Resolved that the Surveyor of Highways be and he is hereby directed to cause that part of Broad Street lying between Dorrance and Westminster Streets to be paved whenever the owners of the adjoining estates shall furnish curb stones of uniform dimensions and equal in quality to those recently set on Westminster Street

Passed Sept 13 1852

Fenner St

Resolved, that the Surveyor of Highways be and he is hereby directed to cause the curb stone to be set and the gutters paved on that part of Fenner Street lying between the Catholic Church and Pond Street and also to cause a cross walk to be laid across Pond Street at the East side of Fenner Street

Passed Sept 13 1852

Burrell St Cross Walks

Resolved, that the Surveyor of Highways be and he is hereby directed to cause two cross Walks to be laid in the following places, viz. One across Burrill Street north side of Chapel Street and one across Chapel east side of Burrill Street

Passed Sept 13 1852

Cross Walks

Resolved, That the Surveyor of Highways be and he is hereby directed to cause a cross Walk to be laid at the junction of Brown & George Streets

Passed Sept 13 1852

Pine St

Upon the petition of Esek Tallman and others it is

Resolved, That the Surveyor of Highways be and he is hereby directed to cause the Curb Stone to be set and the gutters paved on that part of Pine Street lying between Stewart and Broad Streets whenever the owners of the adjoining estates shall furnish Curbstones for the same

Passed Sept 13. 1852

Jenckes St

Upon the petition of Thomas Burgess and others it is

Resolved that the Surveyor of Highways be and he is hereby directed to cause the Curbstone to be set and the gutters paved on that part of Jenckes Street lying between Congdon and Prospect Streets whenever the owners of the adjoining estates shall furnish Curb-Stones for the same

Passed September 13. 1852

Gangway

Resolved. That the Surveyor of Highways be directed to repave the Gangway next South of Leonard Street in connection with the repaving of South Main Street

Passed September 13. 1852

First Firewards Salary

An Ordinance in amendment of an Ordinance entitled "An Ordinance establishing the Fire Department"

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

Section 1 The First Fireward shall have a Salary of Seven Hundred Dollars per annum, payable Quarterly

Passed September 13 1852

Surveyor Highways Report

The Surveyor of Highways makes his Monthly report of work done from the 12th of July to August 9th 1852 amts $ 2420.16

Read. Whereupon it is resolved that the same be received

Passed Sept 13. 1852

Cross Walks

Upon the petition of Bradford Shaw and others it is

Resolved that the Surveyor of Highways be and he is hereby directed to cause two cross walks to be laid in the following places; viz One across Claverick Street, north side of Bassett and one across Bassett east side of Hospital Street

Passed Sept 13. 1852

Issues & payments

Abstract of Issues and Payments of City from June 14 to Sept 13. 1852

When Issued	No of Note	To whom Issued	Rate of Int	Amt
1852				
July 12	177	Prov. Ins. for Savings	6 c/c	$ 13000.—
"	178	Com. of Dexter Donation	"	2450.—
27	179	S.K. Rathbone Cash Am. Bk	"	10000.—
31	180	Prov. Ins. for Savings	"	10000.—
Aug 4	181	S.K. Rathbone Cash	"	5000.—
19	182	Same		5000.—
Sept 8	183	Same		5000.—
				$ 50.450.00

When paid	No	To whom paid	Rate Int	Amts
1852				
July 12	163	Prov. Ins. for Savings	6 c/c	13000.—
31	164	Same	"	10000.—
				$ 23.000.00

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

Passed Sept 13. 1852

Planet St

Resolved. That the Com^ee on Highways be directed to enquire into the expediency of widening the side walks on Planet Street and report as soon as may be

Passed Sept 13. 1852

4th July

Resolved. That the Committee of Arrangements for the recent celebration of the Anniversary of American Independence, be discharged from further duty

Passed Sept 13 1852

Vote of Thanks

Resolved unanimously, That the Thanks of the City Council be presented to Willard Sayles Esq for his interesting and able oration pronounced before the municipal Authorities on the last Anniversary of American Independence; and to Cyrus G Dyer Esq for the graceful and interesting poem delivered by him on that occasion.

Passed Sept 13. 1852

Ordinances to be revised

Resolved That Messrs Hayes, A Payne, Grinnell, Babcock Anthony & Doyle, Aldermen Knowles & Rathbone and Albert G Greene be a Committee to revise the Ordinances of the City and to make report of such revision to the City Council, with a view to the publication of the same, when approved by the City Council

Passed Sept 27 1852

Wooden Building

The petition of R G Pabodie, requesting liberty to remove a One Story wooden building from Broad to Winter Street

Read, Whereupon it is resolved, that the prayer of the same be granted

Passed Sept 27th 1852

Fire Department

Resolved, That the sum of Eight Thousand Dollars, be added to former appropriation for Fire Department, and that the same be paid out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated

Passed Sept 27 1852

N Burial Ground

Resolved, That the Committee on the North Burial Ground be and they are hereby authorized to cause a Gateway and Fence to be erected at the Main Entrance of said Burial Ground and that the sum of Eighteen hundred and fifty Dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated for defraying the expense of same

Passed Sept 27 1852

Engine House N°6 Curbing to be set

Resolved, That the Surveyor of Highways be and he is hereby directed to set the Curbstone and pave the Side walk in front of Engine House number Six

Passed Sept 27 1852

Cross Walks

Resolved, that the Surveyor of Highways be, and he is hereby directed (acting under the advice and direction of the Standing Committee on Highways) to lay such Cross walks on William Street as in their opinion the public good may require

Passed Sept 27 1852

Waterman and Cooke Streets

Resolved, that the Surveyor of Highways be, and he is hereby directed to cause the Gutters to be paved and the Curb Stone set on that part of Waterman Street lying between Hope and Governor Streets and on that part of Cooke Street, lying between Angell Street and where the Curbing is now set, whenever the owners of the adjoining Land shall furnish the Curb Stone for the same

Passed Sept 27 1852

Insane Poor

Resolved, That Messrs Williams, Allen & Winsor and Alds Gilmore & Bates, be a committee to report such plans as they may think advisable, for the erection of suitable building or buildings for the accommodation of the insane poor of the City

Passed Sept 27 1852

Fountain St

Resolved, That the Surveyor of Highways be and he is hereby directed to cause the Curb Stones to be set and the gutters to be repaired, on that portion of Fountain Street, where the same have been displaced by the Rawson Fountain Society, that such work be done immediately, Provided that the expense thereof be paice by said Rawson Society

Passed Sept 27 1852

What Cheer Hotel

Resolved, That the City Treasurer be authorized to pay to Samuel Dexter Esq the sum of Five Hundred Dollars in addition to the sum heretofore appropriated, whenever he shall remove the What Cheer Hotel back in a line of the new building recently erected by the What Cheer Corporation, and shall execute or procure a good and sufficient deed to the City of that portion of land now occupied by said What Cheer Hotel, and the other land between Market Square and North Main Street and the line of buildings between College Street and Jackson Court; provided the same shall be done as soon as practicable

Passed Sept 27th 1852

Deed to be procured of Land on Market Square

Resolved, That the special Committee to whom was referred the subject of the removal of the What Cheer Hotel, and of a conveyance of the land on which the same now stands to the City for the purposes of a Public Street be directed to procure from the owners of the land in question, a suitable Memorandum in writing from the owners of the land in question, accepting the terms and conditions of the Resolutions upon that subject, passed by the City Council

Passed Sept 27th 1852

Engine Co N°7 Disbanded

Whereas, the act of the Fire Engine Company N°7, in refusing to present to the City Council, the name of some person, for election as their Foremen, is in the opinion of the City Council, an act of misconduct, which requires the removal of the members of said Company, from Office

It is therefore Resolved, That for said act of misconduct, the members of said Company be and they are hereby severally removed from their Office and trust of Firemen of this City

Resolved, That the First Fireward be and he is hereby directed to take possession of the Engine now in charge of Engine Company N°7 and also of the building

Passed September 27th 1852
Two thirds of the members present voting in the affirmative

Bail

Resolved, That the Committee on the Police Department be directed to enquire whether any abuses of the power of taking bail by Justices of the Peace, require the attention of the City Council, and to make report of the results of such enquiries as soon as may be

Passed September 27 1852

Reservoir in W. Clifford St

Resolved, That the first Fireward, under the advice of the Committee on the Fire Department cause a Reservoir to be built in the vicinity of West Clifford and Prince Streets; or at such other location in that section of the City as said Committee on further Examination may select, and that the Expense of the same be charged to the appropriation for the Fire Department

Passed October 11 1852

Wooden Building

The petition of Thomas Pearce asking liberty to remove a Three Story Wooden Building from Butlers Wharf to Dyer Street

Read. Whereupon it is resolved, that the prayer thereof be granted

Passed October 11 1852

Rich^d Johnson

Resolved, That the First Fireward is authorized to draw on the City Treasurer in favor of Richard Johnson for the sum of Fifteen Dollars, whenever the well of said Johnson shall have been finished up, to his satisfaction

Passed October 11 1852

House for Engine Co N° 10

Resolved, That the First Fireward be directed to contract for the building of a House for Engine Company N° 10, on the same principles that the one for Engine Company No 2 has been made; and that the First Fireward shall act under the advice of the Standing Committee on the Fire Department in the erection of said building

Passed October 11 1852

Richmond & Pine Streets

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Resolved, that the Surveyor of Highways be and he is hereby directed to cause the Curb stone to be set and the gutters paved on the East side of Richmond Street between Broad & Pine Streets and on the North side of Pine Street between Richmond and Page Street and to lay such Cross walks there as the Standing Committee may direct; said Work to be done the present Season

Passed Oct^r 11 1852

Hartford, Prov^d Fishkill R.R.

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Resolved, That Messrs W Paine J. Williams & Goddard and Alderman Knowles, be a Committee to confer with the Hartford, Providence and Fishkill Rail Road Company in relation to any alterations or deviations from the original plan respecting the completion of the improvements around the Cove +

Passed October 11 1852

Wooden Building

The petition of Susan Wheeler requesting liberty to remove a One & half Story Wooden Building from Stewart Street to a lot near the corner of Broad & Portland Sts

Read. Whereupon it is resolved, that the prayer thereof be granted

Passed October 11, 1852

Culverts to be cleared

N

Resolved, that the Surveyor of Highways be and he is hereby directed to remove the sand from the Culvert in Richmond Street and from the One in Friendship Street (if necessary) and keep an account of the cost of the same

Passed October 11 1852

Drain from S Main St to river

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Resolved, that the Surveyor of Highways be and he is hereby authorized (acting under the advise and direction of the Standing Committee on Highways) to cause a drain to be built through the Street next South of the Custom House, or some other one in that vicinity, for the purpose of conveying the water from South Main Street to the river

Passed October 11 1852

Stewart St

N

Resolved, That the Surveyor of Highways be and he is hereby directed, to cause the gutters to be paved, upon those parts of Stewart and Pond Streets that adjoin the lot upon which the Church has lately been built by Perry Davis Esq and also across Pond St at its junction with Stewart, and to lay three Cross walks in the following places, viz One across Pond St west side of Stewart Street; one across Stewart north side of Pond Street; and one across Stewart opposite the North side of the Church, said work to be done the present Season

Passed October 11 1852

Reservoir in Keene or Lloyd Streets

Resolved, that the Committee on the Fire Department, have authority, if they deem it expedient, to change the location of the Reservoir, ordered to be built on or near Bowen Street, to Keene or Lloyd Street; and in such case to omit building the Well in Bowen Street

Passed October 11 1852

The Surveyor of Highways makes his Monthly Report of work done from Sept 13. to 11th of October 1852

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

Passed October 11 1852

Monthly Report of Expenditures for the Fire Department

Engine Company	№ 2		$ 2.50	
Do	"	" 3	56.00	
Do	"	" 4	32.99	
Do	"	" 5	32.57	
Do	"	" 6	15.50	
Do	"	" 7	45.96	
Do	"	" 9	39.94	
Do	"	" 10	72.57	
Do	"	" 11	80.00	
Hydraulion		" 1	90.48	
Incidental			108.98	577.49

Pro. Oct 11. 1852 Joseph W Taylor First Fireward

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

Passed October 11 1852

In Convention October 11 1852

The resignation of Thos. R. Henry Foreman of Engine Company № 10 is accepted

Voted That Nathan B Goff be and he is hereby elected Foreman of Engine Co № 10.

The resignation of Charles H Waterhouse Foreman of Engine Co № 11 is accepted

12 Members are Elected for Engine Company No 11.

Voted That William M Hale be and he is hereby elected Foreman of Engine Co № 11

10 Members are elected for Engine Company № 6
17 Do " Do " Do Do 2

Further Election of Firemen postponed

Voted That the several Engine Companies be requested to report at the next regular meeting of the Council the number of their members and the names of those who have left said Companies since the Election in June

Samuel Wheldon is appointed a Weigher of Anthracite Coal.

A motion to postpone the Election of the Overseer of the Poor is put and lost

William F. Greene is appointed Overseer of the Poor for the remainder of the Municipal year

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

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Engine Co № 9

Upon the Memorial of Engine Company № 9 requesting the purchase of a bell from Perry Davis to be placed upon their Engine House

Resolved. That the same be received and referred to the Standing Committee on the Fire Department, with the addition of the First Fireward with power to purchase said bell if they deem it expedient

Passed October 25 1852

Daniel Webster

Resolved. That the Citizens of this City have heard with profound Sorrow the announcement of the death of Daniel Webster, and that in token of respect for his memory the City Council do now adjourn

Passed October 25 1852

Maurice Dwyer

On the report of the Finance Committee, it is

Resolved. that the City Treasurer be and he is hereby directed to pay out of the Appropriation for Contingencies, the following bills, relating to the death & burial of Maurice Dwyer, viz

Patrick Wallace Twenty Dollars
L. S. Wood One Dollar & fifty cents
Capron & Peckham Two Dollars
F. L. Wheaton Two Dollars

Passed November, 8 1852

Appropriation for Highways

Resolved, That the sum of Five thousand dollars be added to former appropriation for Highways and that the same be paid out of any moneys in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated

Passed November 8 1852

Surveyor of Highways Report

The Surveyor of Highways makes his Monthly Report of Work done from October 15th to November 6th 1852 amt $2446.01

Read. Whereupon it is resolved that the same be received

Passed November 8th 1852

John F Healys Bill

Resolved, That the City Treasurer be, and he is hereby directed to pay John F Healy the sum of Eighteen dollars in full for his account for opening and sweeping the Old Market House from June 1st to August 31 A D 1852

Passed November 8. 1852

American Brass Band

Resolved, That the City Treasurer be and he is hereby directed to pay to the American Brass Band, the sum of Two hundred and twenty nine dollars, in full for their services to the City on the fourth of July last; and also to pay to William B Bradford & Son the sum of Nineteen dollars and ninety five cents, in full for their account for Music Stands and Stools, provided by them for the music Station near the Cove; and that said sums be paid out of the Appropriation for the recent celebration of the Anniversary of American Independence

Passed November 8. 1852

Ward Street

Resolved, That the Surveyor of Highways be and he is hereby directed to cause Ward Street to be paved the same to be done in connection with the paving of South Main Street

Passed November 8. 1852

Cross Walk Fountain St

Upon the petition of George Baker & others

Resolved, That the Surveyor of Highways be and he is hereby directed to cause two Cross Walks to be laid across Fountain Street, in such places as the Standing Committee on Highways shall direct between Aborn & Mathewson Streets

Passed November 8 1852

Cross Walks

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Resolved, that the Surveyor of Highways be and he is hereby directed to cause the Resolution in relation to Cross Walks passed November 10 1851 to be carried into effect the present season

Passed November 8 1852

Cross Walk

N

Resolved, That the Surveyor of Highways be and he is hereby authorized to lay a Cross Walk on Benefit Street opposite the Bethel Church, also a Cross Walk across Sheldon Street at its junction with Benefit Street

Passed November 8 1852

Culvert

N

Resolved, that the Surveyor of Highways be and he is hereby directed to cause the Culvert in Pearl Street to be extended to a point thirty feet East of Prairie Avenue (so called) whenever the owners of the Lands through which the same shall pass, shall pay fifty cents per foot towards defraying the expence of the same.

+ under the advice & direction of the Committee on Highways

Passed November 8. 1852

Salary of City Council

To the Honorable City Council

The Committee heretofore appointed to make application to the General Assembly for an Amendment of the Charter of the City

Respectfully Report—

That they have attended to the duties assigned them and that the General Assembly upon said application has so far amended the Charter of the City as to allow each Alderman to receive an Annual Salary of two hundred dollars & no more, and each member of the Common Council an Annual compensation not exceeding One hundred dollars

Prov. Nov 8. 1852

Daniel E Carpenter
Wingate Hayes } Committee

Read. Whereupon it is Ordered, that the same be received and referred to the Standing Committee to engross Ordinances with instructions to report a bill thereon, at the next meeting of the City Council

Passed Nov. 8. 1852

Harbor

Resolved, That, that portion of the Mayors Annual Address relating to the Harbor, be referred to Messrs Doyle, Darling & A. Payne and Ald^r Rathbone, to enquire & report what further action is necessary on the part of the City Council in relation to the subject

Passed Nov. 8. 1852

Public Schools

An Ordinance in addition to an Ordinance entitled "An Ordinance in relation to Public Schools."

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

Section 1 The School Committee of said City are hereby authorized to establish one Primary and one Intermediate School, in addition to the number now authorized by law.

Passed November 8 1852

Public Schools

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

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

Section 1. Annual Salaries shall be paid to the following Instructors of Public Schools respectively in equal quarterly payments as the School Committee shall direct, not exceeding the following sums, to wit:

To each male assistant teacher of the high School Nine Hundred Dollars.

Sect 2. That so much of the Eighth section of the Ordinance, of which this Ordinance is in Alteration as is inconsistent herewith, be and the same is hereby repealed

Passed Nov 8 1852

Report First Firewd

To the Hon City Council

Monthly Report of Expenditures for the Fire Department

For Engine Company	№ 2		$ 601.—
Do	Do	. 3	83.—
Do	Do	. 4	30.—
Do	Do	. 5	57.—
Do	Do	. 6	12.75
Do	Do	. 7	11.50
Do	Do	. 9	318.24
Do	Do	. 10	17.00
Do	Do	. 11	383.57
Hydraulion		. 1	14.25
Do		. 2	220.44
Incidental			118.—
			1866.75

Providence November 8. 1852 Jos. W. Taylor First Fire Ward

Read. Whereupon it is resolved that the same be received

Passed Nov. 8 1852

Cross walk

Resolved, That the Surveyor of Highways be and he is hereby directed to lay a Cross Walk, across President Street opposite the South Gate of the first Baptist Church.

Passed November 15, 1852

Gravel

Resolved. That the Mayor & Board of Aldermen be authorized to purchase any Sand that may necessary for the securing of Gravel for the Public Streets, not exceeding the sum of Two thousand Dollars

Passed November 15. 1852

Meeting & School House

Resolved, That the Standing Committee of the General Assembly have leave to make such Alteration in the Out buildings on the School House lot on Meeting Street as may be agreed upon between said Committee and the Standing Committee on Public Schools

Passed November 15 1852

Cross walks

Resolved, That the Surveyor of Highways be and he is hereby directed to cause a Cross Walk to be laid across Benevolent Street at its function with Benefit Street the same to be done under the direction of the Standing Committee on Highways

Passed November 15 1852

Wooden Buildings

The petition of Baker & Smith requesting liberty to remove a one & haly Story Wooden Building from the east side of Potter Street and place the same on the South Side of Pine Street

Read. Whereupon it is resolved that the Prayer thereof be granted

Passed November 15 1852

Report of Com[e] on City Property

The Standing Committee on City Property to whom on the 11th of October last was referred the resolutions in relation to certain expenses incurred in building Houses for Engine Companies № 3, 6 & & Report

Read Whereupon resolved that the same be received

Passed November 15. 1852

Bridges

Resolved That the subject of causing the open space between Weybosset and Washington Bridges to be covered, be referred to the Standing Committee on Finance, to examine and report thereon

Passed November 15 1852

Engine Co No 3 & 6

Resolved, That the Board of Firewards acting under the advice and direction of the Committee on the Fire Department be authorized to allow all reasonable bills incurred by Companies No 3 & 6 (three & six) in furnishing their houses with apparatus for cleaning and drying hose and also for the necessary apparatus for lighting and heating the same and the amount to be paid out of the appropriation for the fire department

Passed November 15 1852

Harbor

Mayors Office. Providence Dec 13. 1852

Gent of the City Council

You are doubtless aware of the fact, that at the last session of Congress, there was an appropriation of $1500, made for the survey of our Harbor, and furnishing estimates of the cost of deepening and improving the same. It is my pleasure now to inform you that this work has been committed to Lieu W.S. Rosecrans* and that he is now on the ground with a proper force to commence and complete the work.

Lieu Rosecrans, is desirous of expending the amount of this appropriation upon that part of the Harbor, where in the judgment of the City Authorities it will be most useful to the Commercial interests of the City. I have (after consulting a few individuals) recommended that he commence at some point above Sassafras point, or between that and the Crook, and work up towards the City.

The Council will take such other action as they deem best. The surveys and estimates would form the basis of any further appropriations by Congress for clearing and improving our harbor, and therefore it is of some importance that they should cover such localities as most need improvement. I am Gentlemen

Very Resp. your

A. C. Barstow

* of the U.S. Corps of Engineers

Read whereupon it is resolved that the same be referred to the Mayor and Ald Rathbone & Messrs Doyle, Darling and A. Payne to confer with the United States Engineer and report thereon

Passed December 13 1852

Surveyor Highways Report

The Surveyor of Highways makes his Monthly Report of Work done from November 8d to Dec 11. 1852 amounting to $2630.94

Read, Whereupon it is resolved that the same be received

Passed December 13, 1852

Cross Walk

Resolved, That the Surveyor of Highways under the direction of the Committee on Highways under the direction of the Committee on Highways, cause a Cross Walk to be laid across Benefit Street at the head of Cady Street and one across Cady at the head of said Street

Passed December 13 1852

Issues & Payments

Abstract of Issues and payments of the City Debt from September 13 to Dec 13 1852

1852

when Issued	No of Notes	To whom Issued	Rate of Int	Amount
Sept 16	184	Providence Ins. for Savings	6 c/c	$ 5000.—
Oct 20	185	same	"	10.000.—
				$ 15.000.00

when paid	do	To whom paid		
Sept 16	165	Providence Ins for Savings	"	5000.—
Oct 1	159	same	"	5000.—
5	179	American Bank	"	10000.—
"	181	"	"	5000.—
"	182	"	"	5000.—
8	183	"	"	5000.—
9	172	Prov. Ins. for Savings	"	10 000.—
12	173	same	"	5000 —
16	175	same	"	10000.
20	165	same	"	10000
				$ 70.000

To the Hon. C. Council

Gentlemen

Please receive the above abstract of Issues & Payments of the City Debt

Respectfully Yours &c

Dec 13. 1852

Esek Aldrich

City Treas

Read whereupon it is resolved that the same be received

A.l

Passed Dec 13 1852

Fire Department

Resolved, That the sum of Seven Thousand Dollars be added to former appropriations for the Fire Department and that the same be paid out of any monies in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated

Passed December 13. 1852

Prov Reform School

Resolved, That the sum of Fifteen hundred dollars be added to the appropriation for Providence Reform School and that the same be paid out of any monies in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated

Passed December 13 1852

Pub Watch

Resolved That the sum of Four thousand dollars be added to former appropriation for public Watch and that the same be paid out of any monies in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated

Passed December 13 1852

Contingencies

Resolved that the sum of Fifteen hundred dollars be added to appropriation for contingencies and that the same be paid out of any monies in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated

Passed December, 13 1852

Lighting Sts

Resolved That the sum of Three thousand dollars be added to the appropriation for Lighting Streets, and that the same be paid out of any monies in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated

Passed December 13. 1852

Cross Walks

Resolved, that the Surveyor of Highways be and he is hereby directed to cause cross walks to be laid in the following places viz

One across the next Street west of the School House north Side of Fountain Street
One do Beverly North side of Fountain Street
One do Calender North side of do "
One do Sabin West " " Beverly "
One do Beverly South " " Sabin "
One do Aborn " " " do "
One do Sabin West " " Aborn "
One do do at its function with Broadway
One do Elm East Side of Hospital Street
One do Hospital South " " Elm "

Passed December 13 1852

C E Carpenter

Upon the petition of Charles E Carpenter It is Resolved, That the sum of Fifty dollars be allowed and paid out of the appropriation for the Fire Department to said Charles E Carpenter, in full for the amount of the bill of R & C. L. Warren, for drawing plans for Engine House No 3 and for Superintending the same during its erection

Passed December 13 1852

Cove Wall & Fence

Resolved That the Committee appointed July 12. 1852 to cause an Iron Fence to be placed around the Cove, be and they are hereby authorized to cause Coping to be placed on the Wall around said Cove sufficiently heavy to hold said fence; and also to agree with Elisha Durfee for the placing such Coping as may be suitable for supporting such fence, upon the portion of the Cove Wall, which he is now building

Passed December 13. 1852

Engine Co Nos 3 & 6

C L Robbins Esq Secy Board of Firewards

Dear Sir Accompanying this you will find certain bills, received from you on the 30th Ult which having been before the Com. on the Fire Department, are now returned for final action of the Board of Firewards

On the bill of T Whitaker & Sons marked K, the Committee advise the allowance of $75. in full -

And the payment in full of those marked A B G H I together with that portion of the one marked J which is designated as for "Hose Tower" viz $8.18 Those marked C & D the Committee consider as entirely under the control of the Board and therefore did not act on them

Those referred to, as having been allowed by the Board, for Cistern &c and for Furniture, though considered very proper as well as reasonable bills were also supposed to be entirely in the control of the Board

The bill of W & G Arnold, for Furnace &c for No 3 the Committee consider reasonable, except in the charge for patent Register, and advise the payment thereof deducting $8.- which is the amount of excess in that article over the common one in same bill

The Committee advise the payment of the bill of $24- for Stove &c when it is forthcoming

Yours &c J H Taylor Chairman
of the Committee on Fire Department
for Committee

To the Honorable, the City Council of
the City of Providence

Gentlemen I am directed by a vote of the Board of Firewards, to forward to you, a Report of so much of the proceedings of the Board as relates to their action on certain Bills of Engine Cos No 3 & 6

At a Meeting held on Wednesday Eve 24th Nov. the following allowance on Bills presented by Engine Co 6 was voted

Thomas Whitaker & Sons's bill for Gas Fixtures (K) say			90.68	
allowed on same by Board of F. W			50.-	
W & G Arnold's bills for Furnace	1 C	(A)	122.14	
Mead, Brown & Co " " Stove	1 C	(B)	23.37	
Jas H Coggeshall " " Coal		(C)	12.00	
I J Bullock " " do		(D)	6.25	163.76
allowed on same by Board of F. W.				100.-
Corlies, Nightingale & Co. bill Sundries		(G)	36.68	
T. Whitaker & Son " do		(H)	1.66	
W Coleman & Son " do		(I)	7.57	
and part of Congdon & Son "		(J)	8.18	54.09
Allowed on same by Board of F. W.				50.-

The Board of Firewards also voted an allowance of $50. for Reservoir & Pipes, being 26 cts less than the amount of bills presented for same

also $35. for necessary furniture for said Engine Co No 6 making in all an appropriation of $285.-

They also voted to allow for Engine Co No. 3 on

W & G Arnold's bill for Furnace	$104.25	
& bill " Stove	24 00	say 128.25
the Sum of $100. deducting		28.25

All of the above bills, with the amounts allowed on same were forwarded to the Committee on Fire Department, who sent back to this Board a Report, which you will find with this Communication

At a Meeting held on Tuesday Eve 7th inst said Report was read & received and a motion made to rescind our vote allowing $285. for No 6 and $100. for No 3 was decided in the Negative - Therefore the Board of Firewards and the Committee on Fire Department could not agree, and said bills could not be settled. and for this reason the attention of your Honorable Body has been called to the matter, hoping you will make some final disposition of a Question that has been so long before the notice of this Board (

Yours very respectfully
Chas L Robbins Secy

Prov. Dec 10 1852

Engine Co. No 3 & 6

Read, Whereupon it is resolved, that the same be received; and that all the bills therein named for Engine House No 3. be allowed and paid as the same are claimed; and also that all the bills therein named for Engine House No 6 be allowed and paid, in the amounts allowed by the Standing Committee on the Fire Department in their Communication to the Board of Firewards; and also that the Bills of James H Coggeshall for twelve Dollars for Coal and the bill J G Bullock for Six & 25/100 Dollars for Coal, be allowed and paid; And that said Payments be made by the City Treasurer, from the Appropriation for the Fire Department

Passed December 13. 1852

City Bonds

The Joint Committee on Finance to whom was referred the Memorial of the Hartford, Providence and Fishkill Rail Road Co. respecting the issue of City Bonds - Report the following resolutions

Jas G Anthony for the Committee

Resolved, That Aldermen Knowles & Rathbone and Messrs A Payne, Winsor, Williams, Johnson, Mason and Lewis, be a Committee with power to confer with the Directors of H. P. & F. R R Co and arrange a plan mutually satisfactory to the parties for the issue of City Bonds in accordance with the Spirit of the Agreement now existing between this City and said Railroad Company and that they report the same to the City Council for their action

Passed Dec~ 13. 1852

In Convention December 13~ 1852

A Communication from W. G. Comstock, resigning his Office as Foreman of Engine Company No 5 is read

A motion to accept the resignation of W. G. Comstock is made and withdrawn

A Communication is read from James B Harris Clerk of Engine Co No 5 enclosing a Preamble and resolutions passed by said Engine Co

The motion to accept the resignation of the Foreman of No 5 is laid on the Table

Voted That the Communication from the Foreman and Clerk of Engine Co. No 5. be and they are hereby referred to Ald~ Bates and Messrs Rodman and Winsor to examine the case and report at the next Meeting of the City Council in Convention

On the petition of Franklin Richmond and others requesting that Asa T. Matheweon (a private watchman) may be appointed a Special Police Officer it is Voted. That Asa T. Matheweon be and he is hereby appointed City Constable

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

First Firewards Report

Monthly Report of Expenditures for the Fire Department

For Engine	No 2	$824.75	Engine	No 10	833.68
Do	" 3	260.12	Do	" 11	6.00
Do	" 5	177.55	Hydraulion	" 1	343.87
Do	" 6	103.18	Do	" 2	518.49
Do	" 7	28.46	F. H. & L Company		1.50
Do	" 9	64.67	Incidental		1731.63
			Total		4891.90

Providence Dec 13. 1852

Jos W. Taylor First Fireward

Read, Whereupon it is resolved that the same be received

Passed Dec~ 15. 1852

1st Firewards Salary

Resolved, That the City Treasurer be and he is hereby directed to pay the Salary of the First Fireward, to which he is entitled by Ordinance, commencing on the day of his Election

Passed Dec~ 15. 1852

Prov Gas Co Tax repaid

On the Report of the Finance Committee, it is

Resolved, That the City Treasurer be and he is hereby directed to pay to the Providence Gas Company Five hundred & Sixty two 17/100 Dollars, out of the appropriation for Contingencies

Paped December 20 1852

T M Burges Portrait

Ordered That the Joint Committee appointed on the 7th of June last, to procure for the City, a portrait of the late Mayor Thomas M. Burgess Esq make report, at the next regular meeting of the City Council

Passed December 20. 1852

Constables

Ordered, That the Standing Committee on Police make Report, at the next regular meeting of the City Council, upon the Communication from the Mayor, relative to accusations made respecting the conduct of certain Constables, and upon the Memorial of Gabey L. Potter relative to the same subject; which were referred to them on the 27th of September last

Passed December 20 1852

Engine Co No 7

Ordered, That the Standing Committee on the Fire Department make Report at the next regular meeting of the City Council, respecting the City Property, late in the possession of the late Engine Company No 7

Passed December 20 1852

Harbor Line

Upon the petition of Jonathan Pike & others respecting the Harbor Line; it is

Resolved, that the same be received and referred to Messrs Doyle, Darling and A Payne, with such as the Board of Aldermen may add to examine and report thereon

Alderman Rathbone added

Passed December 20. 1852

Market between Bridges

Resolved, That Messrs Anthony, Grinnell & Mason and Ald[r] Gilmore be a Committee to examine and report upon the expediency of erecting a Market House over the open space lying between Weybosset and Washington Bridges and east of the Providence and Worcester Rail Road track, with a view of having a part or the whole of said Market free for the sale of such articles as are usually sold in such places

Passed December 20. 1852

Dorrance St

Resolved, That Messrs Doyle, W. Paine Jr & Allen and Aldermen Knowles, be a Committee to cause plans and estimates to be prepared of the cost of opening and continuing Dorrance Street in its present width, from its termination in Broad Street to Cove Street, the Committee to include in their estimates, the probable amount to be raised by owners of Real Estate on the proposed Street and its vicinity

Passed Dec[r] 20. 1852

In Convention Dec[r] 20 1852

Engine Co No 5

The two Boards met in Convention to receive the Report of the Committee, to whom was referred the resignation of W.G. Comstock Foreman and the Resolutions of Engine Co No 5.

The said Committee make report, that the sum of Forty Dollars be paid to said Company, that being the amount of fines & costs paid by them, for two of their members arrested by the Police for disorderly conduct &c

Voted that said Report be received

It is moved that the Report aforesaid be recommitted to said Committee, with instructions to report the facts in the case — Not passed

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

In Convention Dec[r] 20 1852

The two Boards meet in Convention again to receive the resignation of the Foreman of Engine Co. No 5

The resignation of W. G. Comstock is read

A motion that the First Fireward be requested to state what occurred at the fire in Pearl Street in connection with Engine Co No 5 or its members Not passed

Voted, That the resignation of W. G. Comstock as Foreman of Engine Co No 5. be and the same is hereby accepted

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

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Salaries of the Aldermen & Com Council

An Ordinance fixing the Compensation of Aldermen and Members of the Common Council

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

Section 1 Each Alderman shall receive an annual compensation of Two Hundred dollars, and each member of the Common Council shall receive an annual compensation of One hundred Dollars, payable on the first Monday of March in each year.

Section 2[d] Any Alderman or member of the Common Council whose place shall become vacant, by resignation or otherwise, before the first Monday of March in any Municipal year, shall receive only such proportional part of such annual compensation, as he may be entitled to for the time during which he shall have discharged the duties of his office

This Ordinance shall take effect from the date of its passage. And the present Aldermen and members of the Common Council shall be entitled to receive the compensation herein provided on the first Monday of March next

Passed January 10. 1853

Pine Street

Resolved, That the sum of Twelve Hundred Dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated for the Opening of Pine Street at its junction with Dyer, and the City Treasurer is hereby directed to pay the aforesaid sum out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated under the direction of the Board of Aldermen

Passed January 10 1853

City Hall Location

Upon the Report of the joint Committee who were on the 12th of April last, appointed to enquire respecting a location for a City Hall.

Resolved, That Messrs Pabodie, Grinnell and Winsor and Alderman Gilmore, be and they are hereby appointed a Committee, to enquire and report, at the regular meeting of the City Council in February next, the price at which the lot of land belonging to Lewis P Child at the junction of Broad and Dorrance Streets, can be purchased by the City; and also the price at which the land belonging to Elisha Dyer and others, at the junction of Exchange Place and Washington St can be purchased; and also the prices at which other lands can be purchased, for such location; and also, to report a plan, (with estimates of the cost,) for filling up, in the Cove Basin, a lot of land for such location

Passed January 10 1853

The Abbot Lot

Resolved, That the Committee on City Property be instructed to enquire into and report what encroachments, (if any,) have been made upon the lot belonging to the City known in the Schedule of City Property as "The Abbot Lot Pocketwotten"; and also to report what action is necessary on the part of the City in relation to said lot

Passed January 10 1853

Bail, application to the Assembly for a Law

Whereas abuses in the manner of taking bail in criminal cases are said to exist in this City, it is therefore by the City Council of the City Providence

Resolved, That the Representatives of this City to the General Assembly of this State, be and they are hereby requested to call the attention of the General Assembly to the subject of Bail, and request that an Act may be passed, vesting in the Justices of the Supreme Court, the Justices of the Court of Magistrates of this City or some few suitable persons, the exclusive power, to take bail in criminal cases where the offence shall have been committed in this City, or where any person shall have been committed to the County Jail for an offence committed in any town in this County

Passed January 10 1853

S of Highways Report

The Surveyor of Highways makes his Monthly Report of Work done from December 11 1852 to Jany 8 1853

Amount $1172.92

Read Whereupon, it is resolved that the same be received

Passed January 10. 1853

Fire Department

To the Hon. City Council

Monthly Report of Expenditures for the Fire Department

For Engine	No 2	31.13	
" Do	3	68.59	
" Do	4	116.63	
" Do	5	61.33	
" Do	6	122.38	
" Do	7	39.84	
" Do	9	35.57	
" Do	10	253.73	
" Do	11	156.35	
" Hydraulion	1	83.89	
" Do	2	110.75	
" Fire Hook & Ladder Company		18.20	
" Incidental		1190.58	$2288.97

Read, Whereupon it is resolved that the same be received

Passed January 10. 1853

Cove Wall

Resolved, that the Committee appointed by the City Council to superintend the finishing of the Wall around the Cove Promenade, be and they are hereby directed so to vary the contract subsisting between the City and the Providence, Hartford and Fishkill Rail Road Company, that said Rail Road Company may be released from that part of the contract requiring them to build a wall commencing at the point marked O on the above diagram, and designated with red lines to the point marked S. and requiring said Rail Road Company to build a Wall, commencing at point O and following the direction of the two red lines on the diagram, so far as the same can be done, at an expense not less than the expense of that portion of wall from which said Rail Road Company are to be released; said last mentioned wall to be equal in every respect to the circular wall round the Cove

Passed January 10 1853

The Diagram may be found on file with the Resolution

Cross Walks

Resolved, That the Surveyor of Highways be and he is hereby directed to cause three Cross Walks to be laid in the following places viz One across Sabin Street west side of Mathewson — One across Sabin Street at its junction with Calender Street — and One across Sabin Street east side of Aborn Street

Passed January 10 1853

R R Bonds & City Bonds

The Committee to whom was referred the Memorial of the Providence and Plainfield Rail road Company, praying that the City Council may take such action, as may enable the said Rail road Company, to avail themselves of the present favorable condition of the Money Market for the Sale of the City Bonds to be issued under the contract heretofore made between the City and said Railroad Company, Provided this object can be accomplished without impairing in any degree the security of the City under said Contract

Respectfully Report

(On file)

The report is accompanied by the following legal opinion

Opinion

"In answer to the questions proposed in the annexed Statement of facts, we reply

1st That the City & the Rail road Company may vary their contract in the particulars proposed by the Committee of the City Council, so far as relates to the bonds to be issued by the Rail road Company under the first Mortgage in Rhode Island

2d That such variation of the contract will not affect the validity of the City Bonds &

3 That such variation of the contract will not effect the security of the City under the Rail road Road bonds issued under their Charter & the amendments thereof & secured unter the first Mortgage upon their Property in Rhode Island, so that the bonds of the Railroad Company be not issued for a greater amount than half the expenditure on their rail road &c as the Act of January Session 1851 requires said Expenditure to be ascertained in the mode pointed out by said act

Providence Jan'y 10 1853

Thomas F Carpenter
Samuel Ames
T A Jenckes

The Second Mortgage upon the Property in Rhode Island secures the bonds issued under the Connecticut mortgage which are or may be given in exchange for the bonds of the City of Providence & not generally, such bonds as may be purchased by the City of Providence or any other person or corporation, & we would not advise any change of the contract with respect to the bonds, to be so issued & given in exchange as the security of said Mortgage might thereby be impaired

Tho° F Carpenter
T A Jenckes

Mr Ames concurs in the forgoing opinion & authorized me to make the interlineations on the first page, as he could not remain in the city, till the opinion could be examined & signed by Gov Carpenter & myself" T.A.J.

Read. Whereupon it is resolved, that the same be received, that the Committee be discharged from further consideration of the subject; and that the Memorialist have leave to withdraw

Passed Jan'y 10. 1853

Police

The report of the Committee on Police in relation to certain reports in circulation prejudicial to the integrity of one or two of the City Constables. is

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

Passed January 10 1853

Irene Butler

Upon the Memorial of Irene Butler, Resolved, That the same be referred to Messrs Lewis, Winsor and Anthony and Alderman Bates. to examine and report thereon

Passed February 14 ct 1853

To apply for a Law to Tax estates for Improvements

Resolved, That our Senator & Representatives in the General Assembly be requested to secure at the present Session of that body, the passage of an act authorizing the City of Providence to open Streets and make other improvements and to assess not exceeding one half the cost of the same on the property benefited by the same in the vicinity of the improvements

Passed February 14 1853

Fire Department

To the Hon. City Council

Monthly Report of Expenditures for the Fire Department

For Engine N°	2	$ 1193.09
" " "	3	170.20
" " "	4	67.09
" " "	5	87.35
" " "	6	83.86
" " "	7	15.24
" " "	9	133.71
" " "	10	1431.50
" " "	11	32.75
Hydraulion "	1	141.66
" "	2	49.42
Fire Hook & Ladder Company		92.29
		$ 3585.62

Providence Feby 12 1853

Joseph W Taylor
First Forward

Read. Whereupon it is resolved that the same be received

Passed February 14 1853

The Surveyor of Highways makes his Monthly Report of work done from Jan'y 10 to Feb'y 14 1853 amt $ 110.83

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

Passed Feb'y 14 1853

Insane Poor

The Overseer of the Poor makes return of the names and expenses of the Patients who have been supported in the Butler Hospital at the Expense of the City of Providence, during the year 1852 whole number 63 Total Expense $5988.59

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

Passed February 14 1853

Return of Lumber surveyed in the City of Providence for the year ending February 7th 1853

By whom Surveyed	White Pine Boards, Timber, Plank and Joist					Southern & Eastern Hard Pine Bds Timber & Plank		Spruce Boards Plank Joist & Sawed Timber		Hemlock Boards Plank Joist & Sawed Timber	
	No 1 Feet	No 2 feet	No 3 feet	No 4 feet	No 5 feet	Merch. feet	Refuse feet	Merch feet	Refuse feet	Merch feet	Refuse feet
Aborn Arnold	3951	50152	78532	685565	162571	318699	116571	657743	183599	18406	18375
Robert Manchester Jr	116264	235922	293745	863579	93562	327767	123832	1075591	104921	41164	20880
Jacob Silloway	59598	178885	335633	1115393	141773	308882	120184	1135609	252535	42453	18743
Nathaniel C Bushee	18308	128008	212823	982466	183407	270069	149754	1333518	256794	55280	104931
Benjamin Bogman 1st	29377	69242	185675	1057104	77826	284646	90319	1188860	238887	131654	72607
Christopher Rhodes	27023	110631	254067	734221	102323	608990	126192	817956	187278	123193	39668
Esek A Jillson	6678	170686	124817	680391	71304	482071	105772	925663	192960	6054	50946
James P Metcalf	19460	38791	123788	893313	56896	352475	49813	497915	68323	121754	77751
Charles C Lee	71044	162304	115613	445201	9780	6042	6529	57514	28110	15808	9927
Temporary Appointments	6843	49348	103233	397286	31106	65657	66343	230999	73319	13638	6914
Robert Manchester	...	....	....	5407	32654	....	....	6295	1524	535	390
	358546	1188974	1827818	7859936	963202	3025298	955215	7927663	1586250	569939	421132

By whom Surveyed	Hewn Timber Pine		Hewn Timber Spruce		Oak and Chestnut Bds and Plank		Ash Boards Plank & Joist		Birch and Maple Boards Plank & Joist		White Wood Boards Plank & Joist		Cherry Bds Plank & Joist		Blk Walnut Board. Plank and Joist		Mahogany & Cedar Boards Plank & Joist		Surveyor Generals Fees		Deputy Surveyors Fees	
	Merch feet	Refuse feet	feet	feet	Merch feet	Refuse feet	M. ft	R. ft	M. ft	R. ft	M ft	R ft	M ft	R ft	M ft	R ft	M ft	R ft	$	¢	$	¢
	...	...	...	...	...	...	10532	654	548	155	23780	2193	3309	764	...	...	...	...	70	55	516	17
	...	...	38990	...	...	...	45226	7429	...	...	99316	13259	10005	1412	3560	1736	...	...	107	57	784	08
	...	...	...	...	...	...	5897	1438	...	...	3808	558	...	...	13522	4973	...	...	113	18	826	79
	4179	1079	43092	1473	1050	99	...	...	...	...	9018	1057	...	...	...	...	...	...	112	55	825	35
	...	...	...	...	...	...	7751	1037	...	...	10461	525	...	...	...	...	...	...	103	59	759	00
	...	...	...	...	3770	531	...	...	...	...	27672	4806	3728	2109	3001	1990	...	...	95	50	702	59
	...	...	...	...	...	...	1217	146	4070	788	23730	...	12100	651	...	...	...	...	86	37	632	70
	...	...	...	...	...	...	1422	379	2955	656	10536	1034	3142	1037	...	...	...	...	70	01	512	81
	2005	541	...	...	9079	2091	116585	50264	60264	88766	218345	43109	12668	12101	73763	39690	22756	11741	64	93	444	78
	...	...	...	...	4843	535	8955	2844	2844	6810	85887	8902	3119	288	34957	6916	...	...	35	34	278	53
	...	...	...	...	5189	1090	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	14	19	.....	
	6184	1620	82082	1473	23931	4346	197585	64501	103109	50306	583336	74386	48071	18362	125803	55305	22756	11741	876	78	6283	10

To the Hon. City Council

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

Respectfully Submitted

Providence Feby 7th 1853

Robert Manchester

Cove Bridge

Resolved, That the Committee appointed by the City Council to superintend the finishing the Wall around the Cove, be directed to confer with the Committee appointed by the State, respecting the filling in the Cove on the South and West sides of the Stables Prison, and to report at the next meeting of the City Council plans and estimates, for the Construction of a bridge to complete the promenade and Street around the Cove

Passed February 14 1853

Hose

Resolved, That the First Fireward be and he is hereby directed to purchase Five Hundred feet of New Hose for the Steam Mill on Eddy Street, to be used under the arrangements existing between the City & the Steam Mill and the amount to be paid out of the Appropriation for the Fire Department

Passed February 14. 1853

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

Passed February 14, 1853

Surveyors Instruments

Resolved, that the Surveyor of Highways be and he is hereby authorized to purchase such Surveying Instruments for the use of the City as in his judgment may be necessary at an expense not exceeding One Hundred Dollars, and that the same be paid for out of any moneys in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated

Passed February 14 1853

S Water St

Resolved, That the Surveyor of Highways be and he is hereby directed to cause that part of South Water Street lying between the bridge and that part which has recently been paved, to be repaved whenever the owners of the adjoining estates shall furnish suitable Curb Stones for the same

Provided that if a Railroad track is to be laid on said Street it shall be done in connection with the said paving

Passed February 14 1853

Reform School

Upon the Report of the Standing Committee on City property;

Resolved, That the City Treasurer be, and he is hereby authorized, under the direction of the Standing Committee on City Property, to purchase for the City, the Lot of Land adjoining the Reform School Estate; said lot bounding Easterly on a forty feet Street called Eaton Street, (not yet opened) Southerly by Mason Street or Front Street; Westerly by land of the City and Northerly by a Gangway and containing about one acre; and to pay therefor, from any monies in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, the sum of Five thousand five hundred Dollars, on receiving from the Owner or owners thereof, a good and sufficient deed in fee simple, to the City

Passed February 14 1853

Salaries

Resolved That the sum of Thirty Eight hundred Dollars be added to former Appropriation for Salaries, and that the same be paid out of any monies in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated

Passed February 14 1853

Highways

Resolved, That the Sum of One Thousand Dollars be added to former appropriations for Highways, and that the same be paid out of any monies in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated

Passed February 14 1853

Asylum Walls

Resolved, That the Sum of Two Hundred Dollars be added to former appropriation for Asylum Walls and Buildings, and that the same be paid out of any Monies in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated

Passed February 14th 1853

In Convention February 14th 1853

The two Boards met in Convention for the purpose of electing certain City Officers

The Mayor having made a Communication to the Council that he had Suspended George A Billings for Malpractice in Office — he was requested to state the circumstances to the Convention, after hearing his statement, the Convention heard the story of Mr Billings and also Mr Talcott the Superintendent of the Reform School who was called to state what he knew of the affair.

The Convention then proceeded to the Election of certain Officers

Robert Manchester is elected Surveyor General of Lumber

Edward Burr tendered his resignation as Foreman of Engine Company No 3. Which is accepted

William M Hale, tendered his resignation as Foreman of Engine Company No 11. which is accepted

The following persons are elected Police Constables to serve until others are appointed in their places

Jabez J. Potter	Geo. W. Weightman
Nathan M. Briggs	Wm B Cranston
Wm G. Mercewether	Warren G. Slack
John M Shaw	William H Hudson
Thos W Hart	Sylvester Hartshorn

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

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Forcing Stationary Engines

Resolved, That the Board of Firewards be requested to ascertain on what terms forcing or rotary Stationary Engines can be placed and operated in connection with the various Steam Engines now located and in operation in this City and that they report to this Council the terms upon which the same can be done and the location of the same

Passed March 7 1853

Wooden Building

On the Petition of Nicholas Gherardini requesting liberty to remove a Wooden Building from its present location between North Main & Canal Streets and to place the same on the lower end of Washington Street

Read Whereupon it is resolved, that the Prayer thereof be granted

Passed March 7. 1853

Fire Department

An Ordinance repealing certain Ordinances relating to the Fire Department

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

Section 1st The Ordinance passed the City Council on the second day of August A.D. One thousand eight hundred and fifty two, entitled "An Ordinance in amendment of an Ordinance, entitled An Ordinance establishing the Fire Department," is hereby repealed.

Section 2d The Ordinance passed by the City Council, on the twenty ninth day of March A.D. One thousand eight hundred and fifty two, entitled "An Ordinance in Amendment of an Ordinance, entitled An Ordinance establishing the Fire Department," is hereby repealed

Passed March 7. 1853

The City Marshal presents his Annual Report, which is

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

Resolved, That the same be printed in the Newspapers employed to do the City Printing

Passed March 14 1853

On the Report of the Committee on City Property, to whom was referred the petition of Tallman & Bucklin, it is

Resolved,

That said petition be, and the same is hereby referred to the City Treasurer, with authority to settle the same as he may deem expedient

Passed March 14 1853

The Surveyor of Highways makes his Monthly Report of Work done from February 14th to March 12th 1853.

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

Passed March 14th 1853

To the Hon the City Council

Monthly Report of Expenditures for the Fire Department

For Engine	Company	No 2	$77.74
Do	Do	" 3	151.70
Do	Do	" 4	39.62
Do	Do	" 5	5.–
Do	Do	" 6	99.02
Do	Do	" 7	4.47
Do	Do	" 9	7.31
Do	Do	" 10	38.44
Do	Do	" 11	2.–
Hydraulics	Do	" 1	4.87
Do	Do	" 2	226.27
Incidental			54.41
			$ 710.85

Providence March 14. 1853 Jos. W. Taylor First Fireward

Read. Whereupon it is resolved that the same be received

Passed March 14. 1853

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

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

Section 1. The third section of the ordinance to which this is in amendment is hereby so amended as to allow the number of female pupils in the High School to be One hundred & fifty five.

Section 2. Annual Salaries shall be paid to the following Instructors of Public Schools respectively, in equal quarterly payments as the School Committee shall direct, not exceeding the following sums to wit.

To the Preceptor of the High School, Fifteen hundred Dollars

To the first male assistant teacher of the High School, Ten hundred Dollars

Section 3. So much of any Ordinance of which this is in amendment as is inconsistent herewith is hereby repealed

Passed March 14. 1853

Audits Report

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

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

Passed March 14. 1853

Temp Loan

Resolved, That the City Treasurer be authorized under the advice and direction of the Standing Committee on Finance, to borrow for the use of the City on temporary loan, the sum of Fifty Thousand Dollars.

Passed March 14. 1853

Assessors to appraise

Resolved, That the Assessors of Taxes be directed to appprize all the Real Estate in the City, & to ascertain the amount of all personal property subject to taxation of each Individual resident of the City, & report the same to the City Council on or before the second Monday of June next, in suitable books describing said property whether Real or Personal as follows, viz:

Each individuals real estate whether improved or vacant lands, its location, the name of the owner or owners thereof, with a fair Market valuation, alphabetically arranged, also the name of each person resident of the City having personal property subject to taxation with the amount of the same arranged as aforesaid.

Resolved That the Assessors aforesaid, be directed to apportion the tax ordered to be assessed for the year 1853, upon the taxable property in the City, by them apportioned according to the valuation of the Real Estate by them apprized, & on the amount of personal property by them returned, excepting those persons who may render lists of personal property according to law.

Resolved that the Assessors

" be allowed the Sum of Three hundred Dollars each in full compensation for their Services, and the sum of Two hundred Dollars be allowed for the payment of a Clerk to the Board of Assessors, & that the City Treasurer be authorized to pay the same from the appropriation for Contingencies, together with the expense of Books and Stationery required to perform said duty.

Passed March 14. 1853

1852 — Dr — City of Providence in account with

Apl 25	To Cash paid	J Budlong for support of J Tillinghast	18 00	
May 1	" " "	Genl Sheriff for ½ Licenses & do Tax on Billiard Tables & Bowling Alleys	566 04	
June 9	" " "	Board of Aldermen for Commissions on preceding change	16 59	
Sept 9	" " "	C. H. Hazard Admr on Estate of Ebenezer Hale for balance	166 96	
Dec 31	" " "	Genl Treasurer for balance of Tax due State of R Island	19 21	786 80
1853				
March 7	" " "	Public Schools	29.815 24	
	" " "	City Debt Fund	6.566 27	
	" " "	Support of Poor at large	5.716 31	
	" " "	" " " Butler Hospital	5238 65	
	" " "	Salaries	10.786 54	
	" " "	Contingencies	7.286 11	
	" " "	Pumps and Wells	118 13	
	" " "	Public Buildings	40 "	
	" " "	Notes rec'd for Rent of Stalls	1.795 "	
	" " "	State Tax	8.079 75	
	" " "	Bridges	227 53	
	" " "	Port Reform School	5.104 65	
	" " "	Gateway & Fence N.B. Ground	300	
	" " "	Grading Broadway	1000	
	" " "	Gas Lights and fixtures	951 20	
	" " "	Rope Promenade	307 49	
	" " "	City Watch	11.986 66	
	" " "	Purchase of Land &c of S Dexter & Wife	1.500	
	" " "	" " " near Mill Bridge	550	
	" " "	" " " on Knight Street	700	
	" " "	" " " Transit Street	652	
	" " "	" " " adjoining R School Lot	5.500	
	" " "	Asylum Walls & Buildings	683 51	
	" " "	Celebration of Am Independence	1.960 62	
	" " "	Highways	30.772 12	
	" " "	Lighting Streets	8.617 85	
	" " "	Fire Department	24.959 90	
	" " "	Police	4.939 32	
	" " "	North Burial Ground	267 33	
	" " "	Hospital Park	602 85	
	" " "	Iron Fence around Sewe	25 08	
	" " "	Cash to balance	87 06	177.137 17
			$	177.923 97

1852 — Cr — Cook Aldrich City Treasurer

March 1	By Cash	balance in Treasury	404 84		
4	" "	Rec'd of Chas Tippitt for entering drain	5		
	" "	" Tax on Bowling Alleys	573 97		
	" "	" " Billiard Tables	415 63		
Apl 22	" "	" for use of Hospital Land and returned to Treasury by Vote of C Council	1000		
	" "	" City Standard Scales	382 49		
	" "	" Auction Dues	120 01		
July 8	" "	" City Bank for entering Drain	30		
Aug 31	" "	" Sketch	3		
Sep 13	" "	" Tax for Court Stone — — 67.22			
	" "	" " " " " 102.49			
			13.	182 71	3.117 65
Oct 21	" "	" Old "Hospital" Building	75		
Nov 1	" "	" Owners of Bold Water Point for fence	54 90		
15	" "	" C.B. & N.H. Manchester " "	31 12		
1853 Feby					
Oct 14	" "	" Balance of Tax of 1837	23.037 42		
	" "	" Smeet & Carpenter for Lumber	99 78		
	" "	" Jas Mumford Collr on account of Tax assessed 1852	149.500		
	" "	" ½ of Licenses since March 1. 1852	202		
	" "	" Notes for Rent of Stalls in Market	1.795		
	" "	" Costs in case: City Marshals against Jam[s] Greene	11 10	174.806 32	
				$ 177.923 97	

I hereby certify that I have examined the accounts of Cook Aldrich, City Treasurer for the year ending March 7 1853 & that these accounts agree with the vouchers & that on the said Seventh day of March 1853, there was a balance in the City Treasury of Eighty seven 06/100 Dollars, deposited in the American Bank.

Providence March 12 1853

G. B. Jastram
City Auditor.

Providence March 7 1853
C. C.

Cook Aldrich
City T.

Read. Whereupon it is resolved that the same be received

Passed March 14. 1853

Resolutions, making Appropriations for the year ensuing the first Monday in March A.D. 1853.

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

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

For the support of the Public Schools, for the year ending on the first Monday in March A.D. 1854; together with & in addition to the sum which the City may receive for the same purpose from the State Treasury and Registry Tax; the expenditures under this Appropriation, to be made by the order and direction of the School Committee; Thirty Thousands Dollars.

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

For the Fire Department, Fifteen Thousand Dollars.

For the Support of Public Bridges, One Thousand Dollars.

For the Support of the Public Watch, Thirteen Thousand Dollars.

For Lighting the Streets, Ten Thousand five hundred Dollars.

For the Salaries of the Mayor, Aldermen, Members of the Common Council and other City Officers, Eleven Thousand Dollars.

For the Repairs of Public Buildings, Five hundred Dollars.

For the Repairs of the City Pumps & Wells, Two hundred & fifty Dollars.

For the Police Department, Six Thousand Dollars.

For the Repairs of the Asylum Wall & Buildings; Five hundred Dollars.

For Highways Twenty Eight Thousand Dollars

For Contingent Expenses, viz; Any claims which may be allowed by the Board of Aldermen or by the City Auditor not included in any of the preceding items; & also, the compensation allowed to the Assessors of Taxes, & to Wardens & Ward Clerks. Seven Thousand five hundred Dollars.

For School Houses and Lots, Five Thousand Dollars

For Improvement of the Cove Promenade, Five hundred Dollars.

For Gas Light Fixtures, One Thousand Dollars.

For the Providence Reform School, Five Thousand Dollars

For the City's Proportion of the State Tax, Eight Thousand One hundred Dollars

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

Passed March 14. 1853

An Ordinance providing for the Assessment and collection of a Tax of fifty three cents on each One hundred Dollars in value, of the rateable property, in the City of Providence.

It is ordered by the City Council of the City of Providence, as follows, viz:

Section 1. That a Tax of fifty three cents on each One hundred Dollars in value of the rateable property in said City, be assessed & levied upon the rateable property of the inhabitants & others owning such property in said City; and that said Tax be assessed on or before the first Monday in September next, and collected & paid into the City Treasury on or before the first Monday in October next.

Section 2. That the Collector shall advertize in the Newspapers employed to do the City Printing, for three weeks successively, calling upon all persons who may be assessed for said Tax, to make payment at his Office, within ten days ending on said first Monday in October next, and including that day; and during said ten days, said Collector shall attend at his said Office for the purpose of receiving said tax, every day (Sundays excepted) from Nine o'clock in the Morning, until three o'clock in the Afternoon, and said Collector shall deduct three per cent from the respective sums assessed upon all those who shall make payment on or before said first Monday in October next.

Section 3. Said Collector shall be allowed three and one half per cent, for collecting said Tax; he allowing out of his said Commission, three per cent to all those who shall pay him the amount of their respective Taxes on or before said first Monday in October next.

Section 4. That said Collector shall pay into the City Treasury without delay, all Monies which he shall receive towards the Tax aforesaid by the first Monday in October next, collecting & paying over the residue, if any, of said Tax, as soon as may be. And that all persons who shall be delinquent in paying said tax, by said first Monday in October next, shall pay Interest afterwards; for which Interest said Collector shall be accountable to said City.

Section 5. The Tax hereby ordered, is intended to include & shall be held to include the sum paid by the City to the State, in the year One Thousand eight hundred & fifty two, as the City's Proportion of the State Tax.

Section 6. The City hereby assumes the payment to the State, of the City's proportion of the State Tax, for the Year One Thousand eight hundred & fifty three, and the Assessors of Taxes are hereby directed not to assess said State Tax.

Passed March 14. 1853.

Smith

Resolved. That the Standing Committee on Police be and they hereby are instructed to enquire into, and report to this Council, as to the expediency of so altering the Ordinance regulating the collection of Smith &c as to permit any person over twenty one years of age to collect it: and also in r to the effect of the Ordinance on the poor, during the past year.

Passed March 14. 1853.

The Committee on the Fire Department recommend the adoption of the following resolution.

J. H. Taylor, for Com.

Hydraulion House No 2

Resolved, That the City Treasurer pay to the order of the First Fireward, out of the Appropriation for the Fire Department, Twenty five Dollars, for re-setting the Furnace, & cementing the Cellar of Hydraulion House No 2.

Passed March 14. 1853.

Reform School

A communication from the Mayor in relation to the better supply of Water at the Reform School is received & Read. Whereupon it is Resolved. that the same be referred to Messrs Johnson, Mason and Williams, with such as the Board of Aldermen may add, to examine and report thereon.

Ald. Hall added.

Passed March 14. 1853

Wards Com^e to revise and to plan City

Resolved. That Messrs W Paine Jr. Doyle and Mason of with such as the Board of Aldermen may add, be and they are hereby appointed a Committee to divide the City into such Number of districts as they may deem proper, for the purposes of taxation; that after having made such division, they cause a survey & plat to be made of each district, said Plats to be sufficiently large to designate each Lot: that they procure such books for the use of the City as they may think necessary, for the purpose of carrying into effect a complete registration of all the Real Estate in the City.

Resolved. That Fifteen hundred Dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated to carry into effect the above resolution to be paid by the City Treasurer upon the order of said Committee, out of any Monies in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated.

Ald Hall added.

Passed March 14. 1853.

Hospital Park

Resolved, That the sum of One Thousand Dollars be appropriated for Hospital Park, and that an equal sum be returned to the Treasury from the future Sales of Land adjoining said Hospital Park.

Passed March 14. 1853.

Engine Houses No 2 & 10

Resolved. That the Chief Fireward be and he is hereby directed to dispose of old Engine Houses No 2 and 10. and to pay the proceeds of Sales thereof into the City Treasury, that the proceeds of the same be added to the appropriation for the Fire Department.

Passed March 14. 1853.

St Johns Lodge

Resolved. That the City Treasurer be and he is hereby directed to make and execute a Bond of the City of Providence, in accordance with a decree of the Supreme Court, to the St Johns Lodge, defendants, in a Bill in Equity now pending in said Court, in which the City is Complainant, in proper form to oblige the City of Providence to pay to St John's Lodge, such sum as shall be the value of the third story of the Market House to be ascertained under the order and direction of said Court.

Passed March 14. 1853.

Sam^l Austin

Resolved. That the City Treasurer be directed to pay from the appropriation for Public Schools to Samuel Austin the amount of expenses for an evening School kept by him during the present winter, provided the sum does not exceed Fifty Dollars.

Passed March 14. 1853.

In Convention March 14 1853

The following persons are appointed to assess the Tax this day ordered

Isaac Thurber	for	First Ward
Welcome Congdon	"	Second "
William J Tilley	"	Third "
Abner Peckham	"	Fourth "
Daniel Field	"	Fifth "
John F Phillips	"	Sixth "

James Mumford is appointed Tax Collector, to collect the Tax this day ordered

Voted That Charles H Millard & 65 others be and they are hereby appointed Firemen of this City to be known and designated as as Engine Co No 7 (for names see Firemens Record)

The Surveyor General of Lumber, presents the following List of Deputies by him appointed for approval

Aborn Arnold	Robert Manchester Jr
Benjamin Bogman 1st	Jacob Tillaway
Nathaniel C Bushee	Christopher Rhodes
Esek A Tillson	James P Metcalf
Charles C Lee for ornamental Lumber	
James Salisbury for Lumber used in Ship Building	

The persons above named are approved as Deputy Surveyors of Lumber

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

H. P. & F. Rail Road Company

Resolved. That the Committee appointed to superintend the erection of the Wall around the Cove Promenade, be and they are hereby authorized so to vary the Contract subsisting between the City and the Hartford, Providence & Fishkill Rail Road Company (provided the same can be done in the opinion of said Committee without detriment to the Interest of the City) as to receive from said Rail Road Company, a sum of Money which shall be equal to the cost of the Wall to be built by said Company under said Contract, commencing at the point where the abutment for the bridge near the State Prison terminates, & terminating at the point S near Carpenters Point, in the Plat filed in the City Clerks Office; and said sum of Money when paid to said Committee shall be in full discharge of that part of said Contract between the City & said Rail Road Company.

Resolved. That said Committee expend the amount of Money received from said Rail Road Company as per Resolution above, in extending the Wall, commencing at the Northerly termination of the Abutment of the Bridge, & continuing the same in a Northerly direction as far as it can be done, at an expense not exceeding the amount they may receive from said Rail Road Company, said Wall to be equal to the Wall in the inner Circle of the Promenade.

Passed March 21. 1853.

Engine Co No 7

Resolved. That the City Clerk be and he is hereby directed to notify the person first named on the list of persons elected Members of Engine Co No 7, at the last Meeting of the City Council, of the fact of such election and also furnish to him a list of the other persons elected at the same time.

Passed March 21. 1853.

Engine No 7

Resolved. That the First Fireward be and he is hereby instructed to place Engine No 7, and the Engine House, in charge of Engine Company No 7, for the use of the City, whenever said Company signifies to the Board of Firewards its wish to accept of the same.

Passed March 21. 1853.

Waters.

Resolved. That Messrs Anthony, Grinnell, Carpenter, Zachariah Allen and Alderman Knowles be and they are hereby appointed a Committee to enquire and report to the City Council respecting the practicability of supplying the City with pure and wholesome Water, for all purposes which may be required for general use; and that they be authorized to employ the services of a competent Engineer in the prosecution of their inquiries, and to draw upon the City Treasurer for the expenses of the same, not exceeding One Thousand Dollars, to be paid out of the Appropriation for Contingencies.

Passed March 21. 1853

The petition of N. G. Hopkins requesting liberty to remove a certain one & half story Wooden Building from its present location No 199 High Street & to place the same in the rear of No 112 Johnston St. Also a one story Building from same location & to place the same in rear of No 114 High St

Read. Whereupon it is resolved that the prayer thereof be granted

Passed March 21. 1853

The petition of Wm N Wardwell requesting liberty to remove a two story wooden building from its present location on Friendship St and to place the same on Clifford St, nearly Smith of its present location.

Read. Whereupon it is Resolved that the prayer thereof be granted

Passed March 21. 1853

The petition of Alexander Duncan requesting liberty to remove certain wooden building from one part to another of the Burrill Estate so called on Westminster Street opposite the Arcade

Read Whereupon it is Resolved that the prayer thereof be granted.

Passed March 21. 1853.

The petition of Thomas Pearce requesting liberty to remove a certain two story wooden Building from its present location on Butler Wharf & to place the same on the corner of Dyer & Butler Streets.

Read. Whereupon it is Resolved that the prayer thereof be granted.

Passed March 21. 1853.

The petition of Wm Russell requesting liberty to remove a certain one story wooden Building, from its present location on the corner of Foster and Pine Streets & to place the same on the rear of the next Lot East

Read. Whereupon it is Resolved that the Prayer thereof be granted

Passed March 21. 1853.

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

Passed March 21. 1853.

Upon the Report of the Joint Committee, to whom, on the 14th day of February last, was referred the Memorial of Irene Butler, it is Resolved that said Report be received & the said Memorialist have leave to withdraw.

Passed March 21. 1853.

In Convention March 21. 1853

Henry L Bowen is appointed an Assessor to assess the Tax ordered the 14th inst in place of Welcome Congdon who declines serving

Zachariah Allen being present was requested to make a statement in relation to the feasibility of supplying the City with Water from the ten mile river so called

~~Freeborn Johnson & 35 others are elected additional Members of Engine Company No 7. see names on Firemen's Records~~

The two boards separate the Board Aldermen retire to their Chamber

Abbott Lot

Resolved, That the Surveyor of Highways be, and he is hereby directed under the advice and direction of the Standing Committee on City Property, to remove any obstruction which may be on the Abbott Lot at Tockwotton (so called) and that he cause permanent bounds to be placed at each corner of said Lot

Passed March 28 1853

4th Ward School House Yard

Resolved, That the Standing Committee on Public Schools be and they are hereby directed to make report as to the expediency of enlarging the Fourth Ward School House yard and upon what terms the Land adjoining can be purchased for the purpose

Passed March 28 1853

Point St Reservoir

Upon the petition of O. W. Prince:

Resolved, That the First Fireward, be directed to cause the Reservoir in Point Street to be filled with Water as soon as possible

Passed March 28 1853

Report of Prov^{ce} Reform School

Upon the Report of the Trustees of the Providence Reform School

Resolved that said Report be received and referred to the Standing Committee on Finance, with authority (if they deem it expedient) to cause not exceeding five hundred copies of the same to be printed in pamphlet form, One hundred and fifty copies of which to be deposited with the Secretary of State for distribution to the members of the General Assembly. One hundred copies to be deposited in the Office of the City Clerk for the use of the City Council; and the remainder to be deposited with the Mayor for the use of the Trustees and Superintendent of the Reform School

Passed March 28 1853

Forcing Stationary Engine

On the petition of the New England Butt Co and others, it is:

Resolved, That said petition be referred to the joint Committee on the Fire Department, with instructions to enquire and report upon the matter embraced in the petition, and also upon the expediency of laying Iron pipes from the forcing pump in the Establishment of said New England Butt Company to Broad, Cranston and High Streets,

with Hydrants attached to said pipes

Passed March 28 1853

Engine Houses &c

Resolved, That the Standing Committee on the Fire Department be directed to report to the City Council at its next regular meeting, the amount expended by the City for each Engine House erected by the City since the present House of Engine Company Number 6. was erected and including that house; and that the several Engine companies in the City, be requested to report to the same Meeting any claims which they may have upon the City, for expenses of erecting fitting up and furnishing their respective houses, and which have not already been presented to the City Council

Passed March 28th 1853

S Hutchins & E P Mason

Upon the petition of Shubael Hutchins and Earl P Mason it is

Resolved, that the City Treasurer be and he is hereby authorized under the advice and direction of the Standing Committee on City Property to ascertain and establish the dividing line of the lands belonging to the City and the aforesaid Petitioners

Passed March 28th 1853

Wooden Building

The petition of George Arnold requesting liberty to remove a two story wooden Building from the corner of High & Burrill Streets and to place the same on Burrill Street

Read, Whereupon it is resolved, that the prayer thereof be granted

Passed March 28 1853

Wooden Building

The petition of Asahel Matteson requesting liberty to remove a One story Building from the rear of N^{o} 198 High Street and to place the same in the rear of 197 High Street

Read, Whereupon it is resolved, that the prayer thereof be granted

Passed March 28 1853

Assessors resolution in relation to repeal

Resolved. That the Resolutions which passed the City Council on the fourteenth day of March instant. directing the Assessors of Taxes. to appraise the Real and personal Estate in the City, subject to taxation; and to assess the tax ordered on that day, upon such appraisal. — be and the same is hereby repealed

Passed March 28 1853

Compensation of Assessors

Resolved. That the Assessors of Taxes shall be allowed Two Hundred Dollars each, as a full compensation for the apportioning the City Tax ordered on the fourteenth day of March instant; and also, for apportioning the Registry Tax and enrolling the Militia; for copying of tax books, and for obtaining all necessary information for the proper and just apportionment of said Taxes, and for all other services in relation thereto

Passed March 28. 1853

Sessions Lot

Resolved. That the Standing Committee on City Property be instructed to enquire into the Expediency of having the Sessions Lot platted into house lots, that the same may be leased for building purposes and the City derive a revenue therefrom

Passed March 28 1853

Ames & Payne bill

Upon the Report of the Standing Committee on Finance, it is

Resolved. That the City Treasurer be and he is hereby directed to pay from the appropriation for Contingencies; to Samuel Ames the Sum of Two Hundred and Six Dollars, and to Messrs Ames and Payne, the sum of Eleven hundred and sixty seven dollars and Sixty six cents; in full payment of their respective accounts against the City

Passed March 28 1853

Culvert in N Main Street

Resolved. That the Surveyor of Highways (acting under the advice and direction of the Standing Committee on Highways.) be and he is hereby authorized to make such an arrangement with the heirs of the late Hon. Samuel W. Bridgham, for the use of their Culvert in North Main Street, by the City, as in their opinion the public interest may require

Passed March 28. 1853

Dogs

An Ordinance in amendment of an Ordinance entitled "An Ordinance in relation to dogs;

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

Section 1 That no person shall suffer or permit any dog belonging to or kept by him or her, or which shall be under his or her care or control, to be or run at large in said City between the first day of April and the first day of November in each and every year unless such dog shall be muzzled as provided in the Ordinance of which this is in amendment

Section 2 So much of the Ordinance of which this is in amendment as is inconsistent herewith is hereby repealed

Passed March 28 1853

Hospital St

On the petition of the New England Screw Company. it is

Resolved, That the Surveyor of Highways, be and he is hereby directed to set the Curb Stone and pave the Gutters on Hospital Street from Eddy Street to the water, whenever the owners of the adjoining land shall furnish the Curb Stone

Passed March 28 1853

In Convention March 28. 1853

Freeborn Johnson and 35 others are elected Members of Engine Company no. 7-

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

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Reform School

Resolved That the Trustees of the Reform School be and they are hereby empowered to enclose the lot recently purchased of Dr. William Grosvenor with a suitable fence, at a cost not exceeding twelve hundred Dollars, and draw upon the Treasurer for the cost of the same to be paid out of the appropriation for the Providence Reform School

Passed April 11. 1853

Assessors Clerk

Resolved. That the Assessors of taxes be and they are hereby authorized to employ a Clerk provided the compensation do not exceed One hundred Dollars, to be paid to the Order of the assessors from the money appropriated for Contingencies

Passed April 11. 1853

Steam Forcing Stationary Co No 1

Resolved. That the First Fireward be directed to place the 500 feet of City Fire Hose now in the possession of J. C. Fisher Esq under the charge of the Steam Forcing Stationary Engine Company No 1 for the use of the City

Passed April 11 1853

Perry Davis

Resolved, that the City Treasurer under the advise of the Committee on the Fire Department, contract with Perry Davis, for the use of the Cisterns in the Church in Stewart Street by the City; Provided the cost shall not exceed One hundred and fifty Dollars, to be paid out of the appropriation for the Fire Department

Passed April 11 1853

Sup of Highways Report

The Surveyor of Highways makes his Monthly Report of work done from March 14 to April 9. 1853 amt $730.47

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

Passed April 11 1853

Artillery Co

Upon the petition of the Providence Artillery, for a lease of a part of the Town House lot, for the purpose of erecting an Armory thereon, it is

Resolved, That the City Treasurer be, and he is hereby directed to lease to said Company, a part of said town house lot, (in lieu of that portion of said lot now used and occupied by said company under a Resolution of the City Council, passed on the 16th day of November, 1836) bounded and described as follows, viz commencing at a point on the line of College Street, twenty feet Westerly of the Town House, and extending on said College Street 40 feet then turning at right angles and running Southerly 65 feet, then turning and running Easterly 40 feet, then turning and running 65 feet to the first mentioned bound; said lease to be free of rent so long as said Company shall occupy the building erected on said Lot, for the purpose of an Armory;

Provided however that said Company shall relinquish to the City before the delivery of said lease, all their right, title and interest in and to the building belonging to said Company, now standing on said Town house lot, and their right to occupy the land on which said Building stands.

And it is further Resolved, that if at any time hereafter, the City Council of the City of Providence shall think fit to take said lot so leased, into the possession of the City, said City shall provide another piece of land and cause said building (if any be standing thereon at the time) to be removed and placed upon said other piece of land, at the proper charge and expense of said City

Passed April 11 1853

In Board of Aldermen April 18 1853 Resolved That this Board recede from their Vote of Concurrence in relation to a grant of a portion of the Town House Lot to the Prov. Artillery Co for an Armory & that the resolution and the petition of said Co. be referred to Ald Brandel, Gilmore & Rathbone to examine & report

(The above resolution was passed before the amended resolution was returned to the Com. Council J.P.)

Engine House No 4

Resolved, That the City Treasurer, acting under the advise and direction of the Standing Committee on the Fire Department, be authorized to purchase for the City, a lot of land in the Third Ward, for a location for Engine House No 4. Provided the cost thereof shall not exceed Seven hundred Dollars

Passed April 11. 1853

Water pipes

Resolved, That the First Fireward be and he is hereby directed, to cause the necessary pipe to be laid from the Fountain at the Providence Tool Companies Works to the Street, and that the cost of the same be paid out of the appropriation for the Fire Department

Passed April 11. 1853

1st Firewards Report

To the Hon. City Council

Monthly Report of Expenditures for the Fire Department

Engine No 2	184.27
" " 3	16.—
" " 4	34.59
" " 5	28.12
" " 6	373.56
" " 7	30.82
" " 9	108.24
" " 10	463.98
" " 11	6.33
Hydraulion No 1	170.59
" " 2	62.27
Fire Hook & Ladder Co	86.—
Incidental	667.96
	2232.73

April 11 1853

Joseph W Taylor
1st Fireward

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

Passed April 11. 1853

Highways

Resolved That the Surveyor of Highways, be and he is hereby directed to cause the following Streets to be paved, whenever the owners of the adjoining estates shall furnish suitable Curb Stone for the same viz

That part of Canal Street lying between the termination of the present paving and Smith Street, (whenever that part of said Street shall have been received as a public highway);

That part of Charles Street, lying between Orms and Randal Streets; Randall Street; that part of Union Street lying between Westminster & Washington Streets; and that part of Broad Street lying between Stewart & Pearl Streets

Passed April 11 1853

An Ordinance relating to the Sale of Junk and other second hand articles

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

Section 1st All licenses which may be granted by the Board of Aldermen to any persons to be keepers of Shops, for the purchase, sale or barter of Junks, old metals, or any second hand articles agreeable to an Act of the General Assembly passed at the January Session A.D. 1853 and to be dealers therein, shall contain the following conditions and restrictions;

First. That every person, at the time of receiving said license, shall pay therefor the sum of One Dollar

Second That every keeper of such shop shall keep a book in which shall be written, at the time of every purchase, a description of the article or articles purchased, the name and residence of the person from whom, and the day and hour when, such purchase was made; and that such book shall at all times be open to the inspection of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen or of either one of said Board, or of any person by them authorized

Third That every keeper of such shop, shall give notice, that he is so licensed, by a suitable sign attached to said Shop.

Fourth. That the said Shops shall not be kept open except at such hours as shall be allowed by the terms of the License; and that no purchases of any of the articles aforesaid, shall be made by the keepers thereof, or by any person for them, except during such hours as shall be designated in the license; and that the said Shops shall at all times be open to the inspection of the said Mayor and Aldermen or either of them, or of any person by them authorized

Fifth That no keepers of such shops shall directly or indirectly, either purchase or receive by way of barter or exchange, any of the articles aforesaid of any minor or apprentice, knowing or having reason to believe him to be such

Passed April 11. 1853

D R Clapp

Upon the Memorial of Daniel R. Clapp it is Resolved that the same be received and referred to Alderman James and Messrs A Payne, Rodman and Hunt to examine and report thereon; and that said Committee be directed to report, at the next regular meeting of the City Council

Passed April 18. 1853

Streets

Resolved that the Surveyor of Highways be and he is hereby directed to cause the Curbstone to be set and gutters paved on the following Streets viz

On Congdon Street from the point where the Curbstone is already set to Jenckes Street

On Prospect Street from the point where the Curbstone is already set to Olney Street.

On the East side of Dexter Street.

On Valley Street between High Street and the Bridge.

On Portland Street from Friendship to Broad Street.

On Knight Street between Cranston and High Street.

On Washington Street from Franklin to Dean Street

On India Street from Benefit Street Westward

On Broadway from Dean to Valley Street

On George Street from Cooke to Governor Street

On Cooke Street from the point where the curb stone is already set to Angell Street.

On Union Street from Washington to Worcester Street.

On Clemence Street from Westminster to Worcester Street

And around the Dexter Training Ground

Whenever the owners of the adjoining estates shall furnish suitable curb stone for the same to the satisfaction of the Street Commissioners

Passed April 18 1853

Ordinances to be printed

Resolved That the Joint Committee to revise the City Ordinances be and they are hereby authorized, to cause such Ordinances as they deem expedient to be printed for the use of the City Council

Passed April 18. 1853

Hospital Lands

Resolved. That the sum of One Thousand Dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated, for the improvement of the Hospital Park, and for enclosing the Hospital Lands or Pest House Lot, by a fence similar to the fence on the opposite side of the Street; and that an equal sum be returned to the Treasury, from the future sales of lands adjoining the Hospital Park

Passed April 18 1853

Public Squares

Resolved, that the Surveyor of Highways be and he is directed to cause the public Square at the junction of Alwells Avenue and Bradford Street to be graded and enclosed and planted with suitable shade trees, or otherwise improved and embellished, provided the expense thereof shall not exceed four hundred dollars, to be paid out of the appropriation for Highways;

And that he also be directed to cause the public Square at the corner of Benefit & India Streets to be graded and embellished in like manner and that the sum of four hundred Dollars be and is hereby appropriated to pay the expense thereof

Passed April 18 1853

Hartf. Prov & Fishkill R.R

Resolved, That by the words "the Committee appointed by the City Council to superintend the finishing of the wall around the Cove Promenade" which are contained in the Resolution passed by the Common Council on the 20th day of December 1852 and concurred in by the Board of Aldermen on the 10th day of January 1853; and by the words "the Committee appointed to superintend the erection of the walls around the Cove promenade", contained in the Resolutions passed by the City Council on the 21 st day of March 1853, (which resolutions authorize said Committee to vary the contract existing between the City and the Hartford, Providence and Fishkill Rail Road Company;) it was the intention of the City Council to refer to and designate Messrs W. Paine Jr., Williams and Goddard of the Common Council and Alderm. Knowles; being the same persons who were appointed by a Resolution of the City Council on the 11th day of October 1852 "A Committee to confer with the Hartford, Providence and Fishkill Rail Road Company, in relation to any alterations or deviations from the original plan respecting the completion of the improvements around the cove"

Passed April 18. 1853

Prov Reform School

Resolved, That the City Treasurer be directed to obtain from Charles Horton a Lease for the term of ten years of his Fountain near Wickenden Street for a Supply of Water for the Providence Reform School at an Annual rent of not exceeding Twelve Dollars

Resolved, that the Surveyor of Highways, acting under the advise and direction of the Standing Committee on Highways, be directed to procure a sufficient quantity of Iron pipe and cause the same to be laid from the Providence Reform School to the Fountain near Wickenden Street belonging to Charles Horton,

and that the sum of five hundred Dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated for defraying the expense thereof; to be paid out of the appropriation for the Providence Reform School

Passed April 18th 1853

Salary's

Resolved, That the Standing Committee on Finance be, and they are hereby directed to report, at the next regular meeting of the City Council, a bill fixing the compensation of the City Officers, for the Municipal year commencing on the first Monday in June

Passed April 18. 1853

J H Ghirardini

Upon the petition of John H Ghirardini.

It is resolved, that the sum of forty five dollars and fifty cents, be allowed to said John H Ghirardini, as compensation for injuries sustained by him at a fire on the twenty fifth day of December last; and that the same be paid by the City Treasurer, out of the Appropriation for the Fire Department

Passed May 9 1853

Engine No 7

Resolved, That the First Fireward, be and he is hereby directed to place Engine No 7 House and Apparatus, in charge of the Company recently elected by the City Council as Engine Company No 7. Whenever said Company shall signify to the First Fireward its willingness to accept the same

Passed May 9. 1853

Prov Reform School

Resolved That the Resolutions which passed the City Council on the 18th day of April A D 1853 directing the City Treasurer to take a lease from Charles Horton, of his Fountain near Wickenden Street for a supply of water, for the Providence Reform School Estate; be and the same are hereby repealed

Resolved, That the Trustees of the Providence Reform School be, and they are hereby authorized to take such measures as they may deem necessary, to procure a sufficient supply of good water, for the use of said School; provided the Expense thereof shall not exceed five hundred Dollars

Passed May 9. 1853

In Convention May 9 1853

The following Gentlemen are appointed Trustees of the Prov. Reform School to continue in office until the 2d Monday of May next or until others are appointed in their place

Edmund Thurber. Wm T. Grinnell. Sam[l] G. Arnold
William S Patten. Henry A Howland. Chris C Potter.

For further proceeding see Journal No 6 Council & Bd. of Aldermen

Steam Power for Extinguishing Fires

Resolved, that the First Fireward under the advice of the Standing Committee on the Fire Department make such arrangements with Messrs Fletcher & Brothers, the Eagle Screw Co, the Elm Street Machine Shop, the Elm Street Manufacturing Co and the New England Butt Co. or with either of them, as shall enable the City to use the power of said Establishments for Extinguishing Fires; provided the cost thereof shall not exceed Fifteen Hundred Dollars, to be paid out of the appropriation for the Fire Department

Passed May 16 1853

Judge Mun Court Report

To the Hon. City Council

The undersigned Judge of the Municipal Court hereby makes report.

That the whole amount of his fees charged for busines transacted in said Court during the year ending on the first Monday in March 1853 as appers by the account kept by the Clerk of said Court is $ 934.22

Of which there has been collected 476.70
Leaving uncollected $ 457.52

Thomas Burgess
Judge of the Municipal Court

Providence April 27. 1853

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

Passed May 16 1853

Clerk Municipal Court Report

To the Hon City Council

The undersigned Clerk of the Municipal Court, as required by Ordinance, hereby makes Report.

That the whole amount of Clerks fees, charged and collected, for busines transacted in said Court, during the year ending on the first monday in March 1853 - is $ 644.13

And the Amount charged & not collected 509.06
1153.19

Albert G. Greene
Clk of Municipal Court

Prov. April 27 1853

Providence April 27. 1853

I certify, that all the records in the Office of the Clerk of the Municipal Court, are made up, to the last day of February 1853, and that the Books, papers and records in said Office, are in good order

Thomas Burgess Judge
of the Municipal Court

Read, Whereupon it is Ordered that the same be received

Passed May 16. 1853

City Clerks Report

City Clerks Office Providence May 9. 1853

To the Hon^r City Council

As required by Ordinance. I hereby make report of the fees of my Office for the past Financial year

I have received from March 1^st 1852 to February 28 1853 1390.16
Less for Clerk Hire 312 92
$ 1077.24

I also herewith present the Certificate of the Mayor relative to the Records and Papers in my Office

Albert Pabodie City Clerk

Mayors Office Providence May 9. 1853

I hereby certify that I have examined the Books and papers in the Office of the City Clerk; that they are all in good order, and are made up as required by an Ordinance of the City, entitled "An Ordinance prescribing the time when the financial year shall end, and for other purposes

A. C. Barstow
Mayor

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

Passed May 16 1853

Fireward Report

To the Hon. City Council

Monthly Report of Expenditures for the Fire Department

Engine N^o	2	$577.18
"	3	15.63
"	4	35.75
"	5	.75
"	6	56.13
"	7	2.25
"	9	29.10
"	10	46.86
"	11	175.68
Hydraulion	1	27.25
"	2	34.20
F. H. & L Company		25
Incidental		72.49
		1073.52

May 7 1853 J W Taylor First Fireward

Read, Whereupon it is ordered that the same be received

Passed May 16. 1853

S. Highways Report

The Surveyor of Highways makes his Monthly Report of work done from April 11 to May 9. 1853 amo $1168.26

Read. Whereupon it is ordered that the same be received

Passed May 16. 1853

D. R. Clapp

To the Honorable City Council
of the City of Providence

The undersigned appointed a special Committee to examine and report upon the Petition of Daniel R Clapp. praying for compensation for loses and injuries sustained by him under the circumstances therein set forth

Respectfully Report

That they have carefully considered said claim, with a desire to make a report favorable to the petitioner, because they have been informed that if the claim is not adjusted here, that it will be presented in another form; and they have been desirous to recommend a course which would avoid litigation

But your Committee are satisfied that the Petitioner has no legal claim against the City, at that to allow the same would be to establish an evil precedent

They therefore recommend that the Petitioner have leave to withdraw

A Payne
In the Committee

Read, whereupon it is resolved that the same be received; and that the Memorialist have leave to withdraw

Passed May 16 1853

Mayors Portrait

Resolved That Messrs Rodman, Grinnell & Johnson and Ald.n Bates, be and they are hereby appointed a Committee, to wait upon Hon.r Amos C Barstow the Mayor of this City, and request him to sit for his portrait for the use of the City, and they are hereby authorized to draw on the City Treasurer, for the Expenses of the same to be paid out of any monies in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated

Passed May 16 1853

Sessions Lot

Resolved, That the Standing Committee on City Property be and they are hereby discharged from enquiring into the Expediency of causing the Sessions Lot to be platted into house lots

Passed May 16 1853

Fountain St School House Lot

Resolved, That the City Treasurer under the advise and direction of the Committee on Public Schools, be directed to purchase of the Heirs of Samuel Eddy, the Estate on Cabin Street, adjoining the School house estate on Fountain Street, and pay for the same from the appropriation for Public Schools, not exceeding Sixteen hundred dollars, upon receiving for the City a good and sufficient title in fee simple

Passed May 16 1853

Town House

Resolved That the Board of Aldermen be and they are hereby authorized if they deem it Expedient to contract with Thomas P Shepard, a Committee appointed by the General Assembly of this State at their May session 1853 for the use of such portions of the Town House as they may think fit for a place of meeting for the Court of Magistrates

Passed May 23 1853

Sessions Lot

Resolved that the Standing Committee on City Property be instructed to report plans for the improvement of the Sessions Lot (so called) and that the sum of One hundred dollars be appropriated out of any monies in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated for defraying the Expense of the same

Passed May 23. 1853

Ward Room 5 Ward

Resolved That Messrs Doyle, Johnson & Tillinghast and Ald.n James be a Committee to cause such alterations and repairs to be made in the Ward Room on Richmond Street they may deem expedient And that the sum of One Hundred Dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated for the above purpose, the same to be paid out of the appropriation for Contingencies

Passed May 27 1853

Friendship Street

Resolved, That the Surveyor of Highways, be and he is hereby directed to cause the Curbstone to be set & the gutters paved on that part of Friendship Street, lying between the termination of the present paving & Broad Street, whenever the Owners of the adjoining Estates shall furnish Curb Stone for the same and that it be done in connection with Pine Street

Passed May 27. 1853

Wooden Building to remove

On the petition of John K Richmond requesting liberty to remove a Wooden Building from the South side of India Street to the North Side of India Street

Read. Whereupon it is resolved that the prayer thereof be granted

Passed May 30 1853

Wooden Building to remove

The petition of Eddy & Joslin requesting liberty to remove a small wooden Building from Washington Street, north of Hoyle Tavern and place the same on next lot above High Steet Church.

Read, Whereupon it is resolved, that the prayer thereof be granted

Passed May 30. 1853

Harbor Line

Resolved That the Mayor, A Payne and Alderman Knowles, be a Committee to apply to the General Assembly at its next session for the passage of an Act authorizing the City Council of the City of Providence to straighten the Harbor line from Manton & Halletts wharf to Fox Point wharf, if after proper notification to persons interested in the adjoining Estates, the same should seem to the City Council advisable

Passed May 30 1853

Sloop Hero

Resolved, That the City Marshal be, and he is hereby directed to institute such proceedings as may be necessary to cause the wreck of the Sloop Hero now sunk in the Harbor, near Dorrance Street wharf to be removed as soon as practicable, and for the prosecution of any party or parties who may be liable for allowing the same to be where it now is

Passed May 30 1853

Wooden Building to remove

The petition of William B Cory requesting liberty to remove two certain One Story Wooden Buildings from the corner of Cranston & Knight Streets and to place the same on the rear of the same lot

Read, Whereupon it is resolved that the prayer thereof be granted

Passed May 30 1853

N. Burying Ground

The Committee on the North Burial Ground, report that they have caused a Gateway & fence to be erected on said N. B Ground, expense $186- leaving of the Appropriation $164- unexpended

Read. Whereupon it is resolved that the same be recd

Passed May 30 1853

An Ordinance, fixing the Compensation of certain Officers for the year ending on the first Monday in June A.D. One Thousand eight hundred and fifty four.

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

Section 1. For the year ending on the first Monday in June A D 1854, the compensation to be allowed and paid to the several Officers hereinafter named shall be as follows. viz

To the City Clerk, Four Hundred Dollars.

To the Clerk of the Common Council, Two hundred & fifty Dollars;

To the City Treasurer, One Thousand Dollars.

To the Overseer of the Poor, Five Hundred Dollars.

To the City Sergeant, Four Hundred & fifty Dollars

To the Surveys of Highways, Eight hundred Dollars

To the Clerk of the Market, Two Hundred Dollars, in full for all services required by the Ordinance prescribing his duties, except the cost of clearing the Side Walks, Market Square and Bridges of Snow and dirt

To the Clerk of the Municipal Court (in addition to the fees allowed by law for business transacted in said Court) Four hundred Dollars

To the Sealer of Weights & Measures, One hundred & fifty Dollars

To the City Auditor, Two hundred Dollars

Section 2d Said Sums, so appropriated, shall be paid out of the City Treasury, in quarterly payments, to the Offices respectively entitled thereto.

Section 3d The fees allowed by law, to Justices of the Peace, shall be in full compensation to the Justices of the Police Court, for their services as such

Passed May 30. 1853

In Convention June 6 1853 at 3 o'clk p m

This being the day fixed by law for the Annual Organization of the Municipal Government of the City of Providence, the following Gentlemen being the Mayor, Aldermen and Common Councilmen elect met in Convention in the Council Chamber, to wit;

Walter R Danforth Mayor

Edward P Knowles	Alderman of	first	Ward
Varnum J Bates	Do	second	Do
George W Hall	Do	third	Do
George S Rathbone	Do	fourth	Do
Samuel James	Do	fifth	Do
Joseph T Gilmore	Do	sixth	Do

Common Council

1st Ward
John H Taylor
George Hunt
Charles W. Holbrook
Benjamin G Pabodie

2d Ward
Richard W Bush
William T Grinnell
William Goddard
Abraham Payne

3d Ward
Wingate Hayes
Charles E Tillinghast
Stephen G Mason
Samuel Allen

4th Ward
Samuel C Blodget
James G Anthony
Walter Paine Jr
Oliver Johnson

5th Ward
Daniel E Carpenter
William A Williams
Thomas A Doyle
Cyrus B Manchester

6th Ward
Arnold Saunders
John K Lester
James N Hopkins
Ebenezer W Walker

The Convention was called to order by Ex Mayor Barstow who made a short farewell address

The Ex Mayor Amos C Barstow administered the oath of Office required by the City Charter to Walter R. Danforth Mayor Elect

The Mayor then administered the like Oath to the aforenamed Aldermen and Common Councilmen elect — Thereupon the Convention proceeded to ballot for City Clerk and on counting the ballots it appeared that Albert Pabodie was elected to that office, and he was then duly engaged by the Mayor

The Mayor then delivered his inaugural address to the City Council

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

In Convention June 6th 1853

The two Boards meet in Convention for the purpose of choosing City Officers.

The following Officers are chosen

Clerk of the Municipal Court	Albert G Greene
City Treasurer	Esek Aldrich
City Auditor	George B Jastram
City Marshal	Daniel K Chaffee
City Sergeant	James C Sheridan
Surveyor of Highways	Henry J Mumford
City Constables	Daniel K Chaffee, James Sheldon, Jabez C Potter, John H Gould, John B Barton, Ethan Tourtellot, Philip W Martin, Silas Hemenway, Daniel Wightman, Thomas W Hayward, Daniel F Potter
Sealer of Weights & Measures	Charles T. Little
Surveyors of Hoops & Staves	George S Harwood, Peleg S. Shearman, Samuel Eatherforth
Gaugers of Casks	James Burrough, John A Bosworth, Peleg S Shearman, D. W. Rose, Charles B Gladding.
Undertakers	Judson Blake, John G Hopkins, Gardner J Swarts, William C Millar, Daniel Robinson, Amos Fletcher, Patrick Wallace, Damon Miller, Merie Nichols, Hollis Chaffin, Wm O Briggs, William Vero
Overseer of Bridges	Menzies Sweet
Packers & Inspectors of Fish	Peleg S Shearman George S Harwood, George W. Wheeler
Inspector of Pot & Pearl Ashes	Smith Bosworth, Amasa Manton
Inspector of Saleratus & Bi Carbonate of Soda	Joseph Martin
Inspector of Beef & Pork	Rufus W. Kimball
Sealer of Leather	George Metcalf

Collector of Taxes	James Mumford
Overseer of the Hospital	Mayor & Aldermen
Auctioneer,	Henry Staples
Fence Viewer,	Henry G Mumford
Field Driver,	James C Sheridan
Advising Committee on Bridges,	Mayor & Aldermen
Overseer of the Town House	Daniel K Chaffee
Overseer of the City Pumps	Daniel K Chaffee
Pound Keeper,	Hollis Chaffin

Surveyors & Orders of Wood

Thomas J Wardwell, Benjamin S Olney,
Samuel B Bullock, George B Holmes
Nelson Chace, Joseph Robinson
William K Thurber, George T. Bowen
Clarke Steere, William W Arnold
Nathan Thornton, Cyrus Potter
Sayles Brown, Benjamin J Brown
Jabez C Olney, Benjamin S Olney Jr
John A Bosworth, Daniel Linscott
Rowland Evans,

Surveyors & Measurers of Stone — William Andrews, Leonard Blodget
Cyrus Fisher, John A. Bosworth
Clifton A Hall.

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

Inspectors & Measurers of Carpenters, Masons & Painters Work

Leonard Blodget, Robert Manchester
Robert Manchester Jr, Emor Angell,
James Lewis, Russell Greene,
Weston A Fisher, Cyrus Fisher
Jonathan S Angell, Horace Gray
John A Bosworth, Stephen C Arnold
Clifton A Hall.

Assessors of Taxes — Isaac Thurber, Henry L Bowen
William J Tilley, Abner Peckham
Daniel Field, John F Phillips

Measurers of Grain Salt & Sea Coal

Hazeltine Taft, Jonathan West
Joseph Smith, Edwin G. Greene
Elery Wesson, John A Bosworth
Charles Hodges, Samuel Jackson 2d

Measurers of Bran — Hazeltine Taft, Jonathan West

Street Commissioners — Samuel B. Cushing, Asa Pierce, Cyrus Fisher

Weighers of Anthracite Coal

James Burrough,	James A Mumford
Samuel Jackson 2d,	Charles Hodges
Thomas Pearce,	Henry C Mathewson
George B Peck,	Stephen Burr
Israel J Bullock,	Stephen S Salisbury
James W Allen,	Christopher B Pearce
Henry G Tucker,	William H Hopkins
Gilbert Richmond,	Ansel B Rope
Joseph Hodges,	Isaac N. Beach
John H Ormsbee,	Samuel Wheldon
Daniel Martin,	Silas W Plimpton
James W Taft,	Rowland Evans

Weighers of Cotton — Samuel Almy, John A Bosworth
Nath[l] B Chace, John A Foster
James Burrough

The following Engine Companies are elected

Hydraulion	Company	No 2	Number of Members		77
Engine	do	" 2	"	"	81
do	do	" 3	"	"	103
do	do	" 4	"	"	59
do	do	" 6	"	"	123
do	do	" 7	"	"	110
do	do	" 9	"	"	88
do	do	" 10	"	"	106
Stationary Forcing	do	do " 1	"	"	19
Fire Hook & Ladder	do	" 2	"	"	12
					778

For names of Firemen see Firemens Record

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

Standing Rules

Resolved, That the same Standing Rules which were on the Seventh day of June A D 1852 adopted as the Standing Rules of the City Council last past be adopted as the Standing Rules of the City Council, the present Municipal year

Passed June 6 1853

Mayors Address

Resolved That Alderman Knowles and Messrs Goddard Hunt and Lester, be and they are hereby appointed a Committee to wait upon the Mayor and request him to furnish for publication, a copy of the Address this day delivered by him to the City Council; and to cause the same to be published in such manner as they may deem expedient

Passed June 6. 1853

Standing Committees

Standing Committees of the City Council appointed on the part of the Common Council, on the 6th day of June A D 1853 for the present Municipal Year

On Finance
Messrs Anthony, Pabodie, Goddard } & Ald^n Rathbone

On Highways
Messrs Carpenter, Hunt, Lester } & Ald^n Hall

To Engross Ordinances
Messrs A Payne, W. Paine Jr, Walker } & Ald^n Knowles

On Public Schools
Messrs Grinnell, Johnson, Hopkins } & Ald^n James

On the Fire Department
Messrs Taylor, Tillinghast, Blodget } & Ald^n Gilmore

On City Property
Messrs Bush, Allen, Manchester } & Ald^n James

On Police
Messrs W. Paine Jr, Doyle, Hubbard } & Ald^n Bates

On the North Burial Ground
Messrs Mason, Williams, Saunders } & Ald^n Knowles

The aforenamed members of this Board, having been, this day appointed as members of this Board, of the Standing Committees of the City Council, for the present Municipal year; it is resolved, That the aforegoing List be communicated to the Board of Aldermen, in Order that an Alderman may be added to each said Committees

June 6 1853 Read & Passed
A. G. Greene Clerk

In Board of Aldermen same day. The Communication of the Common Council Read. Whereupon this Board add the above named Aldermen to the several Committees

Albert Pabodie Clerk

City printing

Resolved That Ald^n James and Messrs A Payne Tillinghast & Manchester ~~with such as the Board~~ be and they are hereby appointed a Committee to contract for the City Printing, for the present municipal year

Passed June 6 1853

Treasurer's Bond

Resolved, That Messrs Anthony, Pabodie and Goddard and Ald^n Rathbone, be and they are hereby appointed a Committee to take a Bond of the City Treasurer, for the faithful discharge of the duties of his Office, for the present Municipal year, and that said Bond be for the sum of Thirty thousand Dollars

Passed June 6 1853

Firemen appropriation for

Resolved, That the sum of One Dollar be paid by the City Treasurer, to the Treasurer of the Providence Association of Firemen for Mutual Assistance, for each of the Firemen of the City; in order to entitle them severally to the benefit of the funds of that Association; and ~~that~~ said sum be paid, on the Certificate of the City Clerk respecting the appointment of said Firemen, out of the appropriation for the Fire Department

Passed June 6 1853

City Debt

Whereas, Messrs Anthony, Pabodie & Goddard, have been this day appointed by the Common Council as the Committee, on their Part, for the reduction of the City Debt, for the present Municipal year, pursuant to the requisition contained in the first Section of the Ordinance entitled "An Ordinance in relation to the City Debt."

It is resolved, that the names of said Committee be communicated to the Board of Aldermen, in order that said Board may add an Alderman to said Committee, pursuant to the requisition contained in said Section

In Common Council June 6. 1853
Read & Passed
A.G. Greene Clerk

In Board of Aldermen Same day
Read, Whereupon it is resolved that Ald^n Rathbone be added

Albert Pabodie
Clerk

Police Court

Resolved, That from the Justices assigned to keep the Peace within this City

Samuel W. Peckham &
Charles Hart

be and they are hereby selected to compose the Police Court of this City, during the present municipal year

Passed June 6. 1853

4th July

Resolved, That Messrs Doyle, Walker & Holbrook and Alderman Hall, be and they are hereby appointed a Committee of Arrangements for a Municipal Celebration of the approaching anniversary of American Independence

Resolved, That the sum of Two Thousand dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated, for defraying the Expenses of said Celebration; to be paid to the order of said Committee, out of any Monies in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated

Passed June 6 1853

N. Burial Ground

Resolved, That Messrs Mason, Williams & Saunders and Ald[n] Knowles, be and they are hereby appointed a Committee upon the North Burial Ground, with full power under, and to carry into effect the provisions of any Ordinance or Resolution existing in relation to said Burial Ground

Passed June 6. 1853

Harbor Line

Resolved, That the resolution passed May 30th 1853 respecting the straightening of the Harbor Line from Manton & Halletts wharf to Fox Point be and the same is hereby rescinded

Passed June 13th 1853

Fire Department

Resolved That the Mayor, Messrs Hayes & A Payne and Aldermen Rathbone be and they are hereby constituted a Committee to apply to the General Assembly at its present Session for the passage of an Act authorizing the City Council of the City of Providence, to make such Ordinances, rules and regulations, in relation to the appointment of Firemen, the management of the Fire Department of said City, the extinguishing of fires therein, and the preservation of property exposed to fire, as they may deem advisable; and for the repeal of the several Acts concerning fires & firewards in said City, excepting so much of the law now in force as provides for the Election and duties of Presidents of Firewards

Passed June 13th 1853

Abstract of Issues and Payments of City Debt from Dec[r] 13 1852 to June 13 1853

When Issued	No of Notes	To Whom Issued	Rate of Int	Amt.
1853				
March 15	187	Prov. Ins[s] for Savings	6 p[r]	10.000,—
"	186	S K Rathbone Cash of American Bank	"	10.000.—
April 4	188	Prov. Ins. for Savings	"	6.000,—
18	189	same	"	10.000.—
May 7	190	same	"	6.000.—
20	191	same	"	10.000.—
"	192	same	"	10.000.—
24	193	same	"	5.000.—
				$ 67.000.—

When paid	No	To whom paid	Int	
1853				
March 15	169	Prov. Ins. for Savings	6 p[r]	5.000,—
"	170	same	"	5.000.
April 4	171	same	"	6.000,—
May 7	185	same	"	6.000,—
" 24	176	same	"	5.000.—
				$ 27.000—

To the Hon[ble] C. Council

Gentlemen

Please receive the above Abstract of Issues and Payments of the City Debt

Respectfully Yours &c

June 13. 1853

Esek Aldrich
City Treas[r]

Read, Whereupon it is resolved that the same be received

Passed June 13. 1853

The Superintendent of the North Burial Ground reports that he has received the past year ending June 6 inst for fees 470.50

Read Whereupon, it is resolved that the same be received

Passed June 13. 1853

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4 July

Resolved, That the sum of five hundred Dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated for defraying the Expenses of the Municipal Celebration of the approaching Anniversary of American Independence in addition to the sum appropriated for that purpose on the 6th day of June instant to be paid to the Order of the Committee of Arrangements for that occasion, out of any money in the Treasury, not otherwise appropriated

Passed June 13. 1853

Platting City

Resolved. That the sum of five hundred Dollars (in addition to the sum of Fifteen Hundred Dollars appropriated March 14. 1853) be and the same is hereby appropriated for the purpose of carrying into effect the resolution of the City Council passed March 14. 1853 relative to a survey of the City; and that said Sum be paid by the City Treasurer upon the order, or orders of Alderman Hall, Messrs W. Paine, Doze & Mason a Committee appointed for that purpose, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated

Passed June 13. 1853

Manning St

Resolved. That the Surveyor of Highways be and he is hereby directed to cause the Curb Stone to be set and gutters to be paved on that part of Manning Street, lying between Hope and Cooke Street whenever the owners of the adjoining estates shall furnish Curb stones for the same

Passed June 13 1853

Steam power for Fire Depart

Resolved. That the further sum of One Thousand dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated out of the appropriation for the Fire Department, to carry out the arrangement contemplated in the resolution of May 9d in relation to the employment of Steam power

Passed June 13 1853

Rotary pump

Resolved. That the First Fireward acting under the advice of the Standing Committee on the Fire Department, be and he is hereby directed to cause the rotary pump belonging to the City and now located at Fletcher & Brothers old Mill, to be removed, repaired and placed in Moulton & Ingrahams Works and that the Expense thereof not exceeding the sum of Two Hundred dollars be paid out of the appropriations for the Fire Department

Passed June 13. 1853

Cross Walks

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

One across Broadway east side of Dean Street,
One across Bradford Street, north side of Broadway
One across Berkley " " " " Do
One " Holden " South " " Do
One " Federal " North " " Do
One " Summer " opposite Mr Perry's house
One " Martin " West side of Charles Street
One " Broad " East " " Pearl "
One " Stewart " north " " Friendship "
One across Friendship East west side of Stewart Street
One " Summer " north " " Friendship "
One " Friendship " west " " Lockwood "
One " Lockwood " at the junction of Friendship St
One " Elbow " north side of Ship Street
One " Ship " East " " Elbow "
One " Bassett " West " " Ship "
One " Ship " East " " Bassett
One " Power " West " " Thayer "
One " Claverick " South " " Clifford

Passed June 13. 1853

In Convention June 13 1853

The Convention meet for the Choice of City Officers passed at the last Meeting

Judge of the Municipal Court Francis C Hoppin

Overseer of the Poor passed
Clerk of the Market do
Inspector of Liquor to ascertain proof D. V. Ross
Weighers of Anthracite Coal Edward C. Baker, Seth W Baker, Preston Bennet
Sup of North Burying Ground Philip W. Martin
School Committee passed
Firewards do
Presidents of Firewards do

A motion that no more Constables be appointed is lost
yeas 13 nays 14

Daniel Angell is nominated for Constable not elected
yeas 13 nays 17

Joseph C Greene is nominated as a Member of Engine Co No 11 it is
Voted, That said Nomination be referred to a Special Committee to be appointed by the Mayor
The Mayor appoints Ald Bates, A Payne & Lester

The following Firemen are elected

Hydraulion Company	No 1	112	Members	
Engine "	" 11	93	"	
Do	" 5	72	"	
	" 4	6	"	283

The two boards separate the Board of Aldermen retire to their Chambers.

City Solicitor

An Ordinance providing for the appointment of a City Solicitor, and prescribing his duties.

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

Section 1. In the Month of June, annually, and whenever a vacancy in the office shall occur, there shall be chosen by the City Council in Convention, a Solicitor for the City of Providence, who shall be a resident citizen thereof, and who shall have been an attorney and counsellor of the State, and who shall not hold any other office under the City during the time for which he is elected

Section 2. It shall be the duty of the said City Solicitor, by himself, or by some person by him duly authorized, for whose conduct, skill and faithfulness he shall be accountable to draft all bonds deeds, obligations, contracts, leases, conveyances, agreements, and other legal instruments, of whatever nature, which may be required of him, by any ordinance or order of the City Council, or of either Board thereof, or by any committee of the City Council, or of either Board thereof.

Section 3. It shall be the duty of the City Solicitor, to commence and prosecute all actions and suits to be commenced by the City before any tribunal in this State, whether in law or equity; and also to appear in, defend and advocate the rights and interests of the City, or of any of the Officers of the City in any suit or prosecution for any act or omission in the discharge of their Official duties, wherein any Estate, right, privilege, ordinance or act, or any breach of any ordinance may be brought in question, He shall also when requested act as Attorney and Counsel for any Officers of the city in any prosecution or proceeding which may be instituted by such officers, for any breach of any of the laws of the State or of any of the ordinances, orders or by laws of the City. He shall also appear before the General Assembly, or any Committee thereof, whether of either or both branches of the same, and there in behalf of the City, represent, answer for, defend and advocate the interests and welfare of the City, whenever the same may be directly or indirectly affected, whether to prosecute or defend the same; and he shall in all matters do every professional act incident to the office, which may be required of him by the City Council, or either Board thereof, or by any Committee thereof, or of either Board thereof, and shall when required furnish the City Council or either Board thereof, or any Committee thereof, or of either Board thereof, or any officer of the city who may require it, in the discharge of his official duties, with his legal opinion, on any subject touching the duties of their respective Offices, or the rights, duties and interests of the City

Section 4 In full compensation for all the services of said Solicitor he shall receive an annual Salary to be determined by the City Council. In all cases however when his attendance out of the City may be required of him, his reasonable travelling expenses shall be allowed him; and in all suits or prosecutions, he shall receive and retain such portions of the legal taxable costs, which may be recovered of the adverse party, as according to the practise and usage in this State are received and retained by the Attorney or Solicitor in such suits or prosecutions

Passed June 14 1853

Report

The following report of the Superintendent of Public Schools made to the School Committee on the 20th of May ult, having been referred to the undersigned, is hereby submitted to the City Council as the Annual Report of said Committee for the year now closing

In behalf of the School Committee
William Gammell
Sub Committee

Providence June 6. 1853

Report

Gentlemen

At the Quarterly Meeting of the Committee, held Nov. 22 1850 the following vote was passed.

"That it shall hereafter be the duty of the Superintendent to make to this Committee, in the Month of May, an Annual report on the progress and condition of the Schools from Year to year, and that this report, with such modifications as the Committee may direct shall constitute the Annual Report of the School Committee to the City Council."

In accordance with this vote, I hereby present to you such statistics and facts as have come to my notice during the past year. It will be most convenient first to take

A general view of the System

Providence was among the earliest cities, if not the very first, to adopt the present system of administration and supervision of her public Schools. The system is marked by two peculiarities – its supervision, and the completeness of its gradation. From the necessities of the case, when the supervision of some 6000 children gathered into some fifty Schools, devolves upon a body of thirty men local sub committees must be appointed to take charge of divisions and subdivisions of the general trust. The Schools are thus cared for in parts, no one eye observes the operation of the system as a whole, no one can readily see how a single change will effect the entire system, no one can give unity and efficiency to the

different grades, no one can transfer improvements from school to school, because no one is responsible for more than his immediate division. The necessity for a supervision which shall have reference to the entire department, has been felt more or less in every city.

But in no city in the country has it been so long and so thoroughly tested as in this.

In no City has the gradation of the schools been made more complete than here. By dividing all the Children into four general divisions or grades, we are able to secure a good classification in any and all of the schools. A Child on entering a primary School is placed in a class suited to his age and capacity and is thus made to feel all that stimulus which companionship in an equal struggle up the rugged pathway to preferment is wont to afford. He is in little or no danger of being neglected by the teacher in her unconscious attraction towards the more advanced and more intelligent. The self forgetful and ambitious ones are in less danger of excessive application in an unequal struggle with their superiors.

From class to class and from grade to grade, the learner passes through the Primary to the Intermediate, through the Intermediate to the Grammar, and through the Grammar to the High School, where he completes his course of instruction at the Public expense; Such is a general view of the System.

Such as it is and administered as it is, it now contains forty six Schools. One High, Seven Grammar, Sixteen Intermediate and twenty two primary Schools.

The number of admissions into all these schools during the past year has been 23,732 giving an average for each quarter of 5933 against 6288 last year making a difference of 355 notwithstanding the increase of population during the year.

This change took place about a year since, when the children of Catholic parents were withdrawn from the Public Schools. It is to be feared that the change has in too many instances furnished a pretext for a habitual neglect of School. Informal inquiries made by the teachers of the 6th ward have revealed the names of about one hundred Children in that single ward, who do not attend school at all. Of those belonging to the schools with the exception of localities where certain epidemics have prevailed, the attendance has been good in many instances unusually good

The number of scholers belonging to the schools during the present term, in each of the Wards is as follows;

Ward 1	946	against	942	last term	gain 4
" 2	543	"	542	"	" 1
" 3	921	"	883	"	" 38
" 4	1228	"	1200	"	" 28
" 5	919	"	970	"	loss 51
" 6	1235	"	1210	"	gain 25

Thus it will be seen, that there has been a gain in five of the wards of 96 and a loss in ward 5 of 51 leaving an increase in

favor of the present term of 45

The Schools are distributed throughout the Wards as follows

Ward 1	has 7	— 1	Gram. 3	Inter.	and 3 primary
" 2	" 5	— 2	" col 1	"	" 2 "
" 3	" 7	— 1	" 3	"	" 3 "
" 4	" 9	— 1	" 3	"	" 5 "
" 5	" 8	— 1	" 3	"	" 4 "
" 6	" 9	— 1	" 3	"	" 5 " Total 46

The entire cost of the School department for the year including the improvements made in the Estates in Benefit, Arnold, Summer and Elm Streets, has been $42,839.03 — The cost of mere instruction including the Salary of the Superintendent, has been $32,525. — Thus we have the cost per Scholer on the whole Expense a little more $7. — on the mere cost of instruction $5.50

The cost per schoder in the High School on the same basis is $16.56 in the Grammar Schools $8.31 in the Intermediate $4.35 in the Primary $3.36

No new Schools have been organized during the year, nor no houses built. The increase of population in the 4th and 6th wards will however render it necessary soon to provide additional accommodations for the Children

The contemplated change in the High School is yet to be made, all that is necessary to add to the report submitted by the Sub committee on the High School at the close of the last Quarter, is that the petition of this Board to the City Council for power to make the change & raise the Salary of the principal, if necessary to $1500, was granted

The Committee are now looking for a suitable person to fill the place of Principal, in the mean time the School is going on as heretofore organized. The teacher of the first room for boys will not vacate his place till the close of the next term

Evidences of Improvement

All that can be expected of mere children at the close of the year, is a reasonable degree of progress in whatever is suited to the age and capacity of childhood, an annual crop, and that natural and healthful.

Nothing seems more unsuitable and incongruous than to see the mere Child strutting forth in the costume of the adult. Nothing is more deceptive than the seeming progress of one who is uttering with a suspicious fluency language suited only to the thoughts of mature manhood. Nothing is more prejudicial to the Child's real progress, than the daily habit of giving assent to propositions whose verbal forms may for a time be forced upon the memory, but whose real import is entirely beyond the grasp of his understanding

In the administration of the entire department in all its grades and Classes, one purpose has been kept steadily in view, and that to make every lesson practical, real, life like

Education has been regarded rather as a growth in which an inward vital impulse in the learner produces its outward increase by the process of digestion and assimulation rather than a mere accumulation of the forms of knowledge brought on by any outward aid from the teacher; it is better that a child, by slow degrees grow up into a real manhood, than that he with a pigmys form, by some extraneous aid suddenly assume the mere semblance of a man.

In no branch of study, have the teachers been more successful than in Arithmetic. A continuance of the methods which now, almost universally prevail throughout all the grades of Schools, will effectually remove all grounds for the hitherto just allegation that the Arithmetic of the Schools, and the Arithmetic of the Counting room are quite different things: not only are the Examples given by the teacher such in kind as the pupil will meet with in the practical affairs of life, but those rapid and abbreviated processes of combination best suited to the Counting room are sought out and explained both theoretically and practically. It must have been obvious to the members of the Committee in their visits to the Schools that a marked change has taken place in this Study. If at any time, the secret suspicion, that these rapid and almost surprising results are reached by some trick or precep aside from the methods of sober calculation, it may be easily removed by investigating the methods themselves; they are simple and straight forward; Commencing with the simplest numbers and proceeding upon the principle by which Milo lifted the Ox, the learner at length acquires the strength to achieve the most surprising results. But the incidental advantages of these methods are not less important than the direct; they are of incalcuable service in overcoming what a distinguished educator denominates "the violent mental inertia" of Childhood. The ordinary routine of the School room is compatible with a low degree of mental activity. Without such Quickening processes as will "set the wits at work" and develope an inward energy and force which may at length awaken the consciousness of a self moving and self sustaining power, all appliances in education are, to say the least, greatly deficient. That teacher who has not learned the art of arousing the mind to activity, has much to learn before he deserves the name of educator. In making up mind, and securing an undivided attention, and in promoting intensity of mental application, these arithmetical Exercises have been found extremely useful. They are however to be continued but a short time on any one occasion, and always to be followed by some exhilerating exercise such as singing, reading, reciting in Concert, or something else that will restore the mind to its accustomed quiet

Nearly or quite as satisfactory, though by no means so striking and apparent, have been the results in Geography. Indeed, such results are not desirable. From the nature of the Study, different

faculties of the mind must be appealed to. The question with the Teacher of Geography is not whether the pupil can evolve his mental conceptions rapidly, but whether he possesses just and adequate pictures of the size, surface, and contour of a country, whether in uttering descriptive language his mental eye is ranging over a broad expanse of country, or merely tracing the lines of a paragraph on the page of a book. As an aid to the formation of just ideas of the surface of the Earth map drawing has been practised quite extensively in the Intermediate and Grammar Schools. A positive advantage would result from this exercise even though it were to consist merely in tracing the lines of another map: but when it consists in enlarging others maps, or especially, in constructing new maps from knowing the latitude and longitude of prominent points, it becomes doubly valuable. - valuable as a delineation of a mental picture and valuable as a mere lesson in drawing. Many a pupil has acquired a decided taste for drawing from his early attempts at representing the outlines of Countries Some fine specimen of maps drawn on cloth have already been noticed by the Committee, and the words of encouragement given by them have served to enkindle and sustain a desire for excellence in this department; it is no uncommon thing to see some six or eight children at once engaged at the Boards preparing maps for the approaching recitations

The method of teaching the English language which prevail in our Intermediate and Grammar Schools and High School, are leading to gratifying improvements.

Spelling is taught principally by writing, the learner cultivates the habit of correct Orthography as well by the eye as the ear: practically, spelling is called into requisition only when we read and write particularly the latter: he who is sure to write his words correctly is a good speller, whether he ever spells orally, or not; while he who may invariably spell a word correctly with his voice is by no means sure of presenting it correctly on paper. an error in an oral exercise falls upon the ear, and is soon forgotten, but an error on paper remains an offence to the eye, a blemish not soon to be forgotten.

These exercises in Orthography accomplish more than one purpose. a word is pronounced by the teacher, and is to be inserted by each pupil in a sentence of his own, to do this he must know how to define it, how to use it, and how to spell not only this, but all other words employed. So in the more direct exercises for grammatical analysis, the pupil expresses in writing some thoughts of his own. it may chance to be the statement of some event, the time, place manner or cause of which he is required to give; - his attention is directed to his own modes of expression. A Child appreciates his own language and can hence, the better tell why he chooses one form rather than another; his attention being directed to his own expressions, he soon discovers analogies and principles which lead him to generalize and classify. - thus parts of speech are gradually evolved, their relations and dependencies are discovered, and the pupil is at length prepared to comprehend the abstract rules and

definations of Grammar, but whether this be so or not, one thing is certain, the habitual use of the language in writing, inevitably leads, under the guidance of the teacher to a correct construction of sentences, and what more can be demandes — Some three or four thousand Children are daily learning to compose; beguiled into the dreaded art composition by the elementary exercises in sentence making,

On the whole, it may be said of the Schools that there is a general improvement in all the depaitments, and this not from the introdiection of new studies, but from the life like methods by which, the old ones are taught, not from an increase in the number of pages gone over, but from the more searching methods by which a few have been mastered

Agencies employed and means of improvement

A review of the list of teachers employed when the present Superintendent entered upon his duties — less than two years since shows that out of One hundred and six teachers, — the number then in the service forty have left. And if to this number we add the changes which have since taken place among those who supplied their places, the number would not fall much short of fifty, or nearly haly of the whole number of teachers. reckoning the temporary supplies provided for a single term or for the fraction of a term and we may safely say that more than fifty new teachers have been introduced into our schools in less than two yeans. Now these teachers are for the most part young ladies, without epperience, and till recently without previous preparation; but yet they enter upon duty with full pay and serve an apprenticeship of a few years, leave school, marry and are succeeded by others who follow in the footsteps of their predecessors — thus we are paying for a succession of apprenticeships getting a set of teachers ready for efficient service and parting with them just at the time, when we begin to receive a return for the outlay — In no other department of indiestry does such a practice prevail. Some previous skill or epperience is regarded as indispensible.

How can the Standard of education in our schools be materially elevated, without some previous professional preparation on the part of our teachers, it is in vain to say that skill must be acquired by practice in the school room.

It may be thus acquired and a part of the skill can be acquired no where else, but it is a poor return that the City receives after having paid $800. to $1000 — for a teachers preparation for her work, that the same expenditure must forthwith be made upon another, "As is the teacher so is the school" if the teacher comes awkwardly to her work, disceplines the Children without discretion, teaches as though she felt, at every effort, a consciousness of her want of skill, a general feeling of distrust ensues and months of labor in the midst difficulties will often be required to establish confidence and gain a complete ascendency over the pupils

To save so far as possible the necessity for this unprofitable apprenticeship a class of candidates

was formed in the Autumn of 1851, which continued to receive lectures and drill epercises from the Superintendent about 8 months — The lectures were given but twice in a week & though productive of good, were not suffiient to meet the wants of the candidates for our School — During the past year a similar class has been formed, but continued for a shorter time and under the more efficient organization of a Normal School — It is believed that the approved candidates many of whom have been selected from the pupils of that School, will enter upon their duties with decided views of teaching and governing, and with positive habits of communicating instruction acquired by their daily epercises in this School

To elevate the standard of epellence among our teachers, is to elevate our Schools, and in no way can we so well produce a direct effect upon the Schools as to introduce into them efficient, well qualified teachers

S. S. Greene
Superintendent

Read, Whereupon it is resolved, that the same be received and referred to the Standing Committee on Public Schools; and that said Committee be directed to cause the same to be printed in such manner as they may deem eppedient

Passed June 14 1853

Engine Co N° 5

Resolved, that the First Fireward be and he is hereby directed to place the Engine N° 5, the Engine House and appurtenances in charge of the Company this day elected.

Passed June 14 1853

Wooden Building

The petition of Rufus W Kimball requesting liberty to remove a One Story Wooden Building from the South side of Broad Street and to place the same in the rear of N° 19 Pearl Street

Read, Whereupon, it is resolved that the prayer thereof be granted

Passed June 14 1853

Firewards Report

The Board of Firewards as required by Ordinance report the State of the Fire Department for the year ending June 6th 1853

Read, Whereupon it is Ordered that the same be received and referred to the Standing Committee on the Fire Department; and that said Committee cause the same to be printed in the Newspapers employed to do the City printing

Passed June 14 1853

First Firewards Report

To the Hon. City Council

Monthly Report of Expenditures for the Fire Department

For Engine	No 1	$ 2.00
" "	" 2	52.—
" "	" 3	92.00
" "	" 4	43.65
" "	" 5	36.44
" "	" 6	97.81
" "	" 7	1.26
" "	" 9	46.00
" "	" 10	47.75
" Hydraulic	" 1	63.98
" do	" 2	92.28
" Incidental		78.72
		653.89

Prov. June 6. 1853

Joseph W. Taylor First Fireward

Read, Whereupon it is Ordered that the same be received

Passed June 14. 1853

S of Highways

The Surveyor of Highways makes his Monthly Report for work done from May 9 to June 4. 1852 amt $2101.02

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

Passed June 14 1853

Rawson Fountain

Resolved, That the First Fire Ward be and he is hereby requested to ascertain & report to the City Council, upon what terms an arrangement can be made with the Rawson Fountain Society for a Supply of Water at times of Fire and also the Expense of attaching Hydrants to their Main Pipes.

Passed June 14. 1853

Cross Walks

Resolved, that the Surveyor of Highways be and he is hereby directed to cause two Cross walks to be laid in the following places, viz: One across Calender Street on the North side of Sabin Street, and one across Sabin Street on West side of Mathewson Street

Passed June 14. 1853

D R Clapp

Resolved, that the City Solicitor be and he is hereby authorized and directed to file exceptions to the ruling of the Court in case of Daniel R Clapp vs City of Providence

Passed June 22 1853

S Water St

Resolved. That Messrs Mason, Goddard and Walker and Ald^n Hall be a Committee to inquire into & report upon the expediency and feasability of extending South Water Street from its present termination to Fox Point Wharf

Passed June 22 1853

Iron Fence

Resolved. That the Sum of Thirty five Hundred Dollars (in addition to the appropriation made by the City Council July 12 1852) be and the same is hereby appropriated towards the Erection of an Iron fence around the inner Circle of the Cove Promenade, and that the same be paid out of any money's in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated

Passed June 22 1853

City Solicitors Salary

An Ordinance fixing the Salary of the City Solicitor

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

Section 1 The Salary of the City Solicitor for the present Municipal year, shall be at the rate of Eight hundred Dollars per annum, payable Quarterly

Passed June 22 1853

Prov Artillery Comp

Resolved That the Standing Committee to engross Ordinances be and they are hereby directed to enquire into and report to this Council, what claim the Providence Artillery may have (if any) to a portion of the Town Hodge Lot, and how far the City is liable to furnish them another location in case their present one should be needed by the City.

Passed June 22 1853

Resolved. That the Surveyor of Highways be and he is hereby directed to proceed immediately after the completion of the pavement of South Water Street, to finish the paving of Exchange Place and South Main Street

Passed June 22 1853

In Convention June 22 1853

The two Boards are in Session for the Purpose of choosing a City Solicitor and other Officers

James M Clarke is chosen City Solicitor on the first ballot.

A Payne Esq made a Statement in regard to the Case of Daniel R Clapp vs City of Providence recently tried in the Circuit Court at Newport

Charles Remington and George L Tucker are chosen weighers of Anthracite Coal

The following firemen are elected (for names see Finance Record)

Hydraulion Company N° 2 – 19 members Elected. Clerk reports 2 dismissed 17
Engine Do " 9 – 7 " " Do " 1 " 6
23

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

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P W & F R R Co

Resolved. That Messrs Walter Paine Jun^r. Williams and Goddard of the Common Council with Alderman Knowles, appointed on the 11th October 1852, a Committee to confer with the Hartford, Providence & Fishkill Rail road Company, in relation to any alteration or deviation, from the original plan respecting the improvements in the Cove, be and are hereby continued a Committee, with full authority, in conformity to the Resolve of the City Council of March 21. 1853, so to vary the contract between the City and said Company, as to release said Company from building that part of the Cove Wall between the Western end of the Bridge abutment, near the State Prison, and the Point S near Carpenters Point, as shown on the Plat of land granted to said Company on file in the City Clerks Office in Book N° 4 page 13, upon receiving from said Company a sum of money, equal to the cost of the Wall hereby given up, and said Committee are hereby authorized to receive said Sum of Money, and to execute a release to said Company accordingly

Resolved, That said Paine, Williams & Goddard with Alderman Knowles, are hereby appointed a Committee, to accept and approve, of the remaining portion of Wall built or to be built by said Company, and also the filling of the

Cove, in pursuance of the Resolves of the City Council, relative thereto, and their Certificate that said remaining portion of Wall has been properly built, or that said filling has been properly completed, shall be conclusive between the parties

Passed July 11. 1853

P W & Bristol R R Co

Upon the Petition of the Providence, Warren and Bristol Rail Road Company, this day presented to the City Council; it is Ordered that the same be received and referred to Messrs Anthony, Tillinghast and Pabodie and Alderman Hall to Examine and report thereon

Passed July 11 1853

D R Clapp

Resolved, That the City Treasurer be and he is hereby authorized and directed to execute a Bond of the City of Providence in such Sum and in such form as he may be advised by the City Solicitor, may be legal and proper in order to enable the City to prosecute their writ of Error to the Supreme Court in the Case Daniel R Clapp vs City of Providence

Passed July 11. 1853

Births &c

To the Honorable City Council of the City of Providence

Report of Com^ee

The Committee to engross Ordinances to whom was referred the communication of the City Clerk in relation to an Act entitled an Act to provide for the registration of births marriages and deaths

Respectfully Report That they have had the subject under consideration, and are of the opinion, that an expenditure sufficient to accomplish the Purpose named might be judiciously made and they therefore recommend the passage of the accompanying resolution

A Payne For the Committee

Read. Whereupon it is resolved that the same be received

Passed July 11 1853

Births

Resolved That the City Clerk be authorized to employ suitable persons to ascertain the number of births which may have occurred in the City of Providence from the first day of June A D 1852 to the 31 st day of May A D 1853 in conformity to an Act of the General Assembly entitled an Act to provide for the registration of births, marriages and deaths passed January A D 1852 and that he be authorized to draw upon the City Treasurer for an amount necessary to pay the expenses of obtaining the said information not exceeding the sum of three Hundred Dollars

Passed July 11. 1853

City Printing

The Committee on City Printing,

Respectfully Report

That they have contracted with Messrs Knowles & Anthony for Advertising &c and also for Job Printing upon the same terms as last year, and have also contracted with Messrs Sayles, Miller & Simons to advertise in the Daily Post and the Republican Herald and Post for the sum of Two hundred & fifty dollars, as per contract herewith submitted

A Payne for the Com^ee

We the undersigned do hereby agree to publish in the Daily, Semi-Weekly and Weekly Journal, all the City advertising, all matter ordered to be published by the City Council or by either Board thereof, or by any Committee of either Board thereof, and all matter required by law to be published in the papers required to do the City printing, and all special notices from the Mayor and City Clerk, and also to furnish a Daily Journal for the use of the City Clerks Office; for one year from June 9, 1853 for the sum of Three hundred Dollars

And we do hereby renew the contract of last year in relation to the Job Printing, to wit, that we will do the same at prices, that shall be satisfactory to the City Auditor, and in manner and style satisfactory to the Officer ordering the same

Knowles & Anthony
Providence June 1853 per Chas J Wheeler

We agree to do the above described Newspaper Printing in the Providence Daily Post and Republican Herald and Post, for Two hundred & fifty Dollars per annum, Daily Paper included, the year to commence June 9 1853

Sayles, Miller & Simons

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

Passed July 11 1853

Tho^s Durfee Oration

Resolved, That the Committee appointed to make arrangements for the Municipal Celebration of American Independence, be and they are hereby authorized to request of Thomas Durfee Esq a Copy of the Oration delivered by him on the fourth of July last, and cause the same to be published in such manner as they may deem expedient for the use of the City Council

Passed July 11 1853

To the Hon. The City Council

Monthly Report of Expenditures for the Fire Department

For Engine	№ 1	$4.00	
"	Do 2	126.89	
"	Do 3	69.92	
"	Do 4	27.64	
"	Do 5	4.50	
"	Do 6	99.42	
"	Do 7	47.05	
"	Do 9	8.57	
"	Do 10	3.01	
"	Do 11	134.08	
"	Hydraulion 1	31.79	
"	Do 2	156.40	
"	Incidental	280.34	1085.03

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

Passed June 11 1853

D Asylum

Resolved, That the City Treasurer be and he is hereby directed to pay the bill of Orlando Smith, Three hundred sixty nine 66/100 Dollars for Curb Stone placed in front of the Asylum Farm on Hope Street, out of the appropriation for Highways

Passed July 11. 1853

S Main St
Broad St

Resolved, That the Surveyor of Highways be and he is hereby directed to proceed immediately after paving South Water Street, to pave South Main Street, and that portion of Broad Street lying between Dorrance Street and Westminsters Street; and the resolution passed at the last Meeting of the City Council in relation to paving Exchange Place, is hereby rescinded

Passed July 11 1853

Temporary Loan

Resolved, That the City Treasurer be authorized under the advice and direction of the Standing Committee on Finance to increase the temporary Loan by the additional sum of not exceeding fifteen thousand Dollars

Passed July 11. 1853

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An Ordinace in relation to Public Schools

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

Section 1. From and after the passage of this Ordinance the number of Public Schools in said City shall be forty three; (not including schools for colored children) and that said schools shall be of the following description to wit;

One High School
Six Grammar Schools
Sixteen Intermediate Schools
Twenty Primary Schools

Additional Schools may be established by a resolution of the City Council

Section 2 There shall be three Public Schools maintained exclusively for the instruction of colored children, the grades thereof to be determined from time to time by the School Committee

Section 3 Free instruction shall be given in the public schools to the children of all the inhabitants of said City who shall see fit to avail themselves of the benefits thereof the pupils to be subject to such rules and regulations as the School Committee may from time to time prescribe

Section 4 There Shall be a School Committee consisting of Forty persons, to be annually elected by the City Council. All vacancies in the School Committee shall be filled by the City Council, and it shall be the duty of the Secretary of said Committee to report any such vacancy to the City Council as soon as may be after the same shall occur

Section 5 The School Committee shall appoint annually a Superintendent of the Public Schools, and such Teachers as they may deem expedient, who shall perform such duties as said Committee may from time to time prescribe. The Superintendent shall keep regular office hours other than the school hours, and it shall be his special duty, to occupy his time during school hours in visiting the several public schools

Section 6 All moneys appropriated for the support of public Schools shall be subject to the exclusive control of the School committee, who shall have full Power to cause the same or any part thereof to be expended in any manner which they may deem most advisable for the benefit and welfare of the schools; excepting so much thereof as will be from time to time required for the payment of the salaries of the Superintendent and teachers; and excepting also, all such appropriations as may be made for any specific purpose or purposes. Said committee shall also have full power and authority to establish and alter

from time to time as they may deem expedient the bounds of the several school districts, in order to provide suitable locations for such new schools as may hereafter be established by the City Council, or to make more equal apportionment of pupils to the several schools. It shall be their duty to see that the school houses and estates are kept in proper repair; to select and designate the best text books; and to provide all such apparatus, and all other means of instruction for all the schools, as may be necessary for keeping the same in efficient operation & for enabling the pupils to receive all the advantages therefrom which it is the intention of this Ordinance to provide and secure.

Said Committee shall have and exercise a general discretionary power in all matters and things relating to the public Schools, which are not specially provided for by this Ordinance, or by the Laws of the State, and may make regulations not repugnant to said laws, or to the Ordinances of this City

Section 7. All Ordinances or parts of Ordinances inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed

Passed July 11th 1853

The Surveyor of Highways makes his Monthly report of Work done from June 6 to July 11. 1853 amt $3352,88

Read, Whereupon it is ordered that the same be received

Passed July 11th 1853

In Convention July 11 1853

The following named persons are appointed Members of the School Committee

Moses B. Ives.	Edward B. Hall.	Amherst Everett
John J. Stimson	Edward R. Young	Thos M. Burgess
Richmond Brownell,	Geo H. Tillinghast	Amos D. Smith
Edw P. Knowles	Elisha Dyer Jr	G. L. Dwight
Esek Aldrich	Wm C. Snow	Jas N. Granger
Wm Gammell	S. Augustus Arnold	Sam G Arnold
Wm W. Hoppin	Edw Walcott	Owen Mason
Jabez C Knight	Robert W. Potter	Geo. I. Chase
Seth Padelford	Edwin M Stone	Amos C Barstow
John Barstow	Walter R Danforth	Wm T Grinnell

After nominating ten additional Members as provided by the Ordinance this day passed, it is

Voted, That the Election of the additional members of the School Committee be postponed to the next meeting of the Council

Voted That a Committee of one from each Ward be appointed to nominate the additional Members of the School Committee, and that said Committee be designated by the Mayor

over

The Mayor names the following persons on said Committee

John H. Tayler	1 ward	Oliver Johnson	4 Ward
Wm Goddard	2 "	Samuel James	5 "
Geo. W. Hall	3 "	J. K. Lester	6 "

Joseph W. Taylor is elected Chief Engineer

Henry Staples
Edwin J. Nightingale
Eben W. Percival
William S. Johnson
David C. Anthony
Stephen P. Henry
} are appointed Assistant Engineers

William Tallman
Nath[l] F. Potter
Allen Baker
} Presidents of Firewards

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

An Ordinance Establishing a Fire Department
(See Ordinance Book No 2 page)

Passed July 11 1853

4th of July — Resolved That the further sum of four hundred Dollars be the same is hereby appropriated out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the celebration of the recent anniversary of American Independence

Passed August 9. 1853

Engine Co No 10 — Resolved. That the sum of thirty nine Dollars be and is hereby appropriated for the purchase of Window Blinds or Shutters, to be placed upon the House occupied by Engine Company No 10 to be expended under the direction of the Chief Engineer, and that said amount be paid out of the appropriation for the Fire Department

Passed August 9. 1853

Engine Co No 3 — Resolved, That the sum of Two Hundred Dollars be and is hereby appropriated to and for the use of No 3 Engine Company and the City Treasurer be directed to pay the same out of the Appropriations for the Fire Department upon his receiving a full discharge from said Company for all bills which have accrued from the erection of their house on Page Street

Passed August 9. 1853

Engine Co No 2 — Resolved, That the Chief Engineer be directed to contract for the purchase of a new Engine for No 2 Engine Company and that he shall act under the advice of the Board of Engineers in the purchase of said Engine, and that the cost thereof be paid out of the appropriation for the Fire Department, provided said cost shall not exceed the sum of One Thousand Dollars

Passed August 9. 1853

Iron Fence — Resolved, That the Committee appointed to cause an Iron Fence to be erected, around the Cove Promenade be and they are hereby authorized and directed to contract for Coping stone similar to that used for the foundation of the fence, sufficient to complete the circle

Passed August 9. 1853

Reform Sch. — Upon the Memorial of the Trustees of the Providence Reform School, this day presented to the City Council, it is

Resolved, that the same be received and referred to Messrs Pabodie, Grinnell and Carpenter and Ald Knowles to examine and report thereon

Passed August 9. 1853

AN ORDINANCE
Establishing a Fire Department.

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

SECTION 1. The Fire Department of the City shall consist of a Chief Engineer and six Assistant Engineers, who shall be elected by the City Council and sworn as City officers; and of as many firemen, not exceeding twelve hundred in the whole, as the City Council may from time to time elect. The City Council may divide the firemen into as many companies as the number of Engines, and the number and quantity of other fire apparatus belonging to the City, shall from time to time require.

SEC. 2. The Chief Engineer and Assistant Engineers shall constitute a Board to be called the Board of Engineers, a majority of whom shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. Said Board shall organize immediately after their election, and shall determine the relative rank of the Assistant Engineers. The Chief Engineer, and in his absence such Assistant Engineer as the Board may choose, shall be Chairman of the Board. The Board shall choose from their own number a Secretary, who shall keep a correct record of the proceedings of the Board, which record shall at all times be open to the inspection of any member of the Standing Committee on the Fire Department. The Board shall also choose from their number an Auditor, by whom all bills against the Fire Department shall be examined and certified before being audited by the City Auditor. Said Board are authorized to make such rules and regulations in relation to the Fire Department, and the control of the property of the City connected with the same, as they may from time to time deem advisable, provided such rules and regulations shall not conflict with the ordinances of the City or the laws of the State.

SEC. 3. Said Board shall have power to sell or otherwise dispose of any fire apparatus belonging to the City, which may be unserviceable or not in use, and the proceeds of all such sales shall be paid by said Board into the City Treasury.

SEC. 4. It shall be the duty of said Board to hear and decide all appeals taken in writing from the decision of the Chief Engineer or either of the Assistant Engineers, and the decision of said Board thereon shall be final. All applications for the purchase or exchange of Engines, or of lots for Engine Houses; for the erection or removal of Engine Houses, and for the construction of Reservoirs,

Wells and Cisterns, shall be made to said Board, by whom the same shall be immediately considered and reported to the City Council, with the opinion of said Board upon the merits of such application, and their reasons for said opinion in writing. Said Board shall take into consideration and report in writing to the City Council, all matters relating to the Fire Department or to the property of the City connected therewith, which may be referred to them by the City Council, or by either branch thereof. Said Board shall annually, in the month of May, report to the City Council the state of the Fire Department, giving in said report a list of fires in the City for the year next preceeding, and such statistics in relation to losses, insurance and the causes of fires, as they may be able to procure; and such other information and suggestions in relation to the operation of the fire system as they may deem advisable.

Sec. 5. Whenever any Company in the Fire Department shall refuse to do duty, or shall have been disbanded, or shall have been suspended from the Fire Department, or shall have become, in the opinion of the Board of Engineers, so reduced in its numbers, as to be inefficient to perform duty, the Board of Engineers shall immediately take possession of the property of the City to which such Company shall have been attached; and said Board shall have power to hire a sufficient number of men to perform fire duty in lieu of the Company aforesaid. Said Board shall designate a foreman for said Company so hired, but all other officers of the Company may be chosen by the members thereof. Whenever a Company shall have been formed as aforesaid, it shall be the duty of the Board of Engineers to report to the City Council the names of all persons, members of said Company.

Sec. 6. The whole Fire Department of the City shall be under the command of the Chief Engineer. It shall be his duty to exercise a constant supervision over the Fire Department. He shall have the general charge of the property of the City connected with the Fire Deparment, and shall see that the same is always kept in good repair, and is ready for immediate use.

All disputes and controversies arising in relation to any matter connected with the Fire Department among any of its Companies, officers, or members, when on duty, shall be summarily decided by the Chief Engineer or in his absence from the place of difficulty, by the Assistant Engineer highest in rank there present.

The Chief Engineer shall attend at all fires which may occur in the City, and all orders given by him, to any Assistant Engineer, Company or fireman shall be promptly obeyed. It shall be his special duty to see that the provisions of this ordinance and the rules and regulations of the Board

of Engineers are regularly and strictly enforced and observed. He shall make a monthly report to the City Council of all the expenditures of the Fire Department.

The duties required by this ordinance of the Chief Engineer shall, in his absence, or inability to act, be performed by the Assistant Engineer highest in rank present.

In case of any violation of duty on the part of the Chief Engineer, the same shall be reported to the City Council, by the Board of Engineers.

Sec. 7. It shall be the duty of the Assistant Engineers to repair immediately to fires within the City, to obey all orders while on fire duty given to them, or to either of them, by the Chief Engineer, and to assist him in the discharge of his duties as far as possible.

In case any Assistant Engineer shall be guilty of disobedience, disrespect or other improper conduct it shall be the duty of the Chief Engineer to report the same to the City Council.

Sec. 8. Neither the Chief Engineer nor either of the Assistant Engineers shall be an officer or member of any Fire Company in the Fire Department. No person shall be eligible to the office of Chief Engineer or Assistant Engineer, who shall have arrived at the age of sixty years.

Sec. 9. When on duty the Chief Engineer and the Assistant Engineers shall wear such badge to distinguish them in their respective offices, as the Board of Engineers shall direct. The Chief Engineer and the Assistant Engineers shall severally have power to command such assistance, from the inhabitants of the City, for the suppression or extinguishing of fires, and for the preservation of property exposed to fire, as may be required. They, or either of them, shall have full power to suppress all tumults and disorders at fires, and the Chief Engineer, or Assistant Engineer, in command, shall have power to order any Company, fireman or other person away from the neighborhood of said fire. In case any person shall refuse or neglect to render assistance as above required and shall not be excused by the Board of Engineers, or if any fire company, fireman, or other person, shall refuse or neglect to depart when ordered so to do, as aforesaid, the fireman, or members present of such company, or other person, in either case so offending, shall forfeit and pay a fine of not exceeding twenty, nor less than two dollars for each offence, to be sued for and recovered, to and for the use of the City, by proper legal process, before any court of competent jurisdiction.

Sec. 10. The Chief Engineer and each Assistant Engineer shall, at all times, have free access to all parts of every building belonging to or hired by the City, used by any Company in the Fire Department, and shall have suitable keys for that purpose.

Passed August 9th 1853

Sec. 11. Each Engine Company in the Fire Department, shall be under the immediate command of a foreman and such other officers as they may designate, who shall be elected by the members of said Company. The foreman of each Company shall have the special charge of the property of the City to which his Company may be attached. It shall be his duty to see that said property is properly taken care of, and to report any deficiency, defect or want of repair therein, as soon as known to him, to the Chief Engineer. Each foreman and the Company under his command, unless specially excused or otherwise directed shall proceed, as soon as practicable, with their Engines and apparatus, to every fire that shall occur in the City, and shall proceed, under such rules and regulations as the Board of Engineers may have prescribed, and such directions as may be given by the Chief Engineer or either of the Assistant Engineers, to locate their Engine and apparatus, and to do all that may be necessary towards the extinguishing of the fire and the preservation of property exposed to fire.

Sec. 12. No Engine or other property belonging to the City, connected with the Fire Department, shall be taken out of the City, unless under such regulations as the Chief Engineer may, from time to time, establish. No more than two Companies with their engines, shall be absent from the City, at any one time, on a pleasure excursion, nor shall more than one third of the whole number of Fire Engines leave the City at any one time, on any pretence whatever. No person shall beat a gong, ring an Engine bell, or use any musical instrument, while returning from a fire.

Sec. 13. No Fire Engine, or Hook and Ladder Truck, or Hose Cart, shall, in going to, or returning from any fire, or at any other time, be run, driven, wheeled, drawn or placed upon any sidewalk, except by the special order of the Chief Engineer, or of an Assistant Engineer, under the penalty of Ten Dollars for each offence, to be forfeited and paid by every person adjudged guilty of aiding or assisting in such offence, to be sued for and recovered to and for the use of City, by proper legal process before any Court of competent jurisdiction.

Sec. 14. No cards, dice or other articles used for gaming, shall be brought into, or suffered to remain in, any building used by any Company in the Fire Department, nor shall any spirituous liquors be used therein; and no building used by any Company in the Fire Department shall be opened on Sunday, except in case of an alarm of fire.

Sec. 15. It shall be the duty of the Chief Engineer or the Assstant Engineer in command, to order from the ground all Fire Asssociations or Fire Companies not belonging to the Fire Department.

Provided however, that the foregoing provision shall not apply to Fire Companies belonging to other Fire Departments.

Sec. 16. The sum of 20 dollars shall be paid annually to each member of the Hook and Ladder Companies in the Fire Department—said sum to be paid by the City Treasurer, out of the appropriation for the Fire Department, upon the certificate of the Chief Engineer, that fire duty in such Company, for the year next preceeding, has been performed by the person claiming said sum. Provided, however, that the number of members of each Company shall never exceed twenty.

Sec. 17. The several Watch Districts of the City as designated and numbered by the Board of Aldermen, shall be also Fire Districts, and bear the same number. And in case of an alarm of fire in the night, the several bells of the City shall be tolled, the number of strokes on the bell to correspond with the number of the District in which the fire shall break out. And if by reason of the increase of the fire, or any other cause, more assistance shall be needed, the same shall be made known by the continuous tolling of the bells.

Sec. 18. Any Company in the Fire Department, or any fireman while on fire duty, who shall be guilty of disrespect towards the Chief Engineer, or either of the Assistant Engineers, or of disobedience of their orders or the orders of either of them, or of the violation of the provisions of this ordinance, or of any of the rules or regulations which may be established by the Board of Engineers, may be suspended from the Fire Department, by the Chief Engineer or the Assistant Engineer in command; which suspension shall continue for the remainder of the municipal year, unless reversed or limited by the Board of Engineers, to whom an appeal may be taken in writing within three days next after such suspension. The Board of Engineers shall at all times have the power to suspend any Company in the Fire Department, or any fireman in the same, for improper behavior when on duty, or for the violation of any of the provisions of this ordinance or of any rule or regulation established by said Board, such suspension to continue for the remainder of the municipal year, unless otherwise ordered by said Board. And all decisions made by said Board under the authority given by this Ordinance, in relation to any matter pertaining to the Fire Department shall be final.

Sect. 19 All Ordinances and parts of Ordinances inconsistent with any of the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed

Passed July 11 1853

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SEC. 11. Each Engine Company in the Fire Department, shall be under the immediate command of a foreman and such other officers as they may designate, who shall be elected by the members of said Company. The foreman of each Company shall have the special charge of the property of the City to which his Company may be attached. It shall be his duty to see that said property is properly taken care of, and to report any deficiency, defect or want of repair therein, as soon as known to him, to the Chief Engineer. Each foreman and the Company under his command, unless specially excused or otherwise directed shall proceed, as soon as practicable, with their Engines and apparatus, to every fire that shall occur in the City, and shall proceed, under such rules and regulations as the Board of Engineers may have prescribed, and such directions as may be given by the Chief Engineer or either of the Assistant Engineers, to locate their Engine and apparatus, and to do all that may be necessary towards the extinguishing of the fire and the preservation of property exposed to fire.

SEC. 12. No Engine or other property belonging to the City, connected with the Fire Department, shall be taken out of the City, unless under such regulations as the Chief Engineer may, from time to time, establish. No more than two Companies with their engines, shall be absent from the City, at any one time, on a pleasure excursion, nor shall more than one third of the whole number of Fire Engines leave the City at any one time, on any pretence whatever. No person shall beat a gong, ring an Engine bell, or use any musical instrument, while returning from a fire.

SEC. 13. No Fire Engine, or Hook and Ladder Truck, or Hose Cart, shall, in going to, or returning from any fire, or at any other time, be run, driven, wheeled, drawn or placed upon any sidewalk, except by the special order of the Chief Engineer, or of an Assistant Engineer, under the penalty of Ten Dollars for each offence, to be forfeited and paid by every person adjudged guilty of aiding or assisting in such offence, to be sued for and recovered to and for the use of City, by proper legal process before any Court of competent jurisdiction.

SEC. 14. No cards, dice or other articles used for gaming, shall be brought into, or suffered to remain in, any building used by any Company in the Fire Department, nor shall any spirituous liquors be used therein; and no building used by any Company in the Fire Department shall be opened on Sunday, except in case of an alarm of fire.

SEC. 15. It shall be the duty of the Chief Engineer or the Assstant Engineer in command, to order from the ground all Fire Asssociations or Fire Companies not belonging to the Fire Department.

Provided however, that the foregoing provision shall not apply to Fire Companies belonging to other Fire Departments.

SEC. 16. The sum of 20 dollars shall be paid annually to each member of the Hook and Ladder Companies in the Fire Department—said sum to be paid by the City Treasurer, out of the appropriation for the Fire Department, upon the certificate of the Chief Engineer, that fire duty in such Company, for the year next preceeding, has been performed by the person claiming said sum. Provided, however, that the number of members of each Company shall never exceed twenty.

SEC. 17. The several Watch Districts of the City as designated and numbered by the Board of Aldermen, shall be also Fire Districts, and bear the same number. And in case of an alarm of fire in the night, the several bells of the City shall be tolled, the number of strokes on the bell to correspond with the number of the District in which the fire shall break out. And if by reason of the increase of the fire, or any other cause, more assistance shall be needed, the same shall be made known by the continuous tolling of the bells.

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Passed July 11 1853

The Mayor names the following persons on said Committee

John H. Taylor	1 Ward	Oliver Johnson	4 Ward
Wm Goddard	2 "	Samuel James	5 "
Geo. W. Hall	3 "	J. K. Lester	6 "

Joseph W. Taylor is elected Chief Engineer

Henry Staples
Edwin J. Nightingale
Eben W. Percival
William S. Johnson
David C. Anthony
Stephen P. Henry
} are appointed Assistant Engineers

William Tallman
Nath[l] F. Potter
Allen Baker
} Presidents of Firewards

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

An Ordinance establishing a Fire Department
(See Ordinance Book No 2 page)

Passed July 11 1853

4th of July

Resolved That the further sum of four hundred Dollars be & the same is hereby appropriated out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the celebration of the recent anniversary of American Independence

Passed August 9. 1853

Engine Co No 10

Resolved. That the sum of Thirty nine Dollars be and is hereby appropriated for the purchase of Window Blinds or Shutters, to be placed upon the House occupied by Engine Company No 10 to be expended under the direction of the Chief Engineer, and that said amount be paid out of the appropriation for the Fire Department

Passed August 9. 1853

Engine Co No 3

Resolved. That the sum of Two Hundred Dollars be and is hereby appropriated to and for the use of No 3 Engine Company and the City Treasurer be directed to pay the same out of the Appropriations for the Fire Department upon his receiving a full discharge from said Company for all bills which have accrued from the erection of their house on Page Street

Passed August 9. 1853

Engine Co No 2

Resolved, That the Chief Engineer be directed to contract for the purchase of a new Engine for No 2 Engine Company and that he shall act under the advice of the Board of Engineers in the purchase of said Engine, and that the cost thereof be paid out of the appropriation for the Fire Department, provided said cost shall not exceed the sum of One Thousand Dollars

Passed August 9. 1853

Iron Fence

Resolved, That the Committee appointed to cause an Iron Fence to be erected, around the Cove Promenade be and they are hereby authorized and directed to contract for Coping stone similar to that used for the foundation of the fence, sufficient to complete the circle

Passed August 9. 1853

Reform Sch.

Upon the Memorial of the Trustees of the Providence Reform School, this day presented to the City Council, it is

Resolved, that the same be received and referred to Messrs Pabodie, Grinnell and Carpenter and Ald Knowles to examine and report thereon

Passed August 9. 1853

To the Hon^d City Council

Monthly Report of Expenditures for the Fire Department

Engine	№ 2	15,23
Do	3	73.33
Do	4	2.00
Do	5	2.00
Do	6	33.87
Do	7	23.00
Do	9	61.56
Do	10	74,49
Do	11	13.75
Hydrantion	1	19.75
Do	2	14.50
Fire Hook & Ladder	Company	2.00
Incidental		82.72
		$ 418.20

Read. It is thereupon ordered that the same be received

Passed August 9. 1853

Water

Upon the Report this day made to the City Council, by the Committee appointed on the 21st day of March last, to enquire and Report respecting the practicability of supplying the City with pure and wholesome water

It is resolved, that the same together with the Reports of the Engineers, made to the Committee, and accompanying said Report be received

Resolved. That said Committee be, and they are hereby directed to cause said Reports to be printed in pamphlet form and such of the plats accompanying the same, as they may deem proper, to be lithographed; for the use of the City Council

Passed August 9. 1853

Hartford, Prov & Fish. Rail R R Co.

To the Hon. the City Council
of the City of Providence

The Committee on Improvements around the Cove Promenade

Respectfully Report

That they have made a settlement with the Providence, Hartford and Fishkill Rail Road Company, releasing said Company from building a portion of wall in connection with the Cove Promenade and have received from said Company the sum of Four thousand, two hundred fifty Dollars and fifteen cts; which sum they have deposited in the office of the City Treasurer as per receipt of the Treasurer herewith presented

for the Committee

W Paine Jun^r

Read Whereupon it is resolved that the same be received

Passed August 9. 1853

Benjamin M Jackson requests liberty to remove a Wooden Building from its present location on Pine Street near Grace Church Cemetery and to place the same on the back part of the same lot fronting on Somerset St

Read, Whereupon it is resolved that the prayer thereof be granted

Passed August 15 1853

Sterry Kelly requests liberty to remove a Wooden building from the front to the rear of a lot on Stewart Street

Read, Whereupon, it is resolved that the Prayer thereof be granted

Passed August 15 1853

P. W & Bristol R R

Upon the petition of the Providence, Warren & Bristol Railroad Company for permission to lay rails from the Depot of the Prov. & Boston Railroad Company at India Point, to connect with those laid on South Water Street by the Providence & Worcester Railroad Company

Resolved, That said Providence, Warren and Bristol Railroad Company be hereby authorized to lay their rails upon India Street, and that part of South Main Street South of its function with Wickenden Street, and also upon any Street or gangway between South Main, and South Water Streets and South of said function and to connect their said rails with those laid on South Water Street, by said Providence & Worcester Railroad Company, and that said rails be laid under the direction of a Committee consisting of The Mayor & Alds Hall and Messrs Anthony, Tillinghast and Pabodie — Provided, that the terms, and conditions of this Grant, shall be in all respects the same, as were those of the grant to the said Providence & Worcester Railroad Company, permitting them to lay rails on South Water Street

Resolved That if in the arrangements between said Providence, Warren & Bristol Railroad Company, and the Providence and Boston Railroad Company and the Providence and Worcester Railroad Company, it shall be provided, that a portion of the rails named in the preceding resolution shall be laid by or at the charge of either of the two last named companys.

Bristol R R

It shall be lawful for the said first named company to transfer any portion of this grant to either of said last named companys, and the company to whom said transfer is made shall be authorized to lay rails in the same mannen and with the same privileges and restrictions as the said Providence, Warren and Bristol Railroad company are hereby authorized to do

Passed August 15 1853

Repat Comt Police

To the Hon. the City Council
of the City of Providence

The Committee on Police to whom on the 11th day of July last, was referred the communication of his Hon. the Mayor accompanied with a representation of sundry citizens, relative to the conduct of certain Police Officers; ask leave respectfully to

Report

That they have attended to the duties assigned them, and after a full hearing of all the circumstances of the case, they are unanimously of the opinion that no further action should be had by the Council in the premises, for the Com.

Walter Paine Jr

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

Passed August 15 1853

City Clk. Appropriation for

Resolved, That the sum of Two Hundred Dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated, to be paid out of the appropriation for Contingencies to the order of the City Clerk, as additional wages to the Clerk employed in his office

Passed August 15. 1853

Jon. Pike Bill to pay

Resolved, that the City Treasurer be and he is hereby directed to pay to Jonathan Pike the sum of three hundred and sixty two dollars twenty five cents it being the amount paid by him for removing sand from the river, the same to be paid out of the appropriation for Highways

Passed August 15 1853

Cottage Street

Resolved, that the Surveyor of Highways be and he is hereby directed to cause the Curb Stone to be set and gutters paved on Cottage Street, whenever the owners of the adjoining estate shall furnish curbstones for the same

Passed August 15. 1853

Waterman St & Atwells Av.

Upon the Memorial of George W Hallett & others; it is

Resolved that the Surveyor of Highways be and he is hereby directed to cause the work heretofore ordered on Atwells Avenue and on Waterman Street, to be done as soon as is practicable; and that the same be done in the order of time in which it was directed by the City Council

Passed August 15. 1853

Wm B Bowen Bill, to pay

Resolved, that the City Treasurer be and he is hereby directed to pay to William H Bowen the sum of forty three dollars and forty cents it being the amount paid by him for removing sand from the river, the same to be paid out of the appropriation for Highways

Passed August 15 1853

Sur. of Highways Report

The Surveyor of Highways makes his Monthly Report of Work done from July 11. to August 8. 1853

Read, Whereupon it is ordered that the same be received

Passed August 15. 1853

Thatch Beds

Resolved. That the City Solicitor be and he is hereby requested to report to the City Council on or before the first meeting in December next, what title the City has to the lands known as the Thatch Beds lying Westerly of the western portion of the Cove Promenade and that he be authorized to cause a plat of said Lands to be made and placed on record in the City Clerks Office, if in his opinion, the same should be advisable

Passed August 15 1853

Geo Heads Lot

Resolved That the City Treasurer be and he is hereby authorized to pay to George Head, the sum of One thousand dollars, upon receiving a perfect title from him of his lot on the South side of Wickenden Street, upon which Sherman's Carpenters shop now Stands, said lot measures about fifty feet on Wickenden Street & extending back One hundred feet said lot to be used in the Erection of a building for Engine Co No 4

Passed August 15. 1853

Engine House for No 4 Co

Resolved That the Chief Engineer be directed to contract for the building of a brick Engine House for Engine Co No 4 on the Lot now owned by George Head (whenever the City shall obtain a title to the same) on the Southerly side of Wickenden Street and that he shall act under the advise of the Standing Committee on the Fire Department in the erection of said Building; and that the cost thereof be paid out of the appropriations for the Fire Department, provided said Cost shall not exceed the sum of twenty five hundred Dollars

Passed August 15. 1853

Finance Com. to report a plan for paying for Water

Resolved That the Standing Com. on Finance be instructed to report to the City Council a plan for raising the money necessary for the construction of Water Works, for supplying the City with pure & wholesome water

Passed August 15 1853

Engine Co No 2

Resolved That the sum of One hundred & fifty Dollars be and is hereby appropriated in addition to the sum of One thousand Dollars heretofore appropriated, for the purchase of a new Engine for Engine Company No 2. the same to be paid out of the appropriation for the Fire Department

Passed August 15 1853

Appn Highways

Resolved That the additional sum of Five Thousand Dollars be added to the appropriation for the support of Public Highways and that the same be paid out of any monies in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated

Passed August 15 1853

Harbor Master Duties of

An Ordinance in relation to the Harbor of the City of Providence and the powers and duties of the Harbor Master thereof

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

Section 1 There shall be chosen annually in the month of June, and whenever a vacancy in the office shall occur, by the City Council in Convention, a Harbor Master for the port of Providence, who shall be a resident of said Providence; Provided however that the first Harbor Master shall be elected in the Month of August 1853. who shall hold said appointment until June 1854. and until his successor is appointed

Sect 2 All vessels entering the harbor, shall be anchored by the Master or commander thereof, according to the direction of the Harbor Master

Sect. 3. The Captain, officer in command, or consignee of every vessel intending to unload lumber in the stream, shall first get a permit from the Harbor Master, designating the locality where such lumber may be rafted; but no vessel shall be allowed to obstruct the channel in so doing

Sect 4 The Master, commander, or owners of vessels shall as soon as possible, after making fast to any of the wharves, cause the lower yards to be cockbilled and the topsail yards to be braced fore-and-aft; and all vessels shall rig in their fib-boom when so directed by the Harbor Master.

No Steamboat shall proceed at a greater rate than five miles an hour, between the Crook and Weybosset Bridge, in approaching or leaving the harbor

Sect 5 All vessels lying in the Stream, not anchored according to the direction of the Harbor Master, and not having sufficient crew to move them, shall be moved by the Harbor Master; and the expense thereof shall be paid by the owner or master of said vessel; and in case of neglect or refusal to pay the same, after the same shall have been demanded, said expense may be recovered of the owner or master of said vessel, by the Harbor Master, before any Court of competent jurisdiction

Sect 6. No person shall throw or deposit in said harbor or any part thereof, any stones, gravel, ballast, cinders, ashes, dirt, mud or other substance which may in any respect tend to injure the navigation thereof.

Sect 7 No warp or line shall be passed across the channel, to obstruct the passage of vessels passing along the same; nor shall any vessel or vessels be placed along side any wharf in said harbor, more than two deep

Sect. 8 All vessels approaching the harbor, other than at high tide, drawing over eight feet of water, shall come to anchor below the Crook, until the tide shall warrant them free passage

Sect 9 The Harbor Master, shall have power to demand and receive from the master or owner of every vessel trading between the Port of Providence and any Port in Narragansett Bay, and from every vessel running in any regular line, from Providence to any port in the United States; the sum of One dollar, annually; and from every other vessel of fifty tons burthen and upward, the sum of One dollar on each and every arrival at said port of Providence

Sect 10. The Harbor Master shall have authority to regulate and station all vessels in the stream within the harbor of the city of Providence, and to remove from time to time, such ships or vessels as are not employed in receiving or discharging their cargoes, to make room for such others as require to be more immediately accommodated for the purpose of receiving or discharging their cargoes; and as to the fact of their being fairly and bona fide employed in receiving or discharging their cargoes, the said Harbor Master, is hereby constituted the sole judge; the said Harbor Master shall have authority to determine how far, and in what instances, it is the duty of the Masters and others having charge of ships and vessels, to accommodate each other in their respective situations; and if any master or other person having charge of any ship or vessel, shall refuse or neglect to obey the directions of the Harbor Master, in matters within his authority to direct; or violate any of the provisions in this Ordinance contained, or if any person shall resist or oppose the Harbor Master in the execution of the duties of his office such master or other person having charge of any ship or vessel, or such person resisting or opposing as aforesaid, shall for every such offence forfeit and pay a fine of not less than ten nor more than twenty dollars, to be recovered with costs, to and for the use of the City, either by complaint and warrant or by writ, before any court of competent jurisdiction

Sect 11 The master or owner of any ship or vessel, subject to the payment of fees to the Harbor Master, as aforesaid, shall, with-

in twenty-four hours after the arrival of such ship or vessel, pay the fees so due thereon, at the office of said Harbor Master, and in default of such payment, if the same shall have been first duly demanded, such master or owner, on whom such demand shall have been previously made shall forfeit and pay double the amount, such fees to be sued for and recovered in the name and for the use of the Harbor Master, in any court of competent jurisdiction

Sect 12 The Harbor Master before entering upon the duties of his Office, shall give to the City Treasurer a bond with satisfactory sureties, in the sum of One thousand Dollars, conditional for the faithful performance of his duties. The Harbor Master shall keep an accurate account of all fees received by him, and make a report of the same to the City Council on the first Monday of June annually - The fees received by him as aforesaid, shall be in full compensation for his services and expenses attending the execution of the duties of said office; and in case the amount received by him in any one year shall exceed the sum of seven hundred and fifty dollars; such excess shall be by him paid over to the City Treasurer upon making his report as aforesaid

Sect 13. It shall be the duty of the Harbor Master to place in the hands of every master of vessels arriving at this port a copy of this Ordinance

Passed August 15. 1853

Bridge over the river near State Prison

Resolved that W Paine Jr. Williams & Goddard and Alderman Knowles, a Committee on the improvements around the Cove Promenade, be and they are hereby directed to procure the materials for a bridge to be built over the channel of the river near the State Prison, and that they cause said bridge to be built of wood fifty feet wide as soon as the abutments are ready for the same, and if in their opinion it is more for the interest of the City to contract for the furnishing the materials and building said Bridge, that they be and they are hereby authorized to contract for the same, and that the sum of twenty five hundred dollars be appropriated to defray the expense thereof, to be paid out of the appropriation for Bridges

Passed August 15. 1853

In Convention August 15. 1853

A Communication from Henry Staples declining the Office of Assistant Engineer is received & read

Voted That the declination of Henry Staples be accepted

David A Cleaveland and Elisha Tripp are chosen Assistant Engineers

Nathan D Pearce and Scott Smith are chosen weighers and measurers of Anthracite Coal

The Committee appointed to nominate additional members of the School Committee, report the following persons

Francis Smith, Albert T Jones, Theodore D Cook, Samuel A Winson, Oliver Johnson, Asnah Sackett, Samuel Allen, Samuel W. Field, Isaac Thurber, George L. Rathbone

Whereupon it is voted, that the persons aforesaid be and they are hereby elected members of the School Committee

Elisha Dyer Jr having resigned as a member of the School Committee. William P Bullock is chosen to fill the vacancy

Nathaniel S Maurain is chosen Harbor Master

Luke Flannegan is appointed Undertaker

Five Firemen are appointed for Engine Co № 7

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

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Bathing

An Ordinance to prohibit bathing in certain places

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

Section 1 No person shall, for the purpose of swimming or bathing, unless properly clothed, go into any of the waters of the harbor, Cove, river, or Blackstone Canal, between the time of sunrising and one hour after Sunset, within the following limits, viz; Beginning at a point on said Canal twenty rods above the guard gate, near the Print Works of Philip Allen & Son, and at a point on the Moshassuck river, twenty rods above the mills formerly owned by the United Manufacturing Company, and extending on the East side of said waters to the rail-road bridge at India Point and on the North side of said waters to the northwesterly corner of the State prison lot; and extending on the West side of said Waters from Carpenter's Point to the City hospital lot; nor into the Woonasquatucket river, between the bridge on the Woonasquatucket turnpike and the line of the town of Johnston, nor shall any person for the purpose of swimming or bathing go into any of the Waters of Seekonk river, on the Westerly side thereof, within the time above prescribed between said Rail Road Bridge and the termination of Preston Street on the bank of said river

Sect. 2 Every person offending against the provisions of this Ordinance shall forfeit and pay the sum of two dollars, to be recovered for the use of the City by proper legal process before any court of competent jurisdiction

Sec. 3 All ordinances or parts

of Ordinances inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed

Passed August 22 1853

Bridge

Resolved, that Messrs W. Paine Jr. Williams & Goddard and Alderman Knowles a Committee on the improvements around the Cove Promenade, be and they are hereby directed to cause a bridge, (similar to the one connecting the promenade near the Worcester and Providence Rail Road station) to be built over the channel of the river near the State Prison, connecting the Promenade; said Bridge to be built of wood twenty feet wide on the North and twenty feet wide on the South part, leaving an Opening of forty feet in the center thereof

Passed August 29. 1853 { the above is on the Record out of place A B

Arnold St

Resolved, that the Surveyor of Highways be directed without delay to cause the Curb stones in front of the School House in Arnold Street to be reset and the gutters repaved, under the advice of the Street Commissioners, who have decided to extend said Side Walks, now of the width of six feet, to the width of nine feet

Passed August 22 1853

C A Cobb

On the petition of Charles A Cobb requesting liberty to remove a two Story Wooden building three feet back from its present location on Westminster Street

Read, Whereupon, it is resolved that the Prayer thereof be granted

Passed August 22d 1853

North Burial Ground Prom.

Resolved, That the Sum of Five Hundred Dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated and to be paid out of any moneys in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, to be expended under the direction of the Committee on the North Burial Ground, in enclosing with a suitable fence, and otherwise improving the triangular piece of ground South of and adjoining the North Burial Ground

Passed August 22 1853

Culvert

Resolved, That Messrs W. Paine J. Bush, Saunders and the Mayor and Ald.n Gilmore, be and they are hereby appointed a Committee to cause a Culvert to be immediately built Commencing at the westerly termination of the one in the lower part of Sabin Street, and continuing the same through Sabin to Mathewson Street, through Mathewson Street to Fountain Street and up Fountain Street as far as Aborn Street, and also to cause a branch drain to be built from the foot of Atwells Avenue to connect with the same

Resolved That the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated to defray the expense of building the said Culvert and Drain to be paid out of any monies in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated

Resolved, That no person shall be permitted to connect a branch drain with said Culvert, without the permission of the City Council first obtained

Passed August 22d 1853

Private Drains

Resolved That the Standing Committee on Highways be and they are hereby directed to report at the next regular meeting of this Council, what private drains have been connected with the Culvert in Westminster Street since the relaying of the pavement on said Street, and by what authority the said drains were connected and what amount has been paid into the City Treasury by the owners of said private drains

Passed August 22 1853

Taxes Remitted

Whereas, James Mumford has represented to the City Council, that the Taxes assessed in the year 1852 & upon the persons named in the aforegoing List, in the sums placed against their names respectively, and committed to him to collect; are not collectable, owing to errors in the assessment thereof &c; and whereas the City Council are satisfied, that said taxes in said sums are not collectable:

It is therefore

Resolved, that the respective Taxes aforesaid, be and the same are hereby remitted; and that the City Treasurer be and he is hereby authorized and directed to credit the amount thereof, viz Nine hundred and ninety one $^{10}/_{100}$ Dollars, to the said James Mumford, in account with him as Collector of Taxes, with the interest which has accrued on said several items $991.$^{10}/_{100}$

Passed Sept 12 1853

The City Treasurer reports Issues 3 Payments from June 13 to Sept 12. 1853

Issued four Notes Nos 194. 195 196 & 197 amount $42.000

Paid two Notes Nos 177 & 180 amt 23.000

Read whereupon, it is resolved that the same be received

Passed Sept 12 1853

Dexter Asylum Shed

Resolved, That a Shed be built at the Dexter Asylum Farm, (agreeable to the plan herewith presented) under the direction of the Board of Aldermen, to replace the Old Barn and Shed, which are too much decayed to be repaired and that Nine hundred Dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated for that purpose, to be paid out of any monies in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated

Passed Sept 12. 1853

Water

Resolved, That the sum of One thousand dollars in addition to the sum already appropriated be appropriated to defray the expenses of the Committee appointed on the 21st of March 1853 to enquire into the practicability of supplying the City with pure and wholesome water and that the same be paid out of the appropriation for supplying the City with water

Passed Sept 12th 1853

Wm Mulcahy

Resolved, That the City Treasurer be directed to pay to William Mulcahy the sum of ten dollars in full for his bill the same to be paid out of the appropriation for contingencies

Passed Sept 12. 1853

S of Highways Report

The Surveyor of Highways makes his Monthly report of Work done from August 8 to September 12 1853 amt $3684 12

Read Whereupon it is ordered that the same be received

Passed Sept 12. 1853

Chief Engineers Salary

An Ordinance in amendment of an Ordinance entitled "An Ordinance establishing a Fire Department"

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

Sect 1 The Chief Engineer, for the present Municipal year, shall have a Sallary of One Thousand Dollars per annum payable quarterly

Passed Sept 12 1853

Highways to Apply to G Assembly

Resolved that the Mayor and Mr Abraham Payne be a Committee to apply to the General Assembly at its next Session for the passage of an act in amendment of an Act entitled "an act concerning the Establishment of Highways in the City of Providence" of an act entitled "An act concerning Side Walks in the City of Providence, and of the Acts in Amendment of said acts, to the end that the City Council may have power to enact suitable ordinances relative to Streets, highways and Side walks in the City

Passed Sept 12 1853

Culvert

Resolved that the Committee appointed by the City Council to construct a drain from Sabin Street through Mathewson and Fountain Street to Aborn Street, be and they are hereby directed so to vary the direction of said drain, by commencing at the foot of Sabin Street and continuing the same through Sabin Street to the foot of Broadway, and to enlarge the drain if necessary leading from Aborn Street to the Cove through Sabin Street; if in their opinion it would be for the interest of the City so to do

Passed Sept 12. 1853

Hacks &c to apply to G Assembly

Resolved that the Mayor and Mr E. W. Walker be a committee to apply to the General Assembly at its next Session for the passage of an act authorizing the City of Providence, to regulate the use of Hacks, Drays, Omnibuses, and other conveyances for the accommodation of the public, provided that in the opinion of the said Committee such an act may be necessary to give the City Council power to act in the premises

Passed Sept 12. 1853

Plan of City

Resolved, that the Committee, (consisting of Alderman Hall and Messrs W. Paine Jr Doyle & Mason) appointed to contract for a survey of the City, be and they are hereby directed to contract with A. F. Walling Esq to measure and properly represent on the plats to be made of said survey, every building of importance in the City, and that the sum of Five hundred Dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated in full payment for said Work, to be paid out of any moneys in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, upon the order or orders of said Committee

Passed Sept 12 1853

Private Drain

Resolved, That Alexander Duncan be and he is hereby authorized to run a Drain from his Estate on Broad Street into the Westminster Street Culvert, upon the terms and conditions fixed by the Committee

Passed September 12 1853

Private Drain

Resolved, That Preston Bennet be and he is hereby authorized to connect a drain from his Estate on Broad Street, with the Westminster Street Culvert, upon the terms and conditions fixed by the Committee

Passed September 12 1853

Clk appr for Municipal Court

Resolved, That the sum of One hundred & fifty dollars be appropriated and paid out of the appropriation for Contingencies, to the order of the Clerk of the Municipal Court, for assistance in recording the papers in his Office

Passed September 12 1853

C Engineer Monthly Report

The Chief Engineer makes his Monthly report of Expenditures for the Fire Department amount $352.10

Read whereupon, it is ordered that the same be received

Passed September 19 1853

Planet St

Resolved That the Surveyor of Highways be directed to pave the gutter on the North side of Planet Street and place curb stones thereon in conformity to the grade established by the Street Commissioners, as soon as may be.

Passed September 12 1853

Chart of Harbor

Resolved, That the Mayor be and he is hereby authorized to purchase, for the City, the hydrographical chart of the survey of Providence Harbor made under the direction of Lieut W. S. Rosecrans, and to draw upon the City Treasury for the Expense thereof, not exceeding three hundred Dollars; to be paid out of the appropriation for Contingencies

Passed September 26 1853

Wooden Buildings to remove

The petition of Geo. W. Babcock requesting liberty to remove a one story wooden building from Westminster to the corner of Clifford & Richmond Streets

Read, whereupon it is resolved, that the prayer thereof be granted

Passed Sept 26 1853

Reform School

Resolved, that Messrs Anthony, Allen & Manchester and Alderman Hall be and they are hereby appointed a Committee to visit the Reform School belonging to the City and to confer with the Trustees thereof relative to the management of said institution; and to report to the City Council as soon as may be, whether in their opinion the system of labor and instruction followed in said School is calculated to promote the object intended by its organization, with the greatest economy

Passed September 26. 1853

Meeting St

Resolved That the Surveyor of Highways be and he is hereby directed to cause a fence to be built on that part of the South side of Meeting Street adjoining the land of Miss Avis Harris, as soon as it can conveniently be done, said fence to be similar to that on the East side of the same lot, and also to cause the wall now standing on so much of the same street to be removed before the first day of January 1854 and put the same in good passable order.

Passed Sept 26. 1853

Watch House

Resolved, That the Committee on Police cause such Alterations to be made in the present cells, and such additional cells to be placed in the town house as in their judgment may be necessary; and the sum of Five hundred Dollars is hereby appropriated to defray the expense of the same, to be paid out of any moneys in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated

Passed Sept 26 1853

Upon the Report of the Standing Committee on City property, upon the petition of Calvin Dean and Others:

Town pumps

Resolved That Messrs Lester, Hopkins & Blodget and Alderman Gilmore be a Committee to cause the pumps situated at the junction of High and Cranston Streets to be repaired and improved, and that the sum of five hundred dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated to defray the Expense of the same, to be paid out of the appropriation for Pumps and Wells.

Passed Sept 26. 1853

Mud Machine

Resolved, That Messrs Manchester, Taylor & Hopkins and Ald. Bates, be and they are hereby appointed a Committee to ascertain the cost of a Mud Machine suitable for the wants of the City, to be operated by steam; and to report at the next Meeting of the Council, whether in their judgment the interests of the City require the purchase of the same, and the cost thereof

Passed Sept 26. 1853

Water

Whereas the City Council on the 21st day of March last appointed a Committee to inquire & report respecting the practicability of supplying the City with pure and wholesome water for general use, which Committee has made report recommending the introduction of water for the aforesaid purpose from Ten Mile River in Seekonk, at an estimated cost of nine hundred twenty six thousand dollars and whereas it is desirable that the City Council should act upon said subject agreeably to the wishes of their constituents, therefore in order that the tax payers of said City may have an opportunity of expressing their opinions directly in the premises, it is

Resolved, That Ward Meetings of the Voters in this City qualified to vote in the Election of members of the City Council be held in the several Ward in this City on the twelvth day of October next and that the Board of Aldermen be requested to cause due notice to be given of the time and to designate the places for holding the same and the manner of voting therein, at which meeting said voters are requested to give in their votes upon the following proposition

"Shall the City of Providence be supplied with water for general use from the Ten Mile River in Seekonk as proposed by a Committee of the City Council in their report made on the 8th day of August AD 1853"

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

Resolved, That all ballots so given in shall be sealed up at the close of said Meetings and within two days thereafter shall be returned to the Board of Aldermen by the Clerks of the several wards, and at the next meeting of said Board shall be opened & counted

Passed Sept 26 1853

City Hall

Resolved, That it is the duty of the City Council to cause a City Hall to be erected, in accordance with the vote of the tax payers of this City

Resolved, That a Committee of one from each Ward, consisting of Messrs Hunt, Goddard, Allen, Johnson, Williams & Hopkins and Aldermen Bates & James be appointed to recommend a lot of land for a location for a City Hall, and to ascertain the cost of the same

Passed Sept 26 1853

Cove Wall

Resolved, That the petition of Elisha A Durfee, be and the same is hereby granted, on condition that said Durfee execute a Bond to the City which shall be satisfactory to the Committee who have charge of the work — that he will finish the wall now building around the Cove according to agreement with said Committee

Passed Sept 26 1853

Mud Machine

Upon the Report of the Committee upon the subject of the purchase of a Steam Mud Machine for the use of the City;

Resolved, That the same be recommitted to said Committee, with instructions, to report to the City Council, whether in their opinion, it is most expedient for the City to purchase such Machine, with the number of Scows &c necessary to operate the same; or to contract for the removal of mud from the River

Passed October 8 1853

Harbor

Resolved, That the Letter from Lieut W. S. Rosecrans, to the Mayor (dated Sept 14 1853) accompanying the Communication this day made by the Mayor to the City Council, be referred to the joint Committee, to whom on the 13th of December last, was referred the Communication from the late Mayor, relative to the appropriation made by the Congress of the United States, for a Survey of the Harbor of the City of Providence

Passed October 8 1853

Masonic Hall

Resolved, That the City Treasurer is hereby ordered to pay into the Registry of the Supreme Court, the sum of Thirty six hundred and seven Dollars and Seventy seven cents ($3607.77) under the advice and direction of the City Solicitor, and according to the decree established in the case of the City of Providence against St Johns Lodge, said sum to be paid out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated

Passed October 10 1853

Masonic Hall

Resolved, That Anthony, Taylor & Bush and the Mayor and Aldr Knowles, be a Committee to report a plan for the accommodation of the Meetings of the City Council in the Masonic Hall, also for the better accommodation of the City Officers in the second story of the Market house, said plans to include arrangements for the safe keeping of the City Records, suitable Committee rooms, ~~for the convenience and comfort of the City Government~~ and other rooms for the convenience and comfort of the City Government

Passed October 10 1853

Police

Resolved. That the Standing Committee on Police be directed to ascertain and report the number and names of the Constables elected by the City Council, who were present at, or near the fire this day on North Main Street; the number and names of those who witnessed the affray which resulted in the destruction of human life, and what means were, by them, used to prevent it

Passed October 10 1853

J W Rose heirs

Resolved, That the City Treasurer be directed to pay to the Trustees of the estate of John W Rose the sum of Three hundred & eighteen dollars being the amount of taxes on personal property received from said Estate in the years 1851 & 1852 said tax having been illegally assessed

Passed October 10. 1853

Wickenden St

Resolved, That the Surveyor of Highways be and he is hereby directed to repave that part of Wickenden Street, lying between South Main Street and Bridge Street; in connection with the work now in progress in South Main Street

Passed October 10. 1853

Waterman Street

Resolved. That the Surveyor of Highways be and he is hereby directed to report at the next meeting of the City Council, what amount has already been expended on Waterman & adjacent Streets under the resolution of the City Council passed August 15. 1853. and what amount will be required to complete said work in the usual manner

Passed October 10. 1853

West Water St

Resolved. That the sum of Fourteen Thousand Dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated to pay the proprietors for cutting off the Easterly end of the Union Buildings for the purpose of widening West Water Street, agreable to the plat herewith presented, and that the same be paid out of any money not otherwise appropriated

Passed October 10. 1853

Portrait Ex Mayor Barstow

The Committee appointed to procure a portrait of Ex Mayor Barstow report that they employed James S Lincoln, who has performed the work to their entire satisfaction

The price paid Mr Lincoln		$200
do " for the Frame		25
	Dolls	225.

Read & Received Oct 10. 1853

Knight Street School House

Resolved, That the School Committee be authorized to remove the fence between the Knight Street School House and the house of Engine No 10, and to erect a fence on a line with the rear of said engine house, Southerly from said house, the expence of the same to be paid from the appropriation for public Schools

Passed October 10. 1853

C Horton

Upon the petition of Charles Horton, this day, presented to the City Council

Resolved, that the same be received and referred to Messrs Allen, Blodget & Doyle and Ald. Hall to examine and report thereon

Passed October 10. 1853

Pine St Orange St

Resolved, That the Surveyor of Highways be and he is hereby directed, to cause that portion of Pine Street lying between Eddy and Orange Streets and that portion of Orange Street lying between Broad and Pine Streets to be paved in connection with the work already ordered on Broad Street

Passed October 10. 1853

Codding St

Resolved, That the Surveyor of Highways, be and he is hereby directed to cause the Curb Stone to be set and the gutters paved, on Codding Street whenever the owners of the adjoining estates shall furnish suitable Curb Stone for the same

Passed October 10. 1853

Wooden Building

Upon the petition of William M Bailey Trustee for Liberty to remove a Wooden Building from College Street to Waterman Street

Read Whereupon it is resolved that the prayer thereof be granted

Passed October 10. 1853

In Convention October 10 1853

William T Bullock & Isaac Thurber having declined acting on the School Committee

Charles Akerman and John Eddy are appointed to fill the vacancy in said Committee

A Communication from Engine Co No 2 asking that certain persons may be appointed Firemen, read & laid on the Table

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

Summer Street

Resolved, That the School Committee be and they are hereby directed to have the side Walk in front of the Old School house lot, on Summer Street paved with brick, at the same time the side walk is paved in front of the new School House, on said Street

Passed October 24 1853

Pumps & Wells

Resolved That the Sum of Five Hundred Dollars be added to former appropriation for repairs of Pumps and Wells, and that the same be paid out of any moneys in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated

Passed October 24. 1853

Police

An Ordinance in relation to Police. (See Ordinance Book No 2 page)

Passed October 24 1853

Rawson Fountain Society

Upon the petition of the Rawson Fountain Society

Resolved That said Society be, and they are hereby authorized to connect their main iron water pipe with the Culvert in Westminster Street near Walker Street, for the purpose of making an outlet, in order to rinse out said pipe occasionally; provided the same be done under the direction of the Surveyor of Highways

Passed Nov 7. 1853

S Highways Report

The Surveyor of Highways makes report in relation to the work being done on Waterman and adjacent Sts

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

Passed Novr 7th 1853

Appp for Contingencies

Resolved, That the Sum of Fifteen hundred dollars be added to former appropriation for Contingencies, and that the same be paid out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated

Passed November 14 1853

Police

The Committee on Police who were directed on the 10th day of October 1853 to ascertain and report the number and names of the Constables elected by the Council, who were present at or near the fire which occurred on the Morning of the 10th day of October last past on North Main Street, the number and names of those who witnessed the affray which resulted in the destruction of human life, and what means were by them used to prevent it. Report

Read, Whereupon it is resolved that the same be received

Passed November 14 1853

Engine Co No 10

Upon the Communication from the Mayor enclosing a Communication from Engine Company No 10 this day made to the City Council; it is

Resolved that the same be referred to Messrs Lester, Grinnell & Taylor and Aldn Gilmore, to examine and report thereon

Passed November 14 1853

Westminster St

Resolved, that the Surveyor of Highways be and he is authorized to cause that part of Westminster lying between Exchange Street and Weybosset Bridge, to be repaved, and also to cause a drain to be built across the same if in his opinion it is necessary

Passed November 14 1853

Arnold St

Resolved, That the Surveyor of Highways be and he is hereby directed to cause a Cross Walk to be laid across Arnold St near the house of ~~Humphrey~~ Walker Humphrey

Passed November 14 1853

Engine Co No 7

Resolved That the sum of two hundred dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated to and for the use of Engine Company No 7 and that the City Treasurer be directed to pay the same out of the appropriation for the Fire Department; upon his receiving a full discharge from said Company of all bills which have accrued for any expenditure by them upon Engine, Engine House or grounds occupied by them

Passed November 14. 1853

City Bonds

Resolved That the City Solicitor be and he is hereby directed to report at the next meeting of the City Council whether the Mortgages given by the Hartford Providence and Fishkill Railroad Company as security for the bonds exchanged by said company for those of the City are drawn in conformity with the agreement between said Company and the City

Passed Nov 14. 1853

Cross Walks Trinity & Carpenter Sts Broadway

Resolved, That the Surveyor of Highways acting under the advice and direction of the Standing Committee on Highways, be directed to cause Cross walks to be laid on the following Streets viz across Trinity Street on the Northerly side of Fountain Street; across Carpenter Street on the Westerly side of Federal Street; across Carpenter Street opposite Lemon Street; and across Broadway on the Westerly side of Federal Street

Passed November 14 1853

Dorrance St

Resolved, That the sum of Forty thousand dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated for the purpose of extending Dorrance Street from Broad Street to Cove Street, or for the purpose of widening Orange Street from Broad Street to Westminster Street and extending the same to Exchange Place, as the Special Committee appointed Dec 2d 1852 on the extension of Dorrance Street may find can be best accomplished for the interests of the City

Provided however that no part of said sum shall be expended, until the Committee shall have ascertained that by means thereof Dorrance Street can be so extended, or Orange Street can be so widened and extended, and provided further that no more than twenty five thousand dollars shall in any event be expended for the purpose of so widening and extending Orange Street

Passed November 14 1853

Fields Point Farm

Resolved, that the Mayor & Alderman Knowles and Messrs Johnson, Bush and Saunders, be a Committee to examine the Southerly side of Fields Point Farm and report the best method of securing the same against the destructive influence of Southerly Storms, by which much of the soil has been washed away; and also report an estimate of the expense thereof, and such facts as said Committee may deem worthy of consideration

Passed November 14 1853

Prov Artillery Co

Resolved that leave be granted to the Providence Artillery to occupy a lot on the City Lands on the Westwardly side of Canal Street, and South of the bridge which is nearly opposite the Hay Market, for the purpose of building an Armory thereon. Said Lot is to measure forty five feet on Canal Street, and to extend across the stream from Wall to Wall about Seventy feet; the building to be of Wood, and to remain there till the City shall require that lot for some other purpose; in which case another lot suitably located shall be furnished said Company, by the City and the Armory removed and placed thereon free of expense to said Company; Provided said Company shall give a bill of sale to the City of their present Armory, now standing on the Old Town House Lot, when requested so to do. The location & bounds of the new lot to be fixed by a Committee consisting of the Mayor and Alderman Knowles on the part of the Board

of Aldermen and such others as the Com. Council may add
Bush, Allen & Manchester added.

Passed November 14 1853

In Convention Nov 14. 1853

The resignation of Edwin J Nightingale one of the Assistant Engineers is read. Whereupon it is

Voted That the resignation of Edwin J Nightingale be accepted.

Voted That Allen Baker be and he is hereby appointed Assistant Engineer

Andrew J Anthony & fifteen others are elected Firemen, to be attached to Engine Co No

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

S Highways Report

The Surveyor of Highways makes his Monthly Report of work done from October 16. to November 14. 1853

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

Passed November 21. 1853

Reform Sch Bursting Gas &c

Resolved That the Sum of five hundred Dollars be appropriated from any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, to supply the Reform School Building with Gas and Fixtures, to be paid to the order of the Trustees of said School

Passed November 21. 1853

Fountain St Sch Lot

Resolved, that the City Treasurer be and he is hereby directed to purchase for the use of the City, the lot of land belonging to ~~Nath~~ John Eddy Esq situate on Fabin Street and adjoining the lot belonging to the City upon which the Fountain Street School House stands provided the same can be had for a sum not exceeding fifteen hundred Dollars, and that the same be paid out of the appropriation for School House Lots

Passed November 21. 1853

The Chief Engineer makes his Monthly Reports of Expenditures for the Fire Department, to wit October 10 1853 $ 624.48
Nov 14 " 1802.09

Read Whereupon it is Ordered that the same be received

Passed November 21. 1853

Fish Market

Resolved, That Messrs Babodie, Anthony and Doyle and Alderman Bates be appointed a Committee, to ascertain the cost of erecting a range of Market Stalls over the Water on Canal Islet, from the Great Bridge to Washington Bridge; for the accommodation of such fishermen as shall retail their own fish

Passed Nov 28 1853

Reform School

The Committee to whom was referred the annexed Resolution, met at the Reform School Nov 26 1853 (Messrs Hall & Anthony only being present) & proceeded to make the examination required by the Council Messrs Wm J. Patten & C C Potter being present in behalf of the trustees of the institution. And they report, that with the General Management of the institution they were well satisfied, believing as they do, that it is in the hands of a Board of Trustees entitled to the full confidence of the City Council, men possessing great ability & devoting their time & talents to the promotion of the best interest of the inmates & also that of the City

Your Committee are of opinion that the system of labor & instruction is well calculated to promote the object intended by its organization and as far as they were able to judge it is done with as much economy as is practicable under the circumstances as they now exist

That there are reforms and alterations required will appear upon a very casual examination of the institution. The basement of the North wing of the building now occupied as a Work Shop is entirely unfitted for the use to which it is put, being mostly underground, without ventilation, too small in area, into which is crowded a large number of inmates engaged in the various employments connected with the manufacture of furniture, Willow Work and its appendages, with a Steam Engine driven by a Boiler of a most dangerous construction and not more than one half of the capacity required to drive said Engine - fed by Chips and Shavings lying thickly on the floor of all parts of the room, some of which lay in a most dangerous proximity to the furnace - renders the premises in the opinion of your committee altogether one of the most dangerous character, that it is possible for them to imagine or conceive of, and they believe the lives of the inmates and the property of the City are in danger so long as the present arrangement is continued

If the present plan adopted by the trustees for the employment of the inmates is to be continued, Common humanity as well as sound policy demand that some other more suitable place should be provided for the continuance of the business, as to the best plan for such accommodation the Committee are not prepared to decide - neither do they consider it any part of their duty to do so.

That the expenses of the institution are larger than was contemplated by its earliest friends is no doubt a fact, but your committee believe that it is owing to the admission of females, that the expenses have so much exceeded the expectation of the Council, this branch of the School having been engrafted upon it some time after its organization and has become a source of much vexation and annoyance and expense without any beneficial results sufficient to warrant its continuance, they therefore recommend that the female department be abolished

Nov 28 1853

Jas G Anthony
for the Committee

Read. Whereupon it is resolved that the same be received

Passed November 28. 1853

H.P. & F.R.R. Bonds

The City Solicitor reports as instructed in relation to the Mortgages given by the Hartford, Providence and Fishkill Railroad Company as security for the bonds exchanged by said Co for those of the City

Read. Whereupon it is ordered that the same be received

Passed November 28. 1853

H.P. & F.R.R.

Resolved That Messrs Hayes, Johnson & Grinnell and Ald James be a Committee to examine the report of the City Solicitor, this day made in reference to the Mortgage executed to the City by the Hartford, Providence and Fishkill Rail-Road Company, and report thereon, at the next meeting of the City Council; and that said Committee be directed to consult the City Solicitor, and authorized to consult such other Counsel as they may deem necessary

Passed Nov 28. 1853

Warden and Clerks

Upon the petition of sundry Wardens and Clerks the Committee on Finance report the following resolution

Resolved That the City Treasurer be directed to pay each of the Wardens & Clerks of the several wards in the City the sum of Six dollars in addition to the amount now allowed them by law for their services on the 28th of June & 21st day of November to be paid out of the appropriation for Contingencies

Passed Nov 28 1853

S Water St

The Committee appointed on the 22d day of June last for the purpose of examining into the expediency and feasibility of extending South Water Street from its present Southerly termination to Fox Point Report

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

Passed November 28th 1853

Reform School

Resolved, That the Trustees of the Providence Reform School be and they are hereby authorized to erect a suitable building for a Work Shop to be built of brick or Stone, the cost of the same not to exceed eight thousand dollars, the amount to be paid out of the appropriation for the Reform School and subject to the order of the Trustees

Passed November 28 1853

H P & F R R Co

On the petition of, Elisha A Dwrfee, it is

Resolved that the Committee appointed to receive the Work from the Hartford, Providence and Fishkill Railroad Co. be and they are hereby authorized to receive a portion of said Work, say Sixty feet wide on the promenade, two feet lower than has been agreed upon, provided that Elisha A Dwrfee the Contractor agrees to fill the same amount of dirt in such other place as said Committee shall direct

Passed November 28 1853

Engine Co's 2 & 6.

Providence Oct. 24 1853

To the Hon. City Council

I am directed by the Board of Engineers to inform you, that Engine Co No 2 were on the 11th instant, in consequence of the riotous proceedings in which some of the members were engaged on the 10th suspended from the Fire Department

Also, that a Notice was received on the 18th inst from Engine Co No 6, that they had withdrawn from the Fire Department, Their house has in consequence been closed, and a Committee appointed by the Board to organize a new Company

William F Johnson Secy
of Board of Engineers

Read, Whereupon it is Ordered that the same be received

Passed Nov. 28. 1853

Fire Department Paid

Resolved That Messrs Goddard, A Payne and W Paine Jr and Ald[r] Gilmore be, and they hereby are appointed a Committee to report to the Council, as soon as practicable, an Ordinance establishing a paid Fire Department

Passed November 28. 1853

In Convention Nov[r] 28. 1853

A communication from the Board of Engineers recommending certain persons to be elected Members of the Fire Department, to be attached to Engine Company No 2 is read Whereupon

Geo. E Cleaveland & 65 others are appointed Firemen to be attached to Engine Co. No 2

Chas A Williams & 12 others are appointed Firemen to be attached to Engine Co. No 3 (for names see Firemens Record)

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

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S of Highways

The Surveyor of Highways makes his Monthly Report of Work done from Nov. 14. to Dec[r] 12, 1853

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

Passed Dec[r] 12[th] 1853

City Treasurer Report

The City Treasurer makes his Quarterly Report of Issues & Payments of City Debt from Sept 12 to Dec 12 1853

1853			Issued				
Sept 12	Note No 198	payable to	Prov. Ins. for Savings			as 6 p/c	$ 3000.—
16	" 199	"	"	Do	Do	Do	" 5000.—
21	" 200	"	"	Do	Do	Do	" 3000.
Oct 20	" 201	"	"	Do	Do	Do	" 10.000.
Nov 14	" 202	"	"	Butler Hospital			" 100
							$ 21.100

			Paid		
Sept 16	Note	164	to Prov. Ins. for Savings		5000.—
Oct 1	"	60	" Do	Do	Do 5000.—
" 15	"	186	" American Bank		10000—
" 20	"	185	" Prov. Ins. for Savings		10000—
					30.000

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

Passed Dec[r] 12 1853

Tempory Loan added to Permanent Debt

Resolved, That the City Treasurer be authorized under the advice and direction of the Committee on Finance to add the sum of fifty ~~two~~ thousand dollars to the permanent debt of the City being the amount of temporary loan falling due from the 18th of January to the 14th February 1854 inclusive

Passed Dec[r] 12 1853

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

To The City Council

The Committee appointed at the last meeting of the Council to examine the Report of the City Solicitor in relation to the Mortgages of the Hartford Providence & Fishkill Rail Road Company and to consult Counsel

Respectfully report

That they have been unable to fulfil the duties required of them within the time prescribed and ask that said Committee be continued in order to make report at a future meeting of the Council

For the Committee
Oliver Johnson

Providence Dec 12 1853

Read. Whereupon, it is resolved that the same be received, and that farther time be allowed to the Committee, to make Report

Passed Dec 12 1853

Police

Resolved, That the Standing Committee on Police be directed to report at the next regular meeting of the Council whether the Police and Watchmen of the City conform to the provisions of the Ordinance in relation to Police

Passed December 12 1853

Chief Engineer Report

The Chief Engineer makes his Monthly Report of Expenditures for the Fire Department viz

For Engine	№ 2	$29.99
Do	3	25.50
Do	4	36.81
Do	5	45.75
Do	6	70.81
Do	9	14.00
Do	10	84.74
Hydraulion	1	100.82
Fire Hook & Ladder		.75
Incidental		626.55
		1035.72

Read. Whereupon it is Ordered that the same be received

Passed December 12 1853

Engine Co № 10

To the City Council of the City of Providence

The Committee to whom was referred the Communication of Atlantic Engine Company № 10 beg leave to report by the following resolution

Prov. Dec 12 1853

J. K. Lester For the Com^e

Read, Whereupon it is Ordered that the same be received

Passed Dec 12 1853

The Resolution reported above did not pass

Harbor

To the Hon. City Council of City of Providence

The undersigned respectfully informs the Council that numerous complaints are made respecting the insufficiency of water in our Channel to accommodate the Commerce arriving at this port, and as the wants of our City call for improvements for the better accommodation of vessels would suggest the propriety of your Hon^r body appointing a Committee to examine and report thereon

Prov. Dec 12 1853

Respectfully Yours
N. S. Mauran
Harbor Master

Read. Whereupon it is Ordered that the same be received and referred to Messrs W Paine Jr. Tillinghast and Williams and Ald^n Hall to examine and report thereon

Passed Dec 12 1853

Pearl St
E Tallman

Resolved, That the City Treasurer be and he is hereby authorized to pay Five Hundred Dollars to Esek Tallman Trustee on receiving from said Tallman a Deed of a Strip of Land extending from Friendship to Clifford Street, said Strip measuring 21 1/3 feet on Friendship Street and 31 62/100 feet on Clifford Street agreeable to the plat herewith presented

Passed Dec 12 1853

Reform Sch

Resolved, That the Report of the joint committee upon the system of Labor and instruction in the Providence Reform School, which was made to the City Council on the 28th day of November last; be referred to the Standing Committee on Police

Passed Dec 12 1853

Cove Water power

Upon the several communications of Mr Anthony of the Common Council, and of Horace A Manchester, respecting the Water Power at the outlet of the Cove: it is

Ordered, That the same be received, and referred to Messrs Anthony, Pabodie & Bush and Ald^n Gilmore to examine and report thereon

Passed Dec 12 1853

In Convention Dec 12 1853

A communication from George B Jastram City Auditor resigning his Office is read, whereupon it is

Voted That said resignation be laid on the Table

Charles M Baker and Eleven others are elected Firemen to be attached to Engine Company No 9.

The Clerk of Engine Co No 9 reports fourteen members discharged

Philip Kelley and six others are elected Firemen to be attached to Engine Co No 5

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

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C A Cobb

The petition of Charles A Cobb asking leave to enter the Westminster Street Culvert

Read. Whereupon it is resolved, that the Prayer of said petition be granted

Passed January 9. 1854

Chief Engineers Report

The Chief Engineer makes his Monthly report of the Expenditures for the Fire Department, amount $1957.81

Read. Whereupon it is Ordered that the same be received

Passed January 9. 1854

Prov Reform Sch

Upon the Report of the Trustees of the Providence Reform School, this day made to the City Council

Resolved, That the same be Received & referred to the Standing Committee on Police, with direction to cause the same to be printed in pamphlet form, for the use of the City Council

Passed January 9. 1854

Appn for Highways

Resolved, That the sum of Four Thousand Dollars be added to the former appropriations for Highways and that the same be paid out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated

Passed January 9 1854

Surveyor of Highways Report

The Surveyor of Highways makes his Monthly report of work done from December 12. 1853 to January 9. 1854 and $2137.02

Read Whereupon it is ordered that the same be received

Passed January 9. 1854

Salaries of Female Teachers

Resolved, That the School Committee be authorized to add to the salary of each of the female teachers in the Grammar, Intermediate and Primary Schools of this City a sum not exceeding fifty Dollars

Passed January 9. 1854

Lot for Storing Stone

Resolved, That the Surveyor of Highways under the direction of the Committee on Highways, be and he is hereby directed to hire a Lot of Land in the Central part of the City, for the purpose of Storeing Stock used by him on Highways

Passed January 9 1854

Iron Fence

Resolved That the Committee appointed to cause an Iron Fence to be erected around the Cove Promenade be and they are hereby authorized in their discretion to contract for a sufficient quantity of Fence to complete the circle

Passed January 9 1854

Fire Department

Resolved, That the sum of Nine thousand dollars be added to former appropriations for Fire Department and that the same be paid out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated

Passed January 9. 1854

Pub. Watch

Resolved, that the sum of Four thousand dollars be added to former Appropriations for Public Watch, and that the same be paid out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated

Passed January 9. 1854

Westminster St Culvert

Resolved, That the Mayor of the City for the time being be authorized to grant permission to individuals to enter the Westminster Street Culvert with private drains, upon the payment of One Dollar and fifty cents per front foot of the Estate to be drained thereby

Passed January 9 1854

Pro Reform School

Resolved, That Five Thousand dollars be added to former appropriations for the Providence Reform School, and that the same be paid out of any moneys in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated

Passed January 9 1854

To apply to the Assembly for Act to open Sts

Resolved, That the Mayor and Messrs Doyle, A Paine & Walker be a Committee to make application to the Legislature of this State at its present session, for the passage of an act authorizing the City Council to open and otherwise improve Streets by assessing not exceeding one half of the cost thereof on estates benefited by said improvement

Passed January 9 1854

Snow

Resolved, That the Surveyor of Highways be and he is hereby directed to cause the Snow to be removed from the Side walks adjoining the public buildings and public lands belonging to the City, as soon as may be after the same has ceased falling

Passed January 9. 1854

Firemen

Resolved, that the City Treasurer pay to the Treasurer of the Providence Association of Firemen for Mutual Assistance One hundred and twenty six dollars, that being the amount required to constitute One hundred and twenty six Firemen who have been appointed since June members of said Association

Passed January 9 1854

City Marshal Report

The City Marshal makes his Annual Report of the business of the Police Department for the year ending Dec 31 1853

The whole number of commitments to the Watch House	1700
The whole number of warrants issued	1189
The whole number of convictions	1003

The estimated value of property received at the police office		2963.75
	Amt returned to owners	2919 75
	Do on hand	44.00
The amount of fees & penalties received by City Marshal and Police Constables		$ 1763.43

Read Whereupon, it is ordered, that the same be received; and that the same be printed in the newspapers employed to do the City Printing

Passed January 9. 1854

In Convention January 9. 1854

Sinking Fund

The following named persons are appointed Trustees of the Sinking Fund, for the payment of the Bonds of the Hartford, Providence and Fishkill Rail Road Company, received by the City in exchange for the Bonds of the City; under the provisions of the 3d Section of the Act of the General Assembly of January Session 1851 entitled "An Act authorizing the City of Providence to loan its credit in aid of the Providence & Plainfield Rail Road and for its extension" viz

Esek Aldrich
Amos D Smith
Henry B Anthony

The resignation of Geo. B Jastram City Auditor received the 12th inst. is taken from the Table whereupon it is

Voted That the resignation of G. B. Jastram be received

John J Paine is elected City Auditor for the remainder of the Municipal year

Voted That the Fire Company elected as Hydraulion Co. No 2 be changed and hereafter designated as Engine Co. No 12

Voted That Alexander Millan & four others be and they are hereby elected members of the Fire Hook & Ladder Company No 2

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

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Fire Escape

Resolved That the Standing Committee on the Fire Department be and they are hereby directed to enquire into and report upon the expediency of furnishing the Reform School, Asylum and other public buildings with Sessions Fire Escape.

Passed January 16. 1854

R R Bonds

Resolved, That the Committee on the subject of the Rail Road Bonds of the Hartford, Providence and Fishkill Rail Road, be authorized to procure copies of such papers as they may deem necessary to complete the investigation; and that the cost of the same be paid out of the appropriation for contingencies

Passed January 16. 1854

Prov. Harbor

Whereas the prosperity of our City depends much on the facilities for accommodating the Commerce that enters our port, and as the present condition of our harbor & channel retards the interest of the community. Therefore

Resolved, That the sum of Twenty five thousand Dollars be, and the same, is hereby appropriated for clearing the Mud from Providence Harbor; providing the like sum of twenty five thousand dollars shall be appropriated by the General Government, for a like purpose: said Sum so appropriated by the City Council, to be paid from the City Treasury, under the direction of a Committee of the City Council

Passed January 16. 1854

To Report Tax Bill

Resolved, That the Standing Committee on Finance be and they are hereby directed to report, at the first Meeting of the City Council, in February next, a Bill providing for the Assessment and collection of a City Tax for the year ensuing the first Monday of March next

Passed January 25 1854

Rewards

Resolved, That the City Treasurer be and he is hereby directed to pay J Crawford Potter the sum of One hundred and fifty Dollars; said Sum to be in full for all claims for services rendered, and for money expended by him in the arrest of the persons concerned in the robbery of Zunglius Grover Esq; also to pay to William G Mercwether, the sum of Fifty Dollars; to Thomas W Hart the sum of Twenty five Dollars and to George W Wightman the sum of Twenty Dollars in full for services rendered in said arrest; to be paid out of the appropriations for the Police Department

Passed January 25 1854

Rewards

Resolved, That the City Treasurer be and he is hereby directed to pay to J Crawford Potter the sum of Twenty five dollars, and to Thomas W Hart the sum of Twenty five Dollars, for services rendered in endeavoring to arrest the persons who committed the homicide, at the fire which destroyed the Arnold Building; said Sums to be paid out of the appropriation for the Police Department.

Passed January 25 1854

Cove promenade

Resolved, That the Surveyor of Highways be and he is hereby directed, to cause that portion of the Cove Promenade now lying open, to be enclosed with a fence similar to that already standing on the outside of the circle; that he cause the Grounds to be prepared, and procure such trees as he may Judge proper, and complete the laying out of said grounds and planting said trees, as soon as can be conveniently done; and the Sum of fifteen hundred Dollars is hereby appropriated to defray the Expense of the same, payable out of any moneys in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated

Passed January 25 1854

Granite Blocks

Resolved, That the Surveyor of Highways be directed to purchase such a quantity of small Granite blocks as are found at the Quarries, where granite & other stone are trimmed for building stone, as he may deem necessary, to be used for cross Walks and with the pebble pavements, which are to be laid during the ensuing season of Street Improvements, provided the same can be procured on reasonable terms, under the advice of the Committee on Highways

Passed January 25 1854

Hospital Lands

Upon the Report of the Joint Committee to whom on the 12th of December last was referred the Communication from the Harbor Master; it is ordered, that the same be received and referred to the City Solicitor with instructions to examine, and report to the City Council at their next meeting, the title which the City has to the land lying between the Hospital Lands (so called) and the Harbor Line

Passed January 25 1854

To Report Amd to Police Ordc

Resolved, That the Standing Committee to engross Ordinances be and they are hereby directed to report an Ordinance in amendment of the Ordinance in relation to Police; and to provide therein for an increase of the number of Watchmen for Patrol duty from forty to fifty.

Passed January 25. 1854

A E Fields Swill

Resolved, That the Memorial of Augustus E Field, relative to his contract for the Collection of Swill; It is resolved that the same be received and referred to Messrs W Paine A Payne, Doyle and Alderman Gilmore, to examine and report thereon

Passed January 25. 1854

Cistern Knight St

Upon the petition of William Sheldon and others, The Committee on the Fire Department report by the following resolution

Resolved, That the Chief Engineer be directed to contract for the building of a Cistern in the yard of the School House on Knight Street and that the sum of Eight Hundred Dollars be and is hereby appropriated for that purpose, to be paid out of the Appropriation for the Fire Department

Passed January 25 1854

Cistern Broadway

Upon the petition of Lucius Weaver and others, the Committee on the Fire Department report by the following resolution

Resolved, That the Chief Engineer be directed to contract for the building of a Cistern at or near the junction of Broadway & Knight Streets, whenever an arrangement can be made by him with the Residents in that neighborhood for insuring a supply of Water for the same from their Houses and that the cost thereof be paid out of the appropriation for the Fire Department; provided said cost shall not exceed the sum of Twelve Hundred Dollars

Passed January 25. 1854

Fire Escape

The committee to whom was referred the resolution for supplying the Reform School with Sefsions Fire Escape make report which is

Read whereupon it is resolved, that the same be received

Passed January 25. 1854

Harlow Tefft

Resolved, That the City Treasurer be and he is hereby directed, to pay to Harlow Tefft, the sum of four Dollars & fifty cents, it being for the damage of a Carriage on Cranston Street, upon his giving a receipt that is satisfactory to the Mayor, the same to be paid out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated

Passed January 25 1854

Fire Wells

Resolved, That the Chief Engineer be directed to cause Two Fire Wells to be built in the Ravine which is now being filled up at the lower end of Pearl Street and the sum of Three hundred Dollars be and is hereby appropriated to defray the Expense of same, to be paid out of the appropriations for the Fire Department

Passed January 25. 1854

Sliding

An Ordinance in Amendment of an Ordinance entitled "an Ordinance in relation to the Streets and Highways"

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

Section 1. So much of the fifth Section of the Ordinance of which this is in amendment, of any other Ordinance now in force as forbids the Sliding on any Sled or machine or on any other vehicle whatever for amusement in Atwells Avenue, Sabin Street Prospect Street, John Street, Hospital Street, Clifford Street, Friendship Street Congdon Street, Jenckes Street, Smith Street and Orms Street be and the same is hereby repealed

Passed January 25. 1854

Pumps.

Resolved, That the Surveyor of Highways acting under the advice and direction of the Standing Committee on Highways, be directed to cause the Pumps situated at the junction of Hospital and Bassett Streets and the pumps at the junction of North Main and Benefit Streets, to be repaired and improved, and that the sum of One thousand Dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated for the repair of Pumps and Wells, and that the expense of said repairs be paid out of said appropriation

Passed January 26 1854

Finance Co Report Recd

The Standing Committee on Finance who were at the last Meeting of the Council directed to report a bill for the assessment and collection of a City Tax for the year ensuing the first Monday of March next

Report, which is

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

Passed February 13. 1854

C Engineer Report Recd

The Chief Engineer makes his Monthly Report of the Expenditures of the Fire Department amount $4730.69

Read whereupon it is resolved that the same be received

Passed February 13. 1854

City Hall

Resolved, That the joint Committee appointed on the 26th day of September AD 1853 to recommend a lot of land for a location for a City Hall, and to ascertain the cost of the same, be and they are hereby authorized and directed to purchase a lot of land for that purpose, in accordance with a Vote of the Tax paying citizens in April 1852; provided, such a lot as in their opinion shall be a suitable one for said building, can be procured at a cost not exceeding the sum of Seventy five thousand Dollars

Passed February 13. 1854

Harbor Chart

Mayors Office Providence
February 13. 1854

Gentlemen of the City Council

Pursuant to a resolution of the Council authorising me to procure of Lieut Rosencranz a Survey of our harbor, I have to state that the work has been accomplished, and the Chart has been forwarded to me, and is subject to such disposition as the Council may make

Very Respectfully &c

W. R. Danforth Mayor

Read, Whereupon it is resolved that the same be referred to the Standing Committee on City Property, with instructions to take such action as may be necessary thereon

Passed February 13. 1854

Salarys of City Council

Resolved, That the sum of Thirty six hundred dollars, be appropriated out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated to pay the Salary of the Members of the City Council for the year ending the first Monday in March next

Passed February 13. 1854

Hospital Lands

On the matter referred to the City Solicitor the 25th ult he Reports.

I am of opinion that the premises lying between the Hospital lands and the Harbor line belong to the City of Providence

J M Clarke
City Solicitor

Read Whereupon it is resolved that the same received

Passed February 13. 1854

Wards revision of

Resolved, That Messrs Holbrook, Goddard, Mason, Anthony, Williams and Lester and Aldermen James & Hall be and they are hereby appointed a Committee to recommend to the City Council a plan for a revision and alteration of the Wards of the City, in such manner as to preserve, as nearly as may be, an equal number of voters for members of the City Council in each; according to the provision in the Eighth section of the City Charter,

Passed February 13 1854

Markets

Resolved, That the Committee appointed November 28th to ascertain the cost of erecting a range of Market Stalls, be instructed to report a plan and the cost of erecting a free Market over the Water between the bridges

Passed February 13 1854

Appr Police

Resolved That the sum of One Thousand Dollars be added to former Appropriation for Police, and that the same be paid out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated

Passed February 13th 1854

Pub Watch

Resolved, That the sum of Fifteen hundred Dollars be added to former appropriation for Public Watch and that the same be paid out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated

Passed February 13th 1854

Highways

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Passed February 13th 1854

Contingencies

Resolved, That the sum of One thousand dollars be added to former Appropriation for Contingencies, and that the same be paid out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated

Passed February 13. 1854

Masonic Hall

Resolved, That the Standing Committee on City Property be and they are hereby directed to cause the rooms in the third Story of the Market House to be properly prepared for the Meetings of the Aldermen and Common Council; and that the Sum of One thousand dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, to defray the expense of the same

Passed February 13th 1854

Gas

Resolved That the Standing Committee on City Property be and they are hereby directed to report at the next regular meeting of the City Council, the terms of the present contract with the Prov. Gas Company and when the same will expire, and also whether any change in the size of the burners in the Street Lamps, has been made to correspond with the reduction in the price of Gas furnished to ordinary consumers

Passed February 13 1854

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Passed February 13 1854

Return of Lumber Surveyed in the City of Providence

for the Year ending February 6th 1854

By whom Surveyed	White Pine Boards, Timber Plank and Joist No 1 feet	No 2 feet	No 3 feet	No 4 feet	No 5 feet	Southern & Eastern Hard Pine Boards Plank & Timber Much feet	Refuse feet	Spruce Boards Plank, Joist & Sawed Timber Merch feet	Refuse feet	Hemlock Bds Plank Joist & Sawed Timber Merch feet	Refuse feet
Aborn Arnold	8507	66503	52407	281768	71090	239445	47538	207426	44553	98200	25572
Robert Manchester Jn	11946	72607	305871	840585	74101	78669	42430	1286882	109532	120445	93477
Jacob Sallaway	7586	116223	316713	1057397	239978	115075	22143	731734	182568	140561	47575
Nathaniel C Bushee	24891	223042	246582	1091382	109477	271818	75928	1022195	171182	48456	52231
Benjamin Bogman 1st	5596	123144	417111	959436	70788	100202	10217	1147580	235894	80926	30321
Christopher Rhodes	27253	195980	458134	910245	820140	260829	66592	890765	250776	49486	19003
Ezek A Jillson	1887	80660	147626	649802	772134	207083	28775	1205216	202756	86946	27884
James P Metcalf	12741	76914	86538	691808	53392	490151	83462	783684	132394	176911	59550
Charles C Lee	53616	101706	46946	69182	13742	90337	11971	73034	7208	39464	4640
Temporary Appoint's	639	12575	16265	95919	4665	...	...	115364	15313	8373	1006
Robert Manchester	...	...	...	846	39	4170	1238	...	...	38918	25946
Total	154662	1069354	2094293	6648320	796546	1857799	390294	7463880	1352175	888686	388305

By whom Surveyed	Heavn Pine Much feet	Ref feet	Timber Spruce Mer ft	Ref ft	Oak & Ches nut Bds & Plank M ft	R ft	Ash Bds Plank & Joist M ft	R ft	Birch and Maple Bds Plank & Joist M ft	R ft	Whit Wood Bds, Plank & Joist M ft	R ft	Cherry Bds, Plk & Joist M ft	R ft	Bch Walnut Bds Plk & Joist M ft	R ft	Mahogany & Cedar Bds Plk & Joist M ft	R ft	Surveyor Generals Fees	Deputy Surveyors Fees
Aborn Arnold	..	..	..	..	..	..	4567	271	..	..	74825	1666	..	..	2466	773	..	..	37 05	271 63
Robert Manchester Jn	..	..	..	..	48615	12614	15562	812	..	..	104780	8222	..	..	..	..	..	..	99 06	719 44
Jacob Sallaway	340	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	17709	3304	..	..	..	..	..	..	90 30	662 24
Nathaniel C Bushee	3451	1426	..	..	3315	..	1721	110	..	..	31997	5376	..	..	..	..	..	..	101 79	745 74
Benjamin Bogman 1st	19595	...	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	96 01	704 05
Christopher Rhodes	3466	1120	..	..	..	..	30385	5787	31381	7687	27941	3330	2140	176	..	..	..	..	102 02	739 83
Ezek A Jillson	...	...	..	..	..	..	29786	5204	..	..	..	..	11757	4982	..	..	..	..	84 67	616 58
James P Metcalf	...	...	..	..	..	..	5009	463	4465	519	42443	5435	..	..	..	..	..	..	82 50	603 68
Charles C Lee	...	...	..	..	13219	7215	10945	4894	10633	6320	44516	11428	3340	7426	4583	4795	2592	9968	59 43	405 32
Temporary Appoint's	...	...	..	..	..	..	7154	1632	..	..	21260	4877	..	..	..	..	..	..	10 59	74 84
Robert Manchester	...	...	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	17 78	
Total	26852	2546			65149	19829	203379	59173	142489	71447	725471	144198	16241	12584	71049	48708	26592	9968	781 30	5543 35

Total feet B M 24.752.149

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

Passed February 13 1854

Watch House

Resolved, That the sum of One Hundred thirty six 63/100 Dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated in addition to a former appropriation for same purpose to defray the expense of new cells and alterations in Watch House, to be paid out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, to the order of the Standing Committee on Police

Passed February 13. 1854

City Clks Offs Apps for

Resolved, That the sum of One Hundred Dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated to be paid out of the appropriation for contingencies to the Order of the City Clerk as additional wages to the Clerk employed in his Office for the present Municipal Year

Passed February 13 1854

The Surveyor of Highways makes his monthly Report of Work done from January 9 to February 13. 1854 $1358.28

Read, Whereupon it is resolved that the same be received

Passed February 20. 1854

To the Honorable City Council

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

Respectfully Submitted

Providence Feby 6 1854

Robert Manchester

Shed at Asylum

Resolved, That the sum of One hundred eighty two 28/100 Dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated in addition to a former appropriation for the same purpose, to defray the expense of the Shed on the Asylum Farm, to be paid out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated to the order of the building Committee

Passed February 20 1854

High School

Resolved, That the Standing Committee on Public Schools be directed to enquire into the expediency of establishing a High School in the Western part of the City and that they report to this Council at as early date as convenient

Passed February 22 1854

Approved same day

W R Danforth Mayor

Reform Sch

Resolved, That the sum of Six hundred & twenty Dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated for the payment of the services of Matron & female assistants in the Reform School, payable to the order of the Trustees, out of the Appropriation for the said Reform School

Passed February 22 1854

Approved same day

W. R Danforth Mayor

Reform School

Resolved. That annual Salaries payable quarterly to the order of the Trustees be paid to the Officers of the Providence Reform School not exceeding the following amounts respectively, to be paid out of the appropriation for the Reform School; viz:

Superintendent	Eight hundred Dollars
Teacher	Four hundred Dollars
Assistant Teacher	Three hundred Dollars
Overseer of Labor	Four hundred Dollars

Passed February 22 1854

Same day Approved W R Danforth Mayor

High School Teachers

Resolved. That the School Committee be authorized to add to the Salary of each of the female teachers in the High School a sum not exceeding fifty dollars to commence with the quarter just ended.

Passed February 22 1854

Same day approved W. R. Danforth Mayor

Street Laws to be printed

Resolved That the City Clerk be and he is hereby directed to cause One thousand copies of the "Act in relation to the laying out enlarging, straightening or otherwise altering Streets in the City of Providence" passed by the General Assembly at its January Session A D 1854. to be printed in pamphlet form for the use of the City Council.

Passed February 22 1854

Same day Approved W. R Danforth Mayor

Michael McMahon

Upon the Report of the Standing Committee on Finance upon the petition of Garrett Costline, Administrator of the Estate of Michael McMahon deceased; it is resolved that the claim of the City upon the Estate of said Michael McMahon, for the expenses of the Coroners Inquest upon the body of said McMahon amounting to Seventy eight Dollars and sixty four Cents, be and the same is hereby relinquished and remitted; and that the City Treasurer be and he is hereby directed to discharge the same accordingly

Passed February 22 1854

Approved same day W. R. Danforth Mayor

Wm G Mercwether

The Committee on Police to whom was referred the Memorial of the Rev. John Howson and others relative to William G Mercwether Police Constable

Reports. Read. Whereupon it is ordered that the same be received Passed February 22 1854

Approved same day W R Danforth Mayor

An Ordinance providing for the Assessment and Collection of a Tax of fifty six cents on each One hundred dollars in value of the rateable Property in the City of Providence

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

Section 1 That a tax of fifty six cents on each one hundred dollars in value of the rateable property in said City, be assessed and levied upon the rateable property of the inhabitants and others owning such property in said City; And that said tax be assessed on or before the first Monday in September next; and collected and paid into the City Treasury on or before the first Monday in October next

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

Section 3 Said Collector shall be allowed three and one half per cent for Collecting said Tax; he allowing out of his said Commission, three per cent to all those who shall pay him the amount of their respective taxes on or before said first Monday in October next

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

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

Section 6 The City hereby assumes the payment to the State, of the City's proportion of the State Tax for the year One thousand eight hundred and fifty four; and the Assessors of Taxes are hereby directed not to assess said State Tax

Passed February 22 1854

Approved same day W R Danforth Mayor

Dorrance St

The Committee to whom on the 20th December 1852 was referred the subject of the Extension of Dorrance Street and who on the 14th of November last were authorized to expend the sum of Forty Thousand dollars for said Extension or the sum of twenty five thousand dollars for the Extension of Orange Street

Report - Read whereupon, it is resolved that the same be received

Passed February 24 1854

Same day. Approved W. R Danforth Mayor

Street Law

The Committee appointed on the 9th of January last to make application to the General Assembly for an Act authorizing the City Council of the City of Providence to open & otherwise improve Streets in said City and assess not exceeding one half the Cost thereof on estates benefitted thereby

Report that they have procured the passage of such an Act

Read whereupon it is

Ordered that the same be received

Passed Feby 24 1854

Same day Approved W R Danforth Mayor

Rescinding Appropriation for Dorrance Street

Resolved That the resolutions passed by the City Council 14th November 1853 appropriating the sum of Forty Thousand Dollars for the extension of Dorrance Street or twenty five thousand dollars for the Extension of Orange Street, be and the same is hereby rescinded

Passed February 24 1854

Same day Approved W. R. Danforth Mayor

The Committee to whom on the 20th December 1852 was referred the subject of the extension of Dorrance Street and who on the 14 November last were authorized to expend the sum of Forty Thousand dollars for said Extension or the sum of Twenty five thousand dollars for the Extension of Orange Street

Report

Read, Whereupon it is resolved that the same be received

Passed February 24 1854

Same day approved W R Danforth

Mayor

Dorrance St

Resolved That in the opinion of this City Council, It is desirable and necessary to lay out a Street in this City from Broad Street opposite the termination of Dorrance Street to the termination of Cove Street in Exchange Place of the width of Sixty four (64) 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 to the laying out enlarging, Straightening or otherwise altering Streets in the City of Providence" and the City Council hereby direct that application shall be made by said City Solicitor to said Court, in the application for said appointment as aforesaid, that said Commissioners shall apportion and assess one half of the loss and damage thereof upon the persons and estates benefitted thereby in the ratio of the benefits conferred

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

Passed February 24 1854

Same day Approved W. R. Danforth Mayor

West Water Street

Resolved, That in the opinion of this City Council it is desirable and necessary to widen West Water Street in this City from the point at the North East corner of the brick block owned by Alexander Duncan on Dyer Street in said City to the North side of Union Block on Westminster Street to a width of forty 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 to the laying out, enlarging, straightening or otherwise altering Streets in the City of Providence" and the City Council hereby direct that application shall be made by said City Solicitor, to said Court in the application for said appointment as aforesaid that said Commissioners shall apportion and assess one half of the loss and damage thereof upon the persons and estates 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 of, and in the manner required by said Act

Passed Feby 24 1854

Same day Approved W. R Danforth Mayor

South Water St

Resolved That in the opinion of the City Council, it is desirable and necessary to straighten South Water Street from Manton & Hallett's Store to Thurston, Greene & Co's Machine Shop and to lay out and extend a Street from the termination of said South Water Street to meet a Street already laid out by the Fox Point Association of the same width that South Water St will be when straightened at its termination 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 an Act intitled "An Act in relation to laying out enlarging, straightening and otherwise altering Streets in the City of Providence" and the City Council hereby direct that application shall be made by said City Solicitor to said Court, in the application for said appointment as aforesaid that said Commissioners shall apportion and assess one half the loss and damage thereof upon the persons and estates 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

Passed February 24 1854

Same day Approved W. R Danforth Mayor

In Convention February 24 1854

Voted That the number of Assessors for the present year be fixed at Seven

The following named persons are elected to assess the Tax ordered by the City Council the 22d inst

Isaac Thurber	first	Ward
John J Thimson	second	Do
Nathan Mason	third	Do
Abner Peckham	fourth	Do
Ephraim Jackson	fifth	Do
Esek Tallman	sixth	Do
William Sheldon	seventh	Do

} Assessors of Taxes

George S Rathbone having declined serving on the School Committee

John J De Wolf is elected to fill the vacancy in said Committee

Robert Manchester is appointed Surveyor General of Lumber

A List of persons that wish to be elected members of the Fire Department to be attached to Hydraulion Co No 4 Engine Co

No 2, read and referred to the joint Committee on the Fire Department

A motion to postpone the Election of Collector of Taxes is put and lost

James Mumford is appointed Collector of Taxes, to collect the Tax ordered by the City Council the 22d inst

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

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Com" to report Appropriation

Resolved That the Standing Committee on Finance be and they are hereby directed to report at the first meeting of the City Council in March next, a bill making Appropriations for the year ensuing the first Monday in March next

Passed Feby 25 1854

City Watch

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

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

Section 1 Hereafter the number of Watchmen of the City shall be fifty six

Section 2 So much of the Ordinance of which this is in amendment as is inconsistent herewith is hereby repealed

Passed Feby 24 1854

Thanks to Fire Department

Resolved, That the thanks of the City Council be and they are hereby tendered to the Officers and members of the Fire Department for their services rendered to the City in their several capacities

Passed February 25 1854

Fire Department

Resolved That the Board of Engineers be directed to proceed immediately to execute the requirements of the 5th Section of the Ordinance in relation to the Fire Department and pay such Salaries as in their judgment they think necessary

Passed February 25. 1854

Fire Department

Resolved That in Proposing certain Changes in the Organization of the Fire Department of this City; the City Council have had in view the removal of the evils incident to the present system, and have not intended to cast any reflections upon the General good character of the Members of the Department, or to undervalue the services which the Department has rendered to the City.

Passed Feby 25 1854

Engineers Report

A communication from the Board of Engineers in relation to the disbanding of the present Fire Department &c is

Read Whereupon, it is Ordered that the same be received

Passed February 25 1854

Pub Schools Evening

Resolved, That the sum of One Hundred and twenty Dollars be appropriated from the appropriation for Public Schools, payable to the order of the Standing Committee on Public Schools, to pay the expenses of a Public evening school which has been held for some time past in the free Chapel in Benefit Street

Passed March 2 1854

Approved same day Edward P Knowles Mayor pro tem

Com^e to confer with Assessors

Resolved that Messrs W. Paine, Williams & Pabodie & Alderman Holden, be and they are hereby appointed a Committee, to confer with the Assessors, Elected to assess the City Tax ordered on the 22^d February inst and report to the City Council as soon as may be

Passed March 2^d 1854

Approved same day, Edward P Knowles Mayor Pro tem

Lot on Transit Street

Resolved, that the City Treasurer under the direction of the Standing Committee on City Property be authorized to sell and convey the lot of land and improvements thereon, situated on the Northerly side of Transit Street lately purchased of William A Murray; whenever a reasonable price can be obtained therefor, over and above the cost thereof.

Passed March 2^d 1854

Approved March 3 1854 Edward P. Knowles Mayor pro tem

Firemens Fund for Mut Assistance

Resolved That the Standing Committee on Finance be and they are hereby directed to take such action in the matter of the Fund of the Providence Association of Firemen for Mutual Assistance, as they may find expedient for the interests of the City

Passed March 2^d 1854

Approved same day Edward P Knowles Mayor pro tem

South Water Street

Resolved, That in the opinion of this City Council it is desirable and necessary to lay out a Street of the width of forty feet, from the Westerly end of the continuation of India Street as laid down on the plat of the Fox Point Association, and passing Northerly over the Street laid out on said plat, between the water, and South Main Street, and parallel with South Main Street and continuing straight, or as nearly straight as may be without touching Thurston, Greene & Co's principal machine Shop, to the Gangway which is the present termination of South Water Street, and also to enlarge to the width of forty feet, and otherwise alter South Water Street from Mawton & Halletts Store at the Southeast corner of Transit and South Water Street, so that it shall run on, or nearly on a straight line to meet the Street to be laid out as aforesaid

And whereas certain real estates 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 Estimates and assessments under and according to the Act entitled "An Act in relation to the laying out, enlarging, straightening, or otherwise altering Streets in the City of Providence" Passed by the General Assembly at its January Session A D 1854, and the City Council hereby directs that application shall be made by said City Solicitor to said Court, in the application for said Appointment as aforesaid, that said Commissioners shall apportion and assess one half the cost and damages 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 directions of, and in the manner required by said Act

Resolved That the resolution passed on the 24th of Feby last in relation to the straightening of said South Water, and to laying out of a Street in extension thereof, be and the same are hereby rescinded

Passed March 2 1854

Approved same day, Edward P Knowles Mayor pro tem

Grammar School

Resolved. That the Standing Committee on Public Schools be directed to enquire into the expediency of establishing an additional Grammar School on the west side of the river, and to report at some future meeting of the City Council

Passed March 2d 1854

Approved same day
Edward P Knowles Mayor pro tem

H.P.J Co work

Resolved, That the Standing Committee on City Property be and they are hereby directed to examine the work done in the Cove by the Hartford, Providence and Fishkill Rail Road Company; and to report to the City Council, whether in their opinion the same has been done by said Company in conformity with their contracts with the City; and also what alterations have been made in said contract, and what alterations in said work have been made in conformity thereto.

Passed March 2d 1854

Approved same day
Edward P Knowles Mayor pro tem

Upon the Report of the Board of Engineers in relation to the present State of the Fire Department

Read, Whereupon it is resolved that the same be received

Passed March 2 1854

Approved March 4 1854
Edw P Knowles Mayor pro tem

Fire Companies Disbanded

Whereas, Certain Firemen elected by this Council and attached to Hydraulion Engine N° 1 and Engines N° 3. 4. 5. 6. 7. 9. 10. 11 & 12, having refused to do duty as firemen and delivered the keys of the Engine Houses containing said Engines and Apparatus to the Chief Engineer which is an act of misconduct requiring their removal; It is

Resolved That the persons elected as firemen and attached to Hydraulion Engine N° 1 and Engines N° 3. 4. 5. 6. 7. 9 10. 11 & 12 since the commencement of the present Municipal Year, be and they are hereby removed from their said offices and trust as members of the Providence Fire Department

Passed March 2d 1854 more than two thirds of the members present voting in the affirmative

Approved same day
Edward P. Knowles
Mayor pro tem

H.P.J.R.R Co work

Resolved That the Committee appointed by the City Council July 11th 1853, to accept and approve the work done by the Hartford, Providence & Fishkill Railroad Company, be and they are hereby authorized to accept and approve, as properly completed by said Company, so much of said work as relates to the filling between the Bridge abutment, marked N N on the Plot, and Sabin Street, one hundred & thirty feet in width, from the elliptic wall westerly, through its whole length. Elisha A Dwrfee, the contractor with said Company for said work having agreed to fill, in such other place as the City Council shall direct, the same number of cubic yards of earth as would be necessary to raise the grade of said work now completed by said Company, two feet to the grade formerly agreed on.

And said Committee are further authorized to give their certificate to said Company, that said filling has been properly completed, as provided in the resolution appointing said Committee; which certificate shall be deemed a full release and discharge of said Company from any contract, duty and obligation, to fill and complete said work above described, and shall fully acquit and exonerate the said Company from any and all further liability respecting the completion of the same

Resolved That the said Committee shall not give the certificate aforesaid until the said Dwrfee shall have given bond to the satisfaction of the City Treasurer and the City Solicitor that he will perform his agreement aforesaid

Passed March 2d 1854

Approved same day
Edward P Knowles Mayor pro tem

In Convention March 2 1854

The Convention proceeded to the Election of Firemen

Zachariah Allen and 86 others are appointed Firemen to be attached to Hydraulion N° 1 (for names see Firemens Record)

William C Angell and 8 others are appointed Firemen to be attached to Engine N° 2

Amos Fletcher and 38 others are appointed Firemen to be attached to Engine N° 5

John C Potter and 27 others are appointed Firemen to be attached to Engine N° 6.

Daniel M Harris and 43 others are appointed Firemen to be attached to Engine N° 10

D. Bramard Blake and 34 others are appointed Firemen to be attached to Engine N° 12

Joseph Martin is appointed Fireman to be attached to Steam Forcing Stationary Engine N° 1

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

In Convention March 6 1854

The Convention proceeded to elect Firemen (for names see Firemens Record)

George Earle and 49 others are appointed Firemen, to be attached to Engine N° 11

James M Bradford and 42 others are elected Firemen to be attached to Engine N° 3

William H Sweet and 24 others are elected Firemen to be attached to Engine N° 4

Anson H Cole, Sewel T Capron, & Henry L Parsons are elected Fireman to be attached to Engine N° 12

Thomas L Peare, W. A. Handy, Alex Millan, W A Johnson, M Scott, W H Peck, J.A. Chirardini, R. Davis, Joseph West, Ira B Handy, & 20 Palmgreen members of Hook & Ladder Co N° 2 tender their resignation as members of the Fire Depart it is

Voted That the resignation of the aforenamed Firemen be and they are hereby accepted

William A Handy and 12 others are elected members of the Fire Department to be attached to Fire Hook and Ladder Co N° 2

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

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Engine Co N° 2

Resolved That the action of Engine Company N° 2 in declining to withdraw from the Fire Department meets with our hearty approbation

Resolved That they be, and they are hereby invited to join the paid Fire Department under the rules and regulations recently established by the Board of Engineers

Passed March 13 1854

March 15 1854
Approved E. P. Knowles
Mayor pro-tempore

Insane Poor

The Overseer of the Poor makes return of the Names and Expense of the City Paupers supported in the Butler Hospital for the Insane at the Expense of the City from January 1 to December 31. 1853
54 patients remaining in the Hospital; Expense past year $5618.95

Read, Whereupon it is resolved, that the report of the Overseer of the Poor be received and placed on file

Passed March 13. 1854

March 15. 1854
Approved E. P. Knowles Mayor pro. tempore

In Convention March 13 1854

A Communication from the Board of Engineers, read & received

John Robinson, John Kentfield, Wm A Arnold and Ezra I Walker are elected Firemen and attached to Engine N° 6

Bradford C Shaw and forty two others are elected Firemen and attached to Engine N° 7 (for names see Firemens Record)

George F Dawton & forty others are elected Firemen and attached to Engine N° 9

Voted That the Firemen elected the 6inst and attached to Engine N° 11 be and they are hereby detached from said Machine

Thomas Phillips Jun° and thirty five others are appointed Firemen and are hereby attached to Engine N° 11

The following list of persons are presented by the Surveyor General of Lumber as Deputy Surveyors of Lumber

Robert Manchester Jun°
Jacob Sellaway
Nath[l] C. Bushee
Christopher Rhodes
Esek A Jillson
James P. Metcalf
Chas C Lee For Ornamental Lumber
James Salisbury For Oak and other Hard Wood for Ship Timber
Benjamin Bogman 1 ot

Voted That this Council approves of the appointment of the Deputy Surveyors aforesaid

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

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Finance Com[e] Report

The Standing Committee on Finance herewith report resolutions providing for the Annual Appropriations for the ensuing financial year amounting in the whole to the sum of two hundred & twenty thousand one hundred dollars 220.100.—
Special appropriations already made by the Council for specific objects not yet drawn but subject to the orders of diff. Com[es] 12.373.—
Providence March 13. 1854 Jos[h] G Anthony Jr the Committee $ 232.473.—

Read whereupon, it is resolved that the same be received

Passed March 13 1854

Dr City of Providence in account with

1853						
May 3	For Cash paid C. Wilbour Gen[l] Treasurer of State of Rhode Island for half Licenses to May 1 1853	650	44			
June 6	" " " Board of Aldermen for Commissions	16	67			
July 22	" " " Thomas Harkness for Land	1200	—			
Sept 30	" " " Thomas Gafney for bal. due him on Sale of Cattle impounded	22	09			
Oct 11	" " " James S. Ham Trustee Tax refunded	318	00			
Nov 1	" " " Registry of Supreme Court in case the City vs St Johns Lodge	3607	77			
Dec[r] 20	" " " Esek Tallman Trustee for Lot on Friendship St.	500	00			
1854 Feby 4	" " " Manchester & Hopkins for bill against Roan Est	51	39	6366	36	
March 6	" " " for Public Schools	28977	32			
	" " " " " City Debt Fund	5424	42			
	" " " " " Salaries	11609	87			
	" " " " " Contingencies	9553	40			
	" " " " " Pumps and Wells	46	38			
	" " " " " Public Buildings	98	69			
	" " " " " Notes Receivable for Rent of Stalls	2075	—			
	" " Cash paid " State Tax	8085	80			
	" " do " from Rail Road Fund	1197	77			
	" " " " for Bridges	2655	86			
	" " " " " Surveying & platting City	200	—			
	" " " " " Prov. Reform School	6794	43			
	" " " " " Additional Cells in Town House	636	63			
	" " " " " Gateway & Fence N B Ground	1386	00			
	" " " " " Gas Light Fixtures	871	06			
	" " " " " Cove Promenade	187	42			
	" " " " " School Houses and Lots	3100	00			
	" " " " " Support of the Poor at Large 6385.29					
	" " " " " do Insane " at Butler Hospital 4823.58	11208	87			
	" " " " " Asylum Walls & Buildings	1230	33			
	" " " " " Celebration of Am. Independence	2900	00			
	" " " " " Hospital Park	2733	07			
	" " " " " Iron Fence around the Cove	5070	18			
	" " " " " City Watch	17626	64			
	" " " " " Fire Department	19056	50			
	" " " " " Highways	39864	84			
	" " " " " Police	5890	83			
	" " " " " Supplying City with Water	1449	26			
	" " " " " Lighting Streets	10749	80			
	" " " for Balance to New Acc[t]	40551	65	241232	02	
				$ 247598	38	

Resolved, That the Standing Committee on City Property be and they are hereby directed to ascertain upon what terms the Providence Gas Company will continue to supply the City with Gas, after the termination of the present contract

Passed March 13 1854

Approved same day E. P. Knowles Mayor pro tem

Esek Aldrich City Treasurer in Cr

1853				
March 7	By Cash balance in Treasury	87	06	
1854 March 6	" " Received of W Smith for Ferry Privilege	1	00	
	" " " " for Tax on Billiard Tables	380	00	
	" " " " do " Bowling Alleys	427	49	
	" " " " Licensed Junk Shops	210	00	
	" " " " Auction Dues	71	53	
	" " " " Entering Bubled Drains	50	00	
	" " " " Sale of Thatch	3	00	
	" " " " J Northup Trustee	210	25	
	" " " " Lewis Williams towards Expense of Coroners Inquest	11	00	
	" " " " Sale of impounded Cattle	22	09	
	" " " " Bal. of Tax 1852	21.908	89	
	" " " " Jas Mumford Collector of Taxes on account of Tax 1853	166 000	—	23002 31
	" " Excess of Notes issued over Notes paid	50.100	—	
	" " Cash received " City Standard Scales	290	26	
	" " " " " Hartford, Prov & Fishkill R. Road Co for relief from Contract	4250	15	
	" " " " Hartford, Prov. & Fishkill R Road Co difference of Interest between their and City's Bonds to be applied to Sinking Fund	1375	00	
	" " " " North Burial Ground	223	78	
	" " " " Notes for Rent of Stalls $2075. Cash Rent 101,73	2176	73	
	" " " Costs in Case City vs O Holmes 7.40 & Licenses since March 7/53 $ 172.75	180	15	
				224596 07

I hereby certify that I have examined the accounts of Esek Aldrich City Treasurer for the year ending March 6. 1854 and that these accounts agree with the Vouchers, and that on the said Sixth day of March 1854 there was a balance in the City Treasury of Forty Thousand Five hundred fifty one 65/100 dollars deposited in the American Bank, as appears by the Certificate of the Cashier of said Bank

Providence March 6 1854

Jno J Paine
City Auditor

$ 247598 38

Providence March 6 1854
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Esek Aldrich City Treas[r]

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

Passed March 13. 1854

Approved

E. P Knowles
Mayor pro tempore

Richmond Street

Resolved That the Standing Committee on Highways be and they are hereby directed to report at the next meeting of the City Council on the expediency of opening that portion of Richmond Street between Point Street and Eddy Street, under & according to the act entitled "An Act in relation to the laying out enlarging, straightening or otherwise altering Streets in the City of Providence

Passed March 13 1854

March 16 1854
Approved this day E. P. Knowles pro tempore

Appropriations

Resolutions making Appropriations for the year ensuing the first Monday in March A.D. 1854

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

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

For the Support of the Public Schools, for the year ending on the first Monday in March A.D. 1855; together with, and in addition to, the sums which the City may receive for the same purpose, from the State Treasury and Registry Tax: (the expenditures under this appropriation to be made by the order & direction of the School Committee;) Thirty Thousand Dollars

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

For the Fire Department, Thirty Thousand Dollars

For the Support of Public Bridges. One Thousand Dollars

For the support of the public Watch: Twenty six thousand & five hundred Dolls

For lighting the Streets; Twelve thousand Dollars

For the Salaries of the Mayor, Aldermen, Members of the Common Council, and other City Officers, Twelve Thousand Dollars.

For the Repairs of Public Buildings Five Hundred Dollars

For the Repair of the City pumps and wells; Fifteen Hundred Dollars

For the Police Department; Six Thousand Dollars

For the Repair of the Asylum Walls & Buildings, Five Hundred Dollars

For Highways, Forty Thousand Dollars

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

For School Houses and Lots Five thousand Dollars

For the improvement of Public Grounds Two thousand Dollars

For Gas Light Fixtures; One thousand Dollars

For the Providence Reform School Ten thousand Dollars

For the Citys proportion of the State Tax Eight Thousand One hundred Dollars

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

Passed March 13 1854

March 16. 1854
Approved this day E. P. Knowles Mayor Pro Tem

C Engineers Report

The Chief Engineer makes his Monthly Report of the Expenditures for the Fire Department, including Two Thousand Dollars in part payment of Engine House No 11 now building $2639.99

Read, Whereupon it is resolved that the same be received

Passed March 13 1854

Approved E. P. Knowles
Mayor Pro tempore

City Hall

Resolved That Mr Crary from the Seventh Ward be added to the Committee appointed September 26. 1853 on the subject of a location for a City Hall; and that he be authorized and directed to act with said Committee as provided by a resolution passed February 13 1854

Passed March 16 1854

March 17 1854
Approved this day E. P. Knowles
Mayor. Pro tempore

Richmond Street

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Passed March 13 1854

March 16 1854
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For Contingent Expenses: viz: Any Claims which may be allowed by the Board of Aldermen or by the City Auditor, not included in any of the preceding items; and also the compensation allowed to the Assessors of Taxes and to Wardens and Ward Clerks Ten Thousand Dollars

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For Gas Light Fixtures; One Thousand Dollars

For the Providence Reform School Ten thousand Dollars

For the City's proportion of the State Tax Eight Thousand One hundred Dollars

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Passed March 13 1854

March 16. 1854
Approved this day E. P. Knowles Mayor Pro. Tem

C. Engineers Report

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Mayor pro tempore

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Passed March 16 1854

March 17 1854
Approved this day E. P. Knowles
Mayor Pro tempore

Alarm Bells

An Ordinance in Amendment of an Ordinance, entitled "An Ordinance establishing a Fire Department"

It is Ordained by the City Council of the City of Providence

Section 1 In case of an alarm of Fire in the night, the several bells of the City shall be rung or tolled, under such rules and regulations as the Board of Engineers shall from time to time prescribe

Section 2 So much of the Ordinance of which this is in amendment as is inconsistent herewith is hereby repealed

Passed March 16 1854

March 17 1854
Approved this day E. P. Knowles
Mayor Pro tempore

Normal School

Upon the Report of the Standing Committee on Public Schools, upon the subject of a Normal School; it is resolved, that the same be received and recommitted to said Committee, with instructions to report in relation to the location and estimated cost of the establishment of such school, and the reasons for its establishment, and the rules which should govern it; with all other information which they may obtain in relation to the subject

Passed March 13 1854

March 16 1854
Approved this day E P Knowles Mayor Pro tempore

City Hall

Resolved That the joint Committee appointed on the 26th September last to select a location for a City Hall be and they are hereby directed to report on the subject at the next meeting of the City Council

Passed March 22 1854

March 24 1854
Approved E P Knowles
Mayor Pro tempore

To visit Normal School

Providence March 22d 1854

To the Hon. City Council

By request of the Instructors of the Normal School, I hereby extend to the members of the Council an invitation to attend the final examination of the School on Thursday the 30th inst. commencing at 9 o'clk A M.

S. S. Greene
Supt of Public Schools

Read, Whereupon it is resolved that the invitation therein contained be accepted

Passed March 22 1854

Approved same day E. P. Knowles Mayor pro tempore

Surveyor of Highways

The Surveyor of Highways makes his Monthly Report of Work done from February 18 to March 13 1854 amount $1769.22

Read Whereupon it is resolved that the same be received

Passed March 22 1854

March 24 1854
Approved E. P Knowles
Mayor pro tempore

Issues and payments

The City Treasurer presents an Abstract of Issues and Payments of City Debt from Dec 12. 1853 to March 6 1854

Issued to Providence Ins. for Savings N° 203. 204. 205. 206 & 207 amt $51.000,

Paid to Prov. Ins. for Savings Notes N° 189. 191. 192. 195. 198. 200 amt $51.000.—

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

Passed March 22 1854

March 24 1854
Approved Edward P Knowles Mayor pro tem

H. P. & Fish kill R R Co

Resolved, That the City Treasurer be, and he is hereby authorised to demand and receive from the Hartford, Providence and Fishkill Rail Road Company, and to give said Company a full discharge for the sum of One Hundred Dollars, which was awarded to the City of Providence, by John J Stimson, George W Jackson and Abner Peckham Commissioners, as reported by them to the Court of Common Pleas for Providence County, at the December term A D 1852, for damages sustained by said City in consequence of said Company's Rail Road Track passing by or through a portion of said City's Land

Passed March 22 1854

March 24 1854
Approved E. P. Knowles Mayor pro tempore

Mayor Salary

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

Passed March 31 1854

Approved same day E. P Knowles Mayor pro tempore

Wooden Building

On the petition of Luther Pearson requesting liberty to remove a certain Wooden Building

Read, Whereupon it is resolved, that the prayer thereof be granted

Passed March 31 1854

Approved E P Knowles Mayor pro tem pore

Wooden Building

The petition of Lewis Carre requesting liberty to remove a certain wooden Building

Read Whereupon it is resolved that the prayer thereof be granted

Passed March 31 1854

Approved same day E. P. Knowles Mayor pro tempore

Normal School

Resolved, That a Normal School be established under such regulations as may from time to time be adopted by the School Committee; said regulations to be approved by the City Council

Resolved That Pupils from other States and from other Towns in this State may enter such School, upon the Payment of such fees for tuition as may be determined by the Standing Committee on public Schools

Passed March 31 1854

Approved same day E P Knowles Mayor pro tempore

School Committee

Resolved That the Standing Committee on Public Schools be directed to report at the next meeting of the City Council the names of fourteen persons, two to be selected from each ward, as candidates for election as members of the School Committee

Passed March 31 1854

Approved same day E P Knowles Mayor pro tempore

Engine Halls

Resolved That the City Treasurer be and he is hereby authorized to lease under the direction of the Board of Aldermen such portion of the several Engine Houses of the City as may not be necessary for the purposes of the Fire Department

Passed April 3 1854

Approved same day E P Knowles Mayor pro tempore

Real Estate to be appraised

Resolved, That in the opinion of the City Council it is desirable and expedient that a new appraisal be made of the taxable property in the City previous to the assessing of the Tax which was Ordered on the twenty second day of February last, and that the said taxable property be made the subject of regular book and plat Entries as contemplated by the Order of the City Council passed in March 1853 ordering a Survey of the City and it is hereby ordered that said Tax be so assessed

Resolved, That the City Clerk acting under the direction of the Committee appointed in March last to make the Survey aforesaid be and he is hereby authorized and directed to procure such Books and employ such assistance as may be necessary to carry the foregoing resolution into effect

Passed April 3 1854

Approved same day E P Knowles Mayor pro tempore

P. W. R. R. Co

Resolved, That the standing Committee on City Property be directed to report to the Council at their next regular meeting the terms of the permission granted to the Providence & Worcester Rail road Company under which the said Company have laid a rail road track across the space proposed to be occupied for a Market House, in conformity with a report made to this Council

Passed April 3 1854

Approved same day E. P. Knowles Mayor pro tempore

In Convention March 22 1854

John M Shaw Police Constable tendered his resignation which is accepted

John M Shaw is chosen City Constable

A motion to elect C & A Matheuson City Constable is put and lost

Jabez C Potter is elected Police Constable in place of John M Shaw.

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

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Assessors

Resolved, That the Assessors of Taxes shall be allowed three hundred Dollars each, as a full compensation for apportioning the City Tax ordered on the twenty second day of February last, and also for apportioning the Registry Tax and enrolling the Militia, for Copying the tax book and for obtaining all necessary information for the proper and just apportionment of said Taxes, and for all other services relating thereto

Passed April 10 1854

Approved E. P. Knowles Mayor pro tempore

Auditor's Report

Upon the Annual Report of the City Auditor this day made to the City Council: it is resolved, that the same be received

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

Passed April 10 1854

Approved E. P. Knowles Mayor pro tem

Prospect Street

Resolved, That the City Treasurer be and he is hereby authorized to purchase & take a deed or deeds thereof in behaly of the City for the special purpose of being used and improved as a public highway, the following described Real Estate. viz

Beginning on the Southerly side of College Street at a point in continuation of the Easterly line of Prospect St thence running southerly 139 ft to the North westerly corner of land owned by Seth. Adams Jr, thence Southerly with the Westerly line of the land of said Adams 132 feet to the Northerly line of George Street, thence Westerly along the Northerly line of George Street 48 feet, thence Northerly and of a uniform width of 48 feet on a line parallel with the westerly line of said Adams aforesaid 132 feet, thence westerly two feet, thence northerly & on a line parallel with the first mentioned line 139 ft feet to College Street, thence Easterly fifty feet to the first mentioned point

Provided that the cost of the same to the City shall not exceed the sum of Five Hundred Dollars

Resolved That whenever said Deed or Deeds, shall be duly received acknowledged and recorded, the Board of Aldermen are hereby requested to cause to be removed all impediments therein and the same to be opened as a public Highway

Passed April 10. 1854

Approved E P Knowles Mayor Pro tempore

Pioneer Co

A Communication from S. G. Mason and A K Hall Trustees of the Pioneer Fire Company

Read, Whereupon it is ordered that the same be received, and referred to the Standing Committee on City Property; with instructions to report at the next meeting of the City Council

Passed April 10 1854

Approved E. P. Knowles Mayor pro tempore

Assessors

Resolved That Messrs W. Paine Jr. Winsor & Bush and Ald.n Rathbone be and they are hereby appointed a committee to confer with the persons appointed to assess the City Tax ordered on the 22 of February last, and to ascertain if they intend to accept said appointment

Passed April 10 1854

Approved E. P. Knowles Mayor pro tempore

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

The Special Committee to whom was referred the report of the City Solicitor of the 28th of Nov. last in relation to the mortgages executed by the Hartford, Providence and Fishkill Rail road Company reports

Read whereupon it is ordered, that the same be received

Passed April 10 1854

Approved E. P. Knowles Mayor pro tempore

Engineers Rep.t

The Chief Engineer makes his Monthly Report of Expenditures for the Fire Department amount $723.80

Read, Whereupon it is ordered that the same be received

Passed April 10 1854

Approved E P Knowles Mayor pro tem

S of Highways Report

The Surveyor of Highways makes his Monthly report of work done from March 13 to April 10.th 1854 amt $2245.10

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

Passed April 10 1854

Approved E P Knowles Mayor pro tempore

P.&W.R.R.Co

The Standing Committee on City Property, Report in relation to the terms upon which the Providence and Worcester Rail Road Company were allowed to lay rails over the public Waters

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

Passed April 10 1854

Approved E P Knowles Mayor pro-tem

Fire Steam Engine

Resolved, That the Standing Committee on the Fire Department be and they are hereby directed to confer with Corlis, Nightingale & Co or some other Company or persons and learn upon what terms they will build a Steam Fire Engine similar to the one now used in Cincinnati and report at the next meeting of the Council

Passed April 10. 1854

Approved E P Knowles Mayor pro tempore

Normal Sch. The rules and regulations adopted by the School Committee for the government of the Normal School

Read. Whereupon it is resolved, that the same be and are approved

Passed April 10 1854

Approved E P Knowles Mayor pro tem pore

In Convention April 10 1854

John J Stimson one of the Assessors of Taxes tenders his resignation which is accepted

Edward Manton is elected Assessor of Taxes in the place of J. J. Stimson to assess the Tax ordered Feby 22d

A Communication from Wm S Johnson Sec'y Board of Engineers in relation to the resignation of Firemen and the employment of others, is received

24 persons are elected Firemen to be attached to Engines Nos 3. 4. 5. 9. 10. 11 & 12 (see Firemens Record)

The following persons recommended by the Joint Committee on Public Schools are hereby appointed members of the School Committee

1 Ward	Edward P Knowles	&	Edwin M Stone
2 "	John J Stimson	"	Amos D Smith
3 "	Edward R Young	"	Geo. B Jastram
4 "	Amos C Bairstow	"	Oliver Johnson
5 "	Chas Akerman	"	Ednah Sackett
6 "	Ezek Aldrich	"	Jabez C Knight
7 "	William C Snow	"	George F Wilson

A communication from Engine Co No 2 in answer to an invitation from the City Council requesting them to join the paid Fire Department, is received, read and ordered to be placed on file

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

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Turpin Brook Culverts Resolved That the Surveyor of Highways be and he is hereby directed to rebuild that part of the Turpin Brook Culvert, lying between North Main & Randall Streets

Passed April 10 1854

Approved E. P Knowles Mayor pro-tempore

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

Four at the junction of Washington and Jackson Streets

One across	Benefit	South	side of	Sheldon	Street
"	"	Walker	"	"	Fountain "
"	"	Pearl	North	"	Perkins "
"	"	Carpenter	East	"	Lemon "
"	"	Lemon	South	"	Carpenter "
"	"	Hope	North	"	Power "
"	"	Power	East	"	Hope "
"	"	Hope	North	"	Benevolent "
"	"	Benevolent	East	"	Hope "
"	"	Hope	North	"	George "
"	"	George	East	"	Hope "
"	"	Arnold	Opposite No 12		
"	"	Angell	west side of	Congdon	"

Passed April 13, 1854

Approved E P Knowles Mayor pro tempore

Wooden Building The Vestry of St Andrews Church request liberty to remove said Church Building from the corner of Hospital & Allen Streets and place the same on Friendship Street on the lot next east of Cullen Whipples

Read. Whereupon it is resolved that the prayer thereof be granted

Passed April 13 1854

Approved E P Knowles Mayor pro-tem

Cistern Resolved That the Chief Engineer be and he is hereby directed to contract for the building of a Cistern on Codding Street opposite the Builders Iron Foundry and that the sum of One Thousand Dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated for that purpose, to be paid out of the appropriation for the Fire Department

Resolved That the Resolution passed on the 25th of January last in relation to a Cistern in the yard of the School House on Knight Street be and the same is hereby rescinded

Passed April 13. 1854

Approved same day E P Knowles Mayor pro tempore

Appraisers Resolved That seven persons one from each ward be appointed in Convention as Appraisers to assist the Assessors of Taxes in appraising the Real Estate in the City, and that said Appraisers be allowed Three Dollars per day while so engaged

Passed April 19 1854

Same day Approved E P Knowles Mayor pro tempore

Pond St

Resolved, That in the opinion of this City Council, it is desirable and necessary to lay out Pond Street from Fenner Street to Stewart Street a width of forty 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 to the laying out, enlarging, straightening or otherwise altering Streets in the City of Providence" and the City Council hereby direct that application shall be made by said City Solicitor to said Court in the application for said appointment as aforesaid, and 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 benefit conferred

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

Passed April 19. 1854

Approved same day E P Knowles Mayor pro tempore

Richmond St

Resolved, That in the opinion of this City Council, it is desirable and necessary to lay out and extend Richmond Street, from Point Street to Eddy Street of a width of forty 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 to the laying out enlarging straightening or otherwise altering Streets in the City of Providence", and the City Council hereby direct that application shall be made by the 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 benefit conferred

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

Passed April 19 1854

Approved same day E P Knowles Mayor pro tempore

Teachers

Resolved, That the School Committee are hereby authorized to increase the Salaries of the Male Teachers in the Public Schools not exceeding one hundred dollars each:

Provided that such increase shall in no case apply to any teacher who has not served the City in such capacity at least four years

Passed April 19 1854

Approved same day E P Knowles Mayor pro tem

Harbor

Resolved, That Messrs W. Paine J. Manchester & Tillinghast and Alderman Hall be and they are hereby appointed a Committee to cause the obstructions to be removed from the Channel of the River commencing at the North end of Messrs A D & J G Smith's Wharf and proceeding up the River as far as the Bridge; that they cause the mud and sand taken from said Channel, to be deposited on the flats opposite the Hospital Land owned by the City; unless, in their judgment, the same can be disposed of more to the interest of the City; And the sum of fifteen hundred dollars is hereby appropriated for said Object, payable out of any money in the Treasury, not otherwise appropriated

Passed April 19 1854

Approved same day

E P Knowles Mayor pro tempore

In Convention April 19. 1854

The Assessors of Taxes appointed the 24. of February last tender their resignation, which is accepted

The following Gentlemen are appointed Assessors of Taxes to assess the Tax ordered Feby 22

First Ward	Daniel Angell	Fifth Ward	Daniel Field
Second Ward		Sixth "	John F Phillips
Third Ward	James H Mumford	Seventh "	Ensel E Bradley
Fourth Ward	Thomas Brown		

A Motion to postpone the appointment of Appraisers is put and lost

The following Gentlemen are appointed Appraisers to assist the Assessors in Appraising the Real Estate in the City

First Ward,	Jabez Gorham	Fifth,	Ephraim S Jackson
Second "	Edward A Grene	Sixth,	Esek Talman
Third "	William Earle	Seventh,	Wm Sheldon
Fourth "	Philip Case		

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

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Warden and Ward Clks

Resolved, That the City Treasurer be directed to pay to each of the Wardens and Clerks of the several Wards in the City, the Sum of Three Dollars, in addition to the amount now allowed them by law, for their services on the fifth day of April instant, to be paid out of the appropriation for Contingencies

Passed April 24 1854

Approved April 29 1854

W R Danforth Mayor

Wooden Building

The petition of Allen J Brown requesting liberty to remove a one Story building from the corner of Gaarden & Stewart Streets and place the same on the corner of Pine & Lockwood Street

Read Whereupon it is resolved, that the prayer thereof be granted

Passed April 26 1854

Approved April 29 1854 W R Danforth Mayor

In Convention April 26 1854

Edward Manton, Thomas Brown & John F Phillips severally decline accepting the appointment of Assessors of Taxes

Jabez Gorham, Edward A Greene & Ephraim S Jackson severally decline the appointment of Appraisers of Real Estate

The following Gentlemen are appointed to assist in Assessing the tax ordered the 22d of February last in place of the above persons who decline

Henry Packard	3d	Ward	Assessors of Taxes
Abner Peckham	4	"	
Esek Aldrich	6	"	

The following Gentlemen are appointed to assist the Assessors to appraise the Real Estate in the City

Leonard Blodget	1	Ward	Appraisers
Cyrus Fisher	2	"	
James Salisbury	6	"	

George C Harkness and twenty seven others are elected Firemen to be attached to Engine No 1

Darius Gilmore and seven others are elected Firemen and attached to Engine No 2

George W Cady & 29 others are transferred from Volunteer to the paid department and attached to Engine No 2

Albert Holbrook and 52 others are at their own request dismissed from the Fire Department

For names of above see Firemens Record

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

Artillery Co

Resolved, That the City Solicitor be directed to examine and report to the City Council, what claim (if any) the heirs of the late William Jenkins have upon the lot of land granted to the Providence Artillery on the 14 of November 1853, for the purpose of erecting an Armory thereon; and also, to report what action is necessary to make said grant available to said Company

Passed May 1 1854

Approved same day W R Danforth Mayor

City Charter

Resolved That the Committee appointed to revise the City Ordinances be directed to make a revision of the City Charter and present the same for the consideration of the Council

Passed May 1 1854

Same day Approved W R Danforth Mayor

City Clks Office

Resolved That the Standing Committee on City Property be and they are hereby directed to cause the room in the Market House now occupied by the Overseer of the Poor to be connected with the Office of the City Clerk and proper cases furnished for the accommodation of the Books necessary for the assessors of taxes; and also to provide a proper room in the Town House for the said Overseer. and the sum of Two hundred dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated to defray the Expense of the same

Passed May 1. 1854

Same day Approved W R Danforth Mayor

Wooden Building

The petition of Isaac S Batley requesting liberty to remove a two Story Wooden building from the corner of Friendship & Dorrance Streets and place the same on Eddy St between South & Point Street

Read. Whereupon, it is resolved, that the prayer thereof be granted

Passed May 1. 1854

Approved Same day W. R. Danforth Mayor

Wooden Building

The petition of Stephen Brownell requesting liberty to remove a One Story Wooden building from its present location, on Point St about twenty rods West on said Street

Passed May 1. 1854

Approved Same day W R Danforth Mayor

Wooden Building

Resolved, That permission be and hereby is granted to John H Lonsdale, to remove a certain wooden building, owned by him, and now standing on land belonging to heirs of Anna Jenkins, to the rear of the same lot

Passed May 8 1854

Approved Same day W. R Danforth Mayor

Engineers Report

Chief Engineers Monthly report of Expenditures for the Fire Department including a new Machine Engine No 2 Amt $1563.69

Read, Whereupon it is ordered that the same be received

Passed May 8th 1854

Same day Approved W. R. Danforth Mayor

Woolen Building

The Petition of Sanders & Grant requesting liberty to remove a one & half story Wooden Building from High St No 147 to rear of the same lot

Read, Whereupon it is resolved, that the Prayer thereof be granted

Passed May 8 th 1854

Same day Approved W. R Danforth Mayor

Portland St

Resolved, That the Surveyor of Highways be and he is hereby directed to cause the Curb Stone to be set and gutters paved on that part of Portland Street, lying between Broad and Friendship Street, whenever the owners of the adjoining estates shall find suitable curb stones for the same

Passed May 8 1854

Same day approved W. R. Danforth Mayor

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proprietors plats

Resolved, That the Standing Committee on City Property, be directed to cause copies of the Plats of the Original Proprietors of the Town of Providence, to be made and deposited in the Office of the City Clerk, provided the cost of the same shall not exceed fifty Dollars

Passed May 8 th 1854

Same day approved W. R. Danforth Mayor

Light Infantry

Resolved That the sum of Three Hundred & seventy seven Dollars & fifty nine cents be paid to the First Light Infantry Company to defray in part certain Expenses incurred by said Company on the 4th day of July last, the same to be paid out of the Treasury from the appropriation for Contingencies upon the order of the Commandant of said Company

Paped May 8 1854

Same day approved W R Danforth Mayor

Cross walks

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

Three at the function of Pine and Plane Streets
One across Hemlock North side of Friendship Street
One " Plane St " " " Do "
One " Friendship " East " " Plane "
One " Clifford " " " " Do "
One " Elm " " " " Do "

Passed May 8 1854

Same day approved W. R. Danforth Mayor

Allen St

Resolved, that the Surveyor of Highways be and he is hereby directed to cause the Curb Stone to be set and gutters paved on that part of Allen Street lying between Hospital & Eddy Streets whenever the owners of the adjoining estates shall furnish suitable curb Stones for the same

Passed May 8 1854

Same day Approved W. R. Danforth Mayor

Culvert through Hope and Power Sts

Resolved, that the Surveyor of Highways be and he is hereby directed to cause a suitable drain to be built through Hope Street from Charles Field to Power Street and through Power Street from Hope to Brook Street the same to be done under the advise and direction of the Standing Committee on Highways

Passed May 8. 1854

Same day Approved W. R. Danforth Mayor

Cistern Carpenter St

Resolved, That the Chief Engineer be and he is hereby directed to contract for the building of a Cistern on Carpenter Street in front of the School House and that the cost thereof be paid out of the appropriation for the Fire Department, provided the same shall not exceed the sum of Nine Hundred Dollars

Passed May 8 1854

Same day Approved W. R. Danforth Mayor

Aborn St

Resolved, That the Surveyor of Highways be and he is hereby directed to cause that part of Aborn Street, lying between Sabin and Westminster Streets to be paved whenever the owners of the adjoining estates shall furnish suitable curb stones for the same

Passed May 8 1854

Same day approved W. R. Danforth Mayor

Cross Walk

Resolved, that the Surveyor of Highways be and he is hereby directed to cause a Cross Walk to be laid across Benefit Street at the South side of the lamp post opposite N° 68

Passed May 8. 1854

Same day approved W. R. Danforth

Providence St

Resolved, that the Surveyor of Highways be and he is hereby directed to cause the Curb Stone to be set and the gutters paved on that part of Providence Street lying between Lockwood and Windmill Streets whenever the owners of the adjoining estates shall furnish curbstone for the same

Passed May 8 1854

Same day approved W. R Danforth Mayor

Prince St

Resolved, that the Surveyor of Highways be and he is hereby directed to cause the gutters to be paved and the Curb Stone set on Prince Street whenever the owners of the adjoining estates shall furnish curb stone for the same

Passed May 8 1854

Same day approved W. R. Danforth Mayor

Wooden Building

The petition of Daniel Martin requesting liberty to remove a One Story wooden Barn from the corner of Butlers gangway & Pine Street about 23 feet north on the line of said gangway

Read, Whereupon it is resolved, that the prayer thereof be granted

Passed May 8 1854

Same day approved W. R. Danforth Mayor

Lockwood St

Resolved that the Surveyor of Highways be and he is hereby directed to cause the Curb Stone to be set, and the gutters paved on Lockwood Street, from Windmill to Pine Street whenever the owners of the adjoining estates shall furnish Curb Stones for the same

Passed May 8 1854

Same day approved W. R Danforth Mayor

Hewes Street

Resolved that the Surveyor of Highways be and he is hereby directed to cause the curb stone to be set, and gutters paved on that part of Hewes Street lying between the termination of the Curbing already set and North Main Street, whenever the owners of the adjoining estates shall furnish suitable Curb Stones for the same

Passed May 8 1854

Same day approved W. R. Danforth Mayor

Angell St

Resolved, that the Surveyor of Highways be and he is hereby directed to cause the Curb Stone to be set and gutters paved on that part of Angell Street lying between Brown and Hope Streets whenever the owners of the adjoining estates shall furnish suitable Curb stone for the same

Passed May 8. 1854

Same day approved W R Danforth Mayor

Artillery Co

The City Solicitor makes report in relation to the Lot recently granted to the Providence Artillery Company

Read, Whereupon it is resolved that the same be received

Passed May 8 1854

Same day approved W. R. Danforth Mayor

Wooden Building

Upon the Petition of George W Butts, it is resolved, that the prayer of said petition be so far granted, that said petitioner have liberty to move the building therein named, provided the same shall not be placed within five feet of the Northerly line of the lot on which it stands

Passed May 8 1854

Same day approved W. R. Danforth Mayor

Thatch Rights

Resolved, That the Standing Committee on City property be directed to report to this Council the terms upon which the title to the Thatch rights at the head of the Cove can be extinguished, with a view of filling the waters now remaining above the Cove circle for the use of the public as a park and pleasure ground

Paped May 8 1854

Same day approved W. R. Danforth Mayor

Hydraulion N° 1

Resolved, That the Board of Engineers be and they are hereby authorised to sell or otherwise dispose of Hydraulion No 1 upon such terms as they may deem for the interests of the City

Passed May 8. 1854

Same day approved W. R. Danforth Mayor

Highway Work

Resolved, That the Standing Committee on Highways be and they are hereby directed to report at the next meeting of the Common Council a resolution prescribing the order in which the work on highways already ordered shall be done during the next municipal year

Passed May 8 1854

Same day approved W. R. Danforth Mayor

Appropriation to pay 7th Ward Ald.n & C Council men

Resolved That the City Treasurer be directed to pay to the Council men from the Seventh Ward the sum of Twenty five Dollars each and the Alderman from the same ward the sum of fifty dollars being for their services as members of the City Council up to the first Monday in June 1854 and that the same be paid out of the appropriation for Salaries

Passed May 8 1854

Same day Approved W. R. Danforth Mayor

Flag & Flag Staff Page St

Resolved, That the Standing Committee on City property be and they are hereby directed to purchase the flag staff now standing on Page Street near Engine House No 3 and the flag belonging to the same, and cause the said staff to be placed at the junction of Westminster & High Street — provided that the cost of the same shall not exceed Two Hundred Dollars

Passed May 8 1854

Same day, approved W R Danforth Mayor

Appropriation for Pub. Grounds

Resolved, That the sum of fifteen hundred Dollars be added to former appropriation for the Improvement of Public Grounds and that the same be paid out of any moneys in the treasury not otherwise appropriated

Passed May 8 1854

Same day Approved W. R. Danforth Mayor

Geo W. Jackson petition

Upon the petition of George W. Jackson Esq it is voted and resolved, that a Committee of one from each ward, consisting of Messrs Hunt, A Payne, Mason, Anthony, Williams Walker and Crary and Aldermen Bates, Rathbone and Gilmore, be and they are hereby appointed a Committee to confer with the School Committee relative to the subject matter of said petition; and also to make such other examination into the subject as they deem expedient; and to report to the City Council what action they deem advisable in the premises

Passed May 11 1854

Same day Approved W. R. Danforth Mayor

Temporary Loan

Resolved, That the City Treasurer be authorized under the advice and direction of the Committee on Finance to borrow temporarily a sum of money not exceding Thirty thousand dollars for the use of the City

Passed May 24 1854

Approved same day W. R Danforth Mayor

Appropriation for pub Bridges

Resolved, that the sum of Fifteen Hundred Dollars, be added to former appropriations for Public Bridges, and that the same be paid out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated

Passed May 26 1854

Approved Same day W R Danforth Mayor

Point & Hoppin Streets

Resolved, That the Surveyor of Highways be and he is hereby directed to cause the Curb Stone to be set and gutters paved on that part of Point Street lying between Hospital and Hoppin Streets, and on that part of Hoppin Street lying between Point and Basset Streets, whenever the owners of the adjoining estates shall find suitable curb stone for the same

Passed May 26 1854

Approved same day W. R. Danforth Mayor

Elm Street

Resolved, That the Surveyor of Highways be and he is hereby directed to cause that Portion of the side walk on the North side of Elm Street between Hospital and Chesnut Streets to be widened to conform to the side walk on the same Street above and below said Streets

Passed May 26 1854

Approved same day W. R. Danforth Mayor

Wooden Building

The petition of Joseph F Gilmore requesting liberty to remove a One & half Story Wooden Building from the corner of Summer & Pond Streets and Place the same in the rear of No 74 Pond Street

Read, Whereupon it is resolved that the prayer thereof be granted

Passed May 26 1854

Approved same day W. R Danforth Mayor

Wooden Buildg

The petition of William Hatton requesting liberty to remove a certain One Story Wooden Building from No 259 Pine Street and to place the same about 200 feet East in the Street aforesaid

Read, Whereupon it is resolved, that the prayer thereof be granted

Passed May 26 1854

Approved same day W. R. Danforth Mayor

Wm Fletcher

The petition of William Fletcher requesting liberty to remove his Brick Stable on Union Street 37 feet further north.

Read, Whereupon it is resolved that the prayer thereof be granted

Passed May 26th 1854

Approved same day W R Danforth Mayor

Wooden Building

The petition of James P Burlingame requesting liberty to remove a One story wooden building from Seekel Street to the corner of Pine & Somerset Streets

Read, Whereupon it is resolved, that the prayer thereof be granted

Passed May 26th 1854

Approved same day W. R. Danforth Mayor

Aug' & Field

Resolved, That the City Treasurer be and he is hereby directed to pay Augustus & Field the sum of One thousand Dollars, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, for loss sustained by him on his Contract for gathering Swill & House Offal up to June 1st 1854

Passed May 31 1854

Same day Approved W. R. Danforth Mayor

Wooden Building

The petition of Perry L Hopkins requesting liberty to remove a two story Wooden Building from the rear of a lot on Burges Street & place the same on the front of the lot aforesaid also a One & half story wooden Building on the same lot and place the same about four feet from its present location

Read, Whereupon it is resolved that the prayer thereof be granted

Passed May 31 1854

Same day Approved W R Danforth Mayor

Wooden Building

The petition of Richard Waterman requesting liberty to remove two One Story wooden Buildings from President Street to the rear of the same lot

Read Whereupon it is resolved that the prayer thereof be granted

Passed May 31 1854

Same day Approved W. R. Danforth Mayor

E P Knowles Compensation

Resolved, That the sum of Two Hundred Dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated, as compensation to Edward P Knowles Esq for his services as acting Mayor of the City, during the illness of his Hon Walter R Danforth – the same to be paid out of the Appropriation for Contingencies

Passed May 31 1854

Same day Approved W. R. Danforth Mayor

Pioneer Co.

The Standing Committee on City Property to whom was referred on the 10th of April last a communication from the Trustees of the Pioneer Fire Company, Report adversely

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

Passed May 31 1854

Same day Approved W. R. Danforth Mayor

Ordinance

An Ordinance establishing the Ordinances of the City of Providence, prescribing the time when they shall take effect & the manner of publishing the same

Whereas the Committee appointed to revise the Ordinances of the City have reported certain bills of which those hereinafter mentioned by their titles have been Carefully Examined & considered by this City Council; therefore

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

Section 1 The several Ordinances the titles of which are hereinafter mentioned are hereby declared to be the ordinances of this City, and all such of them as are new ordinances, and all such parts of them as are amendments or alterations of any previous ordinance shall go into operation and effect on the first day of September next

1 An Ordinance in relation to the Ordinances of the City of Providence

2 An Ordinance designating the Officers to be appointed by the City Council in addition to those specially designated and required to be appointed by the City Charter

3 An Ordinance appointing the times and place for holding the Municipal Court

4 An Ordinance Establishing the City Seal and the Seal for the Board of Aldermen & for the Municipal Court

5 An Ordinance prescribing the duties of the City Clerk

6. An Ordinance providing for the appointment of a City Solicitor & prescribing his duties

7. An Ordinance prescribing the manner of notifying Ward Meetings for the purpose of Elections

8 An Ordinance appointing Town Meetings in relation to the Dexter Donation

9. An Ordinance in relation to the election of Justices of the Peace

10. An Ordinance establishing the Office and prescribing the duties of the City Auditor

An ordinance prescribing the duties of the City Messengers

An Ordinance in relation to the Financial year

An Ordinance in relation to the City Debt

An Ordinance in relation to the bond of the Collector of Taxes

An Ordinance in relation to the loan of the credit of the City of Providence in aid of the Providence & Plainfield Rail Road for its Location

An Ordinance fixing the Salaries of certain Officers

An Ordinance in Relation to Public Schools

An Ordinance in relation to the Prevention of Fires

An Ordinance establishing a Fire Department

An Ordinance in relation to the Harbor of the City of Providence and the powers and duties of the Harbor Master thereof.

An Ordinance to prohibit the depositing of Animals or Vegetable Substances in certain Waters of the City

An Ordinance providing for the appointment of Street Commissioners prescribing their duties and for other purposes

An Ordinance in relation to Streets & Highways

An Ordinance in relation to Side Walks

An Ordinance in relation to the removal of Wooden Buildings

An Ordinance to prevent injury to Lamps, Lamp Posts, Fences & Buildings

An Ordinance in relation to Wood & Coal Carts

An Ordinance in relation to the firing of Guns, Pistols & other fire Arms

An Ordinance defining the limits of the City Market Place

An Ordinance providing for the regulation of the City Market & Market Place

An Ordinance in relation to the use of certain rooms in the Market House

An Ordinance in relation to the City Pumps & Wells

An Ordinance in relation to the Hay Market

An Ordinance in relation to the Dexter Training Ground

An Ordinance establishing the Hospital Tank

An Ordinance in relation to the Keeper of Public Grounds

An Ordinance prescribing the duties of the Overseer of Public Bridges

An Ordinance to prohibit the opening of Places of Trade, or Entertainment on Sundays or late at night

An Ordinance respecting Quarantine

An Ordinance in Relation to the Interment of the Dead

An Ordinance in relation to the North Burial Ground

An Ordinance in Relation to Police

An Ordinance in Relation to Nuisances

An Ordinance to prohibit Bathing in certain places

An Ordinance to prevent over crowded tenements

An Ordinance to prevent rioting & other disturbances in the public Streets

An Ordinance establishing a Public Pound

An Ordinance to prevent the going at large of certain Animals

An Ordinance in relation to Swill & House Offal

An Ordinance in relation to the removal of the contents of Privy Vaults

An Ordinance in relation to the burial of the dead bodies of Animals

An Ordinance in relation to Dogs

An Ordinance to prevent the ringing of certain bells between Sunset and one hour after Sun rise

An Ordinance to prohibit the ringing of bells for Auction

An Ordinance in relation to Insane persons chargeable to the City

An Ordinance in relation to Weights. Measures. Scales & Balances & the duty of the Sealer thereof

An Ordinance in relation to the Sale of Junk & other second hand articles

Section 2. All Ordinances heretofore passed by the Town or the Town Council of the Town of Providence or by the City Council of the City of Providence which are repugnant to the provisions of the above named Ordinances shall be and they are hereby declared to be repealed from and after the first day of September next.

provided however that nothing in this Ordinance or in any of the above named ordinances shall defeat, discharge or in any way affect any right, title, interest, duty, obligation, penalty, forfeiture claim or demand which shall have vested, accrued, accrued or become forfeited by virtue of the ordinances now in force or which shall be in force until and including the said first day of September next.

Nor shall anything in this ordinance or in any of the ordinances herein before named, be construed to bar, discharge or abate any civil or criminal process whatsoever now pending, or which shall hereafter be commenced or pending, nor to mitigate, remit or discharge any criminal offence or the punishment thereof, that shall have been committed before or on the last mentioned day

Section 3. The Committee before referred to shall cause this ordinance and the ordinances whose titles are recited in the first section hereof and such other ordinances which are not temporary as may be passed by the City Council previous to the day of together with the City Charter & such Laws of the State as are specially applicable to this City to be arranged in a proper order in a book with a copious index & proper notes of reference to each ordinance and to cause One Thousand copies of said Book to be printed for the use of the City

Section 4. This Ordinance and the ordinances whose titles are recited in the first section hereof shall be published once in the News paper employed to do the City Printing

Passed May 31 " 1854

Same day Approved

W. R. Danforth Mayor

Ordinances to print &c

Resolved, That the Committee to revise the City Ordinances are hereby authorized to employ some suitable person to prepare the Ordinances reported by said Committee and passed by the City Council, and also the acts of the General Assembly, and the City Charter for the press, and oversee the Printing and make a suitable index and marginal notes, for the same, and they are hereby authorized to draw upon the Treasurer for such sum as said Committee shall deem proper as compensation to such person for his services

Passed May 31 1854

Same day Approved

W. R Danforth Mayor

In Convention June 5 d 1854

This day being the day fixed by law for the annual Organization of the Municipal Government of the City of Providence the following Gentlemen being the Mayor, Aldermen and Common Council men Elect met in Convention in the Council Chamber this day at 3 o'clock p m to wit

Edward P Knowles Mayor

Isaac Thurber	Alderman of	First Ward
Warnum J Bates	"	Second "
Geo. W Hall	"	Third "
Geo. S. Rathbone	"	Fourth "
Samuel James	"	Fifth "
Jabez C. Knight	"	Sixth "
Zelotes W Holden	"	Seventh "

Common Council

First Ward	Second Ward
John H Taylor	Richard W Bush
Charles W Holbrook	William T Grinnell
Henry L Webster	Abraham Payne
Amasa S Westcott	William Goddard
Third Ward	**Fourth Ward**
Wingate Hayes	Stephen Cornell
Charles E Shillinghast	Amos C Barstow
Stephen G Mason	Oliver Johnson
Samuel Allen	Walter Paine Jr
Fifth Ward	**Sixth Ward**
Daniel E Carpenter	Arnold Saunders
Thomas A Doyle	John K Lester
	John N Francis
Charles Anthony	James N Hopkins

Seventh Ward

Stephen Crary	Martin C Stokes
Samuel A Winsor	Charles M Stone

The Convention was called to order by the Mayor Walter R Danforth, who made a farewell address to the Council. He then administered the Oath of Office required by the City Charter to the Mayor Elect

Edward P Knowles

The Mayor then administered the like Oath to the aforenamed Aldermen and Common Councilmen elect

Thereupon the Convention proceeded to ballot for City Clerk and on counting the ballots it appeared that

Albert Pabodie

was elected to that Office and he was then duly engaged by the Mayor

The Mayor then delivered his inaugural Address

After which the two Boards separate the Board of Alder=men retire to their Chambers

In Convention June 5 1854

The two Boards again meet in Convention for the pur=pose of choosing City Officers. the following Offices are chosen

Judge of the Municipal Court. Francis E. Hoppin

Clerk of the Municipal Court	Albert G. Greene
City Treasurer	Esek Aldrich
City Auditor	John J. Paine
City Solicitor	James M. Clarke
City Marshal	William H Hudson
City Sergeant	James C Sheridan
Clerk of the Market	William H Hudson
Surveyor of Highways	Henry G Mumford
Police Constables	Jabez J. Potter, Nathan M Briggs Wm G Meriwether, Thos W. Hart, Geo. W Wightman, Wm B. Cranston Warren G Slack, Jabez C. Potter Sylvester Hartshorn, John P. Case
City Constables	William H Hudson, James Sheldon Daniel Wightman, John H Gould Daniel J Potter, Silas Hemenway Thomas W Hayward, John B. Barton Philip W Martin, Ethan Tourtellot John M Shaw, William H Sherman Christian M. Johnson
Sealer of Weights & Measures	Charles T. Little
Viewers of Hoops	George L Harwood Peleg S. Shearman Samuel C Eathforth
Undertakers	Judson Blake, John G. Hopkins Gardner J Swarts, William C Millard Amos Fletcher, Patrick Wallace Namon Miller, Merit Nichols Hollis Chaffin, Wm O Briggs William Vero, Luke Flannagin

Overseer of Bridges	Menzis Sweet
Packers & Inspectors of Fish	Peleg S. Shearman George S. Harwood George W. Wheeler
Inspector of Pot & Pearl Ashes	Smith Bosworth, Amasa Manton
Inspector of Saleratus & Bi carbonate of Soda	Joseph Martin
Inspector of Beef & Pork	Rufus W Kimball
Sealer of Leather	George Metcalf
Collector of Taxes	James Mumford
Overseers of the Hospital	Mayor & Aldermen
Overseer of the Town House	William H Hudson
Overseer of the City Pumps	Same
Overseer of the Poor	Passed
Auctioneer	Henry Staples
Fence Viewers	Henry G Mumford
Field Driver	William H Hudson
Advising Com^e on Bridges	Mayor & Aldermen
Pound Keeper	Hollis Chaffin
Surveyors & Corders of Wood	Thomas J Wardwell, Geo. B. Holmes Benj^m S Olney, Sam^l B. Bullock Nelson Chace, Joseph Robinson William R Thurber, Geo. J. Bowen Clarke Steere, Wm W. Arnold Nathan Thornton, Cyrus Potter Sayles Brown, Benj^m J. Brown Jabez C Olney, Benj^m S Olney Jr. Rowland Evans, Daniel Linscott Darling A Mowry
Surveyors & Measurers of Stone	William S Andrews, Leonard Blodgett Cyrus Fisher, Clifton A Hall
Committee to Superintend the building of Chimneys & Placing Stove pipes	Cyrus Fisher Moses Richardson Samuel Lewis
Inspectors & Measurers of Carpenters, Masons & Painters Work	Leonard Blodgett, Robert Manchester, Robert Manchester Jr Emor Angell, James Lewis, Russell Greene Weston A Fisher, Cyrus Fisher, Jonathan S Angell Horace Gray, Stephen C Arnold, Clifton A Hall

Assessors of Taxes — Daniel Angell, Henry Packard, James H. Mumford, Abner Peckham, Daniel Field, Ezek Aldrich, Ansel E. Bradley

Street Commissioners — Samuel B. Cushing, Asa Pierce, Cyrus Fisher

Measurers of Grain, Salt & Sea Coal — Hazeltine Taft, Jonathan West, Joseph Smith, Edwin G. Greene, Ellery Wesson, Sam[l] Jackson 2[d], Charles Hodges

Measurers of Bran — Hazeltine Taft, Jonathan West

Weighers of Anthracite Coal — Sam[l] Jackson 2[d], Rowland Evans
Election of the rest of the weighers postponed

Weighers of Cotton — Samuel Almy, Nath[l] B. Chace, John A. Foster, James Burrough

Superintendent of North Burying Ground — Philip W. Martin

Chief Engineer — Joseph W. Taylor

Assistant Engineers — David A. Cleaveland, Allen Bakes, William H. Sweet, Samuel C. Bladges, Abner H. Angell
Election of the 6[th] Ass[t] Engineer postponed

Presidents of Firewards — William Tallman, Nathaniel F. Potter, Earl Carpenter

Harbor Master — Nathaniel Church

Trustees of the Reform School — Benjamin G. Babcock, William T. Grinnell, Samuel G. Arnold, Amos C. Barstow, Henry A. Howland, Wm W. Hoppin

School Committee — Geo. Hunt

Inspector of Liquor to ascertain proof — passed

Com[e] to revise Rules

Resolved, That Messrs A. Payne, Hayes & Johnson & Ald[n] Rathbone be a Committee to revise the Standing rules of the City Council

Passed June 5 1854

Approved C. P. Knowles Mayor

Police Court

Resolved, That from the Justices assigned to keep the Peace within this City

Samuel W. Peckham &
Charles Hart

be and they are hereby selected to compose the Police Court of this City, during the present Municipal Year

Passed June 5 1854

Same day Approved C. P. Knowles Mayor

Culvert Sabin St

Resolved, That the sum of Two thousand Dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated for the Construction of the Culvert in Sabin Street, to be paid out of any moneys in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, on the order of the Committee appointed on said Drain

Passed June 5 1854

Approved C. P. Knowles Mayor

City printing

Resolved That Messrs A. Payne, Westcott & Crary and Alderman James be, and they are hereby appointed a Committee to contract for the City Printing, for the present Municipal year

Passed June 5 1854

Approved C. P. Knowles Mayor

Ex Mayors portrait

Resolved That Messrs Hayes, Goddard & Francis and Alderman Hall be and they are hereby appointed a Committee to wait upon the Hon. Walter R. Danforth and invite him to sit for his portrait; and that said Committee be authorized to draw upon the Treasurer for the amount necessary to defray the Expense thereof

Passed June 5 1854

Approved C. P. Knowles Mayor

Mayors address

Resolved, That Messrs Grinnell, Johnson & Anthony and Alderman Knight be and they are hereby appointed a Committee to wait upon the Mayor and request him to furnish, for publication, a copy of the address this day delivered by him to the City Council; and to cause the same to be published in such manner as they may deem expedient

Passed June 5 1854

Approved

City Treas. Bond

Resolved. That Messrs Goddard, W Paine Jr, Westcott and Stone and Alderman Rathbone be and they are hereby appointed a committee to take a Bond of the City Treasurer, for the faithful discharge of the duties of his office for the present Municipal Year and that said Bond be for the sum of Thirty Thousand Dollars

Passed June 5. 1854

Approved E P Knowles Mayor

City Debt

Whereas Messrs Goddard, W Paine Jr, Westcott & Stone and have been this day appointed by the Common Council, as the Committee on their part, for the reduction of the City Debt for the present Municipal Year, pursuant to the requisition contained in the first Section of the Ordinance entitled "An Ordinance in relation to the City Debt" It is resolved, that the names of said Committee be communicated to the Board of Aldermen, in order that said Board of Aldermen may add one of their number to said Committee pursuant to the requisition contained in said Section

In Common Council
June 5 1854 Read & passed
A G Greene Clerk

In Board of Aldermen same day
Read and Ald^n Rathbone added
to the Committee
Albert Pabodie Clk

Approved E P Knowles Mayor

Standing Rules revised

The Committee appointed to revise the Standing Rules of the City Council

Respectfully Report That in their opinion the rules should be altered in the following respects That the name of the Standing Committee on Public Schools be changed to that of the Standing Committee on Education and that each of the following Committees consist of four members of the Common Council & one Alderman, to wit; On Finance, On Education; and On Police

For the Committee
A Payne

Prov. June 5 1854

Read. Whereupon it is resolved that the same be received and adopted

Passed June 5 1854

Approved E. P. Knowles Mayor

Report N Burying Ground

The Superintendent of the North Burying Ground makes his Annual Report Amt received $487.—

Read. Whereupon it is Ordered that the same be received
Passed June 5. 1854

Standing Committee

Standing Committees of the City Council appointed on the part of the Common Council on the 5th day of June 1854 for the present Municipal year

On Finance Messrs Goddard, W Paine Jr, Westcott, Stone & Alderman Rathbone

On Highways Messrs Carpenter, Lester, Holbrook & Alderman Shurtleff

To Engross Ordinances Messrs Hayes, A Payne, Stokes & Ald^n Knight

On Education Messrs Grinnell, Johnson, Monson, Francis & Ald^n James

On the Fire Department Messrs Taylor, Tillinghast, Williams & Ald^n Holden

On City Property Messrs Bush, Allen, Anthony & Ald^n Hall

On Police Messrs Barstow, Hopkins, Crary, Webster & Ald^n Bates

On the North Burial Ground Messrs Mason, Saunders, Cornell & Ald^n Hall

The aforenamed members of this Board having been this day appointed as members of this Board of the Standing Committees of the City Council for the present Municipal Year, it is resolved, that the aforegoing List be communicated to the Board of Aldermen in order that an Alderman may be added to each of said Committees

In Common Council June 5
1854 Read & passed
A G Greene Clk

In Board of Aldermen same day Read Whereupon It is Resolved that the Aldermen aforenamed be and they are hereby severally appointed members of the Committees to which their names are affixed

Albert Pabodie Clerk

Approved E P Knowles Mayor

Assistant Engineers

Resolved That the City Treasurer be and he is hereby authorized to pay to each of the Assistant Engineers of the Fire Department the sum of Sixty two Dollars fifty cents in full compensation for the services rendered by them in their said Capacity up to the first Monday of June inst, the said sum to be paid out of the appropriation for the Fire Department

Passed June 12 1854

Approved

E P Knowles Mayor

Mayor's Portrait

Resolved That Messrs Hayes, Goddard & Francis and Ald Hall be and they are hereby appointed a Committee to wait upon the Hon. Edward P Knowles and request him to sit for his portrait, and the said Committee are hereby authorized to draw upon the City Treasurer for such sum as may sufficient to carry this resolution into effect

Passed June 12 1854

C H Colson

Upon the Petition of Charles H Colson for Compensation for injuries sustained by him in Westminster Street

Ordered, That the same be referred to the City Solicitor; to examine and report to the City Council, upon the question of the liability of the City in the premises

Passed June 12 1854

Approved E. P. Knowles Mayor

On Ordinance in Amendment of an Ordinance entitled An Ordinance establishing a Fire Department (see Ordinance Book)

Passed June 12 1854

Approved E. P. Knowles

4th July

Resolved, That the resolution relating to the approaching Anniversary of American Independence, which passed the City Council on the 5th day of June instant be and the same is hereby rescinded and annulled

Passed June 12 1854

The foregoing resolution not having been returned by the Mayor agreeable to law, is therefore confirmed

4th July

Resolved That Alderman Knight and Messrs Francis Webster and Hopkins, be and they are hereby appointed a Committee to make arrangements for a proper Celebration of the Anniversary of American Independence and that Two Thousand Dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated for that purpose, subject to the Order of said Committee

Passed June 12 1854

Approved E P Knowles Mayor

Harbor

To the Hon. City Council

The Committee appointed to cause the mud to be dug from the Channel of the river between Weybosset Bridge and Smiths Wharf at Fox Point

Respectfully Report

That they have contracted with Mr Gardner Luthen to do said Work with his Steam Mud Machine & have commenced operations; they have also caused a plat to be copied from the Survey made by the U.S. which is herewith presented; It will be seen by said plat, that the depth of Water at low tide at the bridge is seven feet and is also of the same depth at Smiths Wharf, and about midway between the two points the depth is four feet, and in many places each way left The Committee have commenced the work at the Bridge and propose digging so as to leave seven feet of water at low tide, the whole distance and fifty feet in width, the distance to be dug over is about 2000 feet & the Average depth to be taken up is about 3 feet making 300.000 Cubic feet to be removed, say

150.000 feet at 1¢ per foot is	$ 1500.—
150 000 " " 2 " " " "	3000.—
Estimated Cost	4500.

Your Committee recommend a further appropriation of Three thousand dollars, to continue said work believing it to be a public benefit and for the interest of the City

Providence June 19 1854

George W Hall
for the Committee

Read and Received June 19 1854

Approved E. P. Knowles Mayor

App'n Harbor

Resolved, That the sum of Three thousand dollars be added to former appropriation for digging the mud from the Channel of the river between Weybosset Bridge and Smiths wharf at Fox Point, to be paid to the order of the Committee out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated

Passed June 19, 1854

Approved E P Knowles Mayor

Wooden Building

The petition Nathaniel Stearns asking liberty to remove a One Story Wooden Building from Clemence Street to Union Street near Exchange Hotel

Read, whereupon it is resolved that the prayer thereof be granted

Passed June 19 1854

Approved E P Knowles

Births

Resolved, That the City Clerk be authorized to employ suitable persons, to ascertain the number of births which may have occurred in the City of Providence from the first day of June 1853 to the 31st of May 1854 in conformity with an act of the General Assembly, entitled "An Act to provide for the registration of births, marriages and deaths" passed January A D 1852, and that he be authorized to draw upon the City Treasurer for an amount necessary to pay the expense of obtaining the said information not exceeding the sum of One hundred and fifty Dollars

Passed June 19 1854

Approved E P Knowles

Wooden Building

The petition of Smith & Pierce asking liberty to remove a one story wooden building from corner of Dorrance and Dyer Streets to the Lot on Dyer Street next West of H Almy's Brick Block

Passed June 19. 1854

Approved E P Knowles Mayor

Steam Fire Engine

Resolved That the Standing Committee on the Fire Department be and they are hereby directed to contract on the most favorable terms for a Steam Fire Engine, provided that the cost does not exceed the sum of Seven thousand five hundred Dollars, provided One half of the cost be paid by the Insurance Companies of this City

Passed June 12" 1854

Approved E. P. Knowles Mayor

Chief Engineers Report

To the Hon. City Council

Monthly Report of Expenditures for the Fire Department

Engine	No 1	232.45	Engine No	9	836.25
Do	2	332.28	"	10	846.–
Do	3	884.52	"	11	719.13
Do	4	1099.46	"	12	780.88
Do	5	699.99	F. P. Do	1	1.50
Do	6	565.62	F H & L Co		245.50
Do	7	841.00	Incidentat		969.16
			Total Amt		$ 9053.74

up

Included in the above is three months services of the Department amt of each Company charged in their account separately amounting to 7244.04

The amount in No 4 ap is bal due for New House 490.00

" Do " Incidentat ap is for a Well in Pearl Street and part pay for a Cistern in Codding St 675.00

8409.04

Providence June 5 1854

Joseph W. Taylor Chief Engineer

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

Passed June 19 1854

Approved E. P. Knowles Mayor

Com on High ways to report

Resolved, that the Standing Committee on Highways be and they are hereby directed to report to the City Council at their next meeting, all the unfinished work that has been ordered by the Council to be done on the Streets, the time at which said work was ordered, and as near as may be the probable expense of each piece of work

Passed June 19 1854

Approved E P Knowles Mayor

Ventilators

Resolved, That the Standing Committee on City Property be and they are hereby directed to cause a sufficient number of Emersons Ventilators, to be placed upon the Market House to secure the proper ventilation of the same and that they be authorized to draw upon the City Treasurer for the Cost of the same

Passed June 19 1854

Approved E P Knowles Mayor

School Com'e Report

Resolved That the report of the School Committee be received and referred to the Standing Committee on Education, and that said Committee be and they are hereby authorized to print the same in such manner as they may deem expedient

Passed June 19. 1854

Approved E. P. Knowles Mayor

Hacks &c

The Special Committee appointed on the 5th inst to make application in connection with the City Solicitor to the General Assembly at its last Session for the passage of an act in relation to Hacks, Omnibusses &c Also an Act in amendment of an act for the Removal, Relief & Employment of the Poor, and also for an act in relation to Street Commissioners

Report

Whereupon it is ordered that the same be received

Passed June 19. 1854

Approved E P Knowles Mayor

Hacks &c

Resolved That Messrs Hayes, Johnson & Westcott together with the City Solicitor be a Committee to apply to the General Assembly at its next session for such an alteration in the Act entitled "An Act concerning Side Walks in the Town of Providence" and the Acts in amendment thereof, or in addition thereto as shall authorize an appeal from the decisions of the Street Commissioners to the Board of Aldermen or to such other Tribunal as to the General Assembly shall seem proper.

Resolved That the said Committee be further authorized to apply to the General Assembly at its next session for an amendment of the Act entitled "An Act providing for the relief, employment and removal of the Poor" so as to vest in the City Council or in such person or persons as said City Council shall appoint the power given in said Act to the Overseers of the Poor, of affording relief to such poor and indigent persons as are not supported & employed in the Dexter Asylum: said power to be exercised under such rules and regulations as the City Council of the City of Providence shall from time to time prescribe

Resolved That said Committee be further instructed to apply to the General Assembly at its next session for the passage of an act authorizing the City Council to make such Ordinances as they shall deem proper for the regulation of Hacks, Omnibusses, Drays &c

Passed June 19. 1854

Approved E P Knowles Mayor

Hacks & Omnibus Boom &c

To the Hon. City Council
of the City of Providence

The Special Committee appointed on the 5th inst to make application in connection with the City Solicitor to the General Assembly at its last session for the passage of an act in relation to Hacks Omnibusses &c also an act in Amendment of an act for the removal, relief & Employment of the Poor and also for an act in relation to Street Commissioners

Respectfully Report That together with the City Solicitor they attended to the duties assigned them and procured the passage of two of the Acts desired by the City Council, viz: The act in relation to the poor, and the Act authorizing the City to make regulations for Hacks, Omnibuses &c

Your Committee did not solicit the passage of the act in relation to Streets Commissioners inasmuch as it was deemed by the City Solicitor & by your Committee that the session of the assembly would prove of too short duration to permit the full consideration of the Act which the Assembly probably require to give to it before its passage, and that any attempt to urge the passage of the latter act at said session would endanger the passage of all three acts

In Behalf of the Committee
Wingate Hayes

Providence June 19 1854

The Committee who report above were appointed by the Com. Council the 5th inst the Alm concur the 19 inst

City Hospital

Resolved, That the Memorial of Edward Carrington & others, for the establishment of a City Hospital be received and referred to Messrs Holbrook, A Payne, Hayes, W Paine 3, Carpenter Lester and Stone and the Mayor, Bates & Rathbone, to examine and report thereon.

Passed June 19 1854

Approved E P Knowles Mayor

City Treas Monthly Rep

Abstract of Issues and Payments of City Debt from March 6th to June 18th 1854

When Issued	No of Note	To whom Issued			Amount	
1854						
March 15	208	Prov. Institution for Savings			$ 10.000.—	
April 6	209	Do	Do	Do	6.000.—	
May 6	210	Do	Do	Do	6.000.—	
" 24	211	Do	Do	Do	5.000—	
June 1	212	Amos Horton			800.—	
5	213	Peoples Savings Bank			5000—	32.800

When paid	No	To whom paid			
1854					
March 15	187	Providence Institution for Savings			$ 10.000.—
April 6	188	Do	Do	Do	6.000.—
May 5	190	Do	Do	Do	6.000.—
24	193	Do	Do	Do	5.000
					$ 27.000.—

To the Hon. City Council

Gentlemen

Please receive the above Abstract of the Issues and Payments of the City Debt

June 18 1854 Esek Aldrich City Treas

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

Approved E P Knowles Mayor

Passed June 19. 1854

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physicians & City Hospital

Resolved, that his Honor the Mayor be requested to invite Doctor Usher Parsons and such other Members of the Medical Profession, as he may think proper to meet the City Council of this City at such time as he may deem expedient, to make such statement of facts, and suggest such action, as to them may seem expedient relative to the petition of E Carrington and others for a City Hospital

Passed June 19, 1854

Approved E P Knowles Mayor

to print the organization &c of City Govern^t

Resolved That the Joint Committee to whom was referred the subject of Printing the Mayors Address be and they are hereby authorized and directed to cause the rules of order of the Common Council and the Standing Rules of the City Council, the list of the Standing Committees, and such portion of the organization of the City Government as they may deem expedient, to be printed in pamphlet form, for the use of the City Council

Passed June 19 1854

Approved E P Knowles Mayor

In Convention June 19 1854

The following persons are chosen City Constables

James O Swan
Jonathan A Knowles
Winslow B Kent
William Batchelder

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

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Aug^s E Field

The petition of Augustus E Field asking further compensation for losses incurred in gathering Swill & House Offal

Read, Whereupon, it is ordered, that the City Treasurer pay to Augustus E. Field, the sum of Six hundred and fifty one $\frac{25}{100}$ Dollars on receiving from him a full discharge of all claims which he may have against the City

Passed June 19 1854

Approved E P Knowles Mayor

Harbor master

Resolved, That the sum of Nine $\frac{87}{100}$ Dollars be allowed the late Harbor Master for Boat Hire, distributing Harbor Regulations and amount refunded, and that the City Treasurer be and he is hereby directed to settle with N S Mauran late Harbor Master, agreeable to this resolution

Passed June 26 1854

Approved E P Knowles Mayor

Engine Co N^o 4

On the petition of Nathan C Case it is

Resolved That the Board of Aldermen be and they are hereby authorized to lease to Nathan C Case, a strip of land off the East side of the Lot on Transit Street occupied by Engine House N^o 4 on such time and terms as they shall think expedient

Passed June 26. 1854

Approved E P Knowles Mayor

Fires & means of Extinguishing

A communication from the Mayor in relation to extending and multiplying the means of extinguishing fires, Read whereupon it is

Resolved that the same be referred to the Standing Committee on the Fire Department; and that the same be printed in the Newspapers employed to do the City Printing

Passed June 26 1854

City printing

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

Respectfully Report That they have contracted with Messrs Knowles, Anthony & Co to do the Job Printing for the City upon the same terms as last year that is to say, they are to do the same at prices satisfactory to the City Auditor

They have contracted with Messrs Knowles & Anthony to do the City advertising in the Journal upon the same terms as last year, that is to say, for Three hundred Dollars

They have contracted with Messrs Sayles, Miller & Co to do the advertising in the Post upon the same terms as last year, that is to say for Two hundred and fifty Dollars

They have contracted with Messrs Colby & Amsbury to do the advertising in the Tribune for the sum of Two hundred and fifty Dollars

Each of the above papers is to print all advertisements required under the Street act for opening Streets, but the said advertisements are not included in the above contract, but each paper is to charge for such advertisements at their usual rate A Payne for the Com^ee

Read, Whereupon it is resolved that the same be received

Passed June 26 1854

Approved E P Knowles Mayor

Pioneer Fire Co's House

Resolved. That the City Treasurer, acting under the direction of the Standing Committee on the Fire Department, be and he is hereby directed to purchase, for the City, the building on South Main Street, owned by "Pioneer Fire Company" together with all the right title and interest of said Company in and to the lot of land on which said building stands; and that the sum of Five Thousand Dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated for the purchase of the same, to be paid out of any monies in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated

Passed June 26. 1854

Approved E. P. Knowles Mayor

C H Colson

Whereas, Charles H Colson has presented his petition to the City Council for Compensation for certain injuries received by him from a fall in One of the Streets of this City and

Whereas in the opinion of the City Solicitor the facts do not constitute a legal claim against the City and

Whereas the infirmities of the Petitioner, and the circumstances under which he received the injuries complained of, do in the opinion of this Council constitute a strong equitable claim upon the City for relief, therefore

Resolved, That the City Treasurer be and he is hereby directed to pay to Charles H Colson the sum of Two hundred dollars out of any monies in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated upon receiving from said Colson a discharge of all claims against the City arising from the injuries complained of in his petition

Passed July 10 1854

Approved E. P. Knowles Mayor

Pumps & Wells

Resolved That the sum of One hundred and twenty Dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated in addition to a former appropriation, for the erection of Pumps and a fence at the junction of High and Cranston Streets, to be paid from the appropriation for Pumps & Wells

Passed July 10. 1854

Approved E P Knowles Mayor

The Surveyor of Highways makes his Monthly Report of Work done from 12th of June to 10th of July 1854 amt $368.90

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

Passed July 10 1854

Approved E. P. Knowles Mayor

Highway Work

The Report of the Committee on Highways in relation to the order in which the work on Highways already ordered shall be done

Read. whereupon it is ordered that the same be received and postponed to the next meeting of the City Council; and that the same be printed in the newspapers employed to do the City Printing. And that the Surveyor of Highways be and he is hereby directed to commence the paving of Cranston Street immediately after finishing Union Street

Passed July 10 1854

Approved E. P. Knowles Mayor

Lot for School House

Resolved That the City Treasurer acting under the advise and direction of the Standing Committee on Education is hereby authorized and directed to purchase from Seth Padelford and others, four Lots of land situated at the junction of Ridge and Swift Streets, and to pay from the appropriation for School Houses and lots a sum not exceeding thirteen hundred dollars, upon receiving a good and sufficient deed in fee simple of the same, said lots to be used for a Public School House

Passed August 14. 1854

Approved E. P. Knowles Mayor

To contract for School House

Resolved That the City Treasurer acting under the advice of the Committee on Education is hereby authorized and directed to contract for the erection of a Brick School House for the accommodation of a primary and an intermediate School, in the lot situated at the junction of Ridge & Swift Streets, and to pay for the same from the appropriation for School houses and lots not exceeding Three Thousand dollars.

Passed August 14. 1854

Approved E P Knowles Mayor

To Establish Primary Sch.

Resolved That a Primary School, to be located on Wickenden Street in the Hall of Engine House No 4 is hereby established by the City Council

Passed August 14. 1854

Approved E P Knowles Mayor

School Intermediate established

4 Resolved That an intermediate School to be located on Knight Street, in the Hall of Engine House No 10 is hereby established by the City Council

Passed August 14 1854

Approved E P Knowles Mayor

Appropriation for Masonic Hall alias Council Chamber

5 Resolved, That the sum of twenty five hundred Dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated (in addition to former appropriations) for alterations in the Market House; the same to be expended under the direction and subject to the order of the Standing Committee on City Property

Passed August 14 1854

Approved E. P. Knowles Mayor

Report of City property

6 Report of the Committee on City Property for Expenditures on Market House Chambers amt $3557.26

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

Passed August 14 1854

Approved E. P. Knowles Mayor

Ordinances how to be published

7 Resolved That the Committee to publish the Ordinances of the City be and they are hereby authorized and directed in publishing the Ordinances as heretofore ordered, to publish the same in substance and effect as they shall be after any amendments which have been or may hereafter be made to the same, instead of publishing the Ordinances as they were originally enacted, and the amendments separately

Passed August 14 1854

Approved E P Knowles Mayor

Evening Schools

8 Resolved, That a sum not exceeding twenty dollars payable to the order of the Committee on Education, from the appropriation for public Schools, is hereby appropriated for expenses of a public Evening School held during the past winter

Passed August 14 1854

Approved E. P. Knowles Mayor

Temporary Loan

9 Resolved, That the City Treasurer, acting under the advice of the Standing Committee on Finance be authorized to borrow temporarily a sum of money not exceeding Fifty Thousand Dollars, for the use of the City

Passed August 14 1854

Approved E. P. Knowles Mayor

Wooden House removed

12 The petition of M B Mead requesting liberty to remove the house on the N E corner of Aborn & Fountain Streets, ten feet North on the same lot

Read, whereupon it is resolved that the prayer thereof be granted

Passed August 14 1854

Approved E P Knowles Mayor

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13 The petition of James Barnes requesting liberty to remove a Wooden Building from Orange to Elm Street

Read, Whereupon it is resolved that the prayer thereof be granted

Passed August 14. 1854

Approved E. P. Knowles Mayor

Do

14 The petition of Simeon Field requesting liberty to remove a two story Wooden Building from the corner of Chesnut & Bassett Streets fourteen feet West on the same lot

Read, Whereupon it is resolved, that the prayer thereof be granted.

Passed August 14 1854

Approved E. P. Knowles Mayor

Principal of Col'd Sch. Salary

15 Resolved, That the School Committee are hereby authorized to pay in quarterly payments to the principal of the Grammar School for Colored Children an Annual Salary not exceeding Seven hundred Dollars

Passed August 14 1854

Approved E P Knowles Mayor

N Burial Ground

16 An Ordinance in Amendment of an Ordinance entitled "An Ordinance in relation to the North Burial Ground"

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

The first section of said Ordinance authorizing the City Treasurer to lease certain lands and buildings therein described and the second section of said Ordinance be and the same are hereby repealed, and that said Land be subject to sale for burying Lots in the same manner as the other portions of the North Burial Ground

Passed August 14 1854

Approved E. P. Knowles Mayor

Iron Fence

Resolved That the sum of Seven thousand dollars be and the same is hereby added to former appropriations for the iron railing around the Cove, said Sum to be expended under the direction and subject to the order of the special Committee appointed to silpervise the erection of said railing

Passed August 14 1854

Approved E.P. Knowles
Mayor

City Hall Lot

Resolved. That the Standing Committee on Finance be and they are hereby directed to report at the next Meeting of the City Council, An Ordinance providing for the issue of the City Bonds to the amount of Seventy five thousand Dollars, payable in equal sums, for ten successive years, bearing interest payable annually; the said bonds, or the proceeds thereof, to be used for the payment of the Estate purchased by a Committee of the City Council, located on Exchange Place, and bounded by Washington, Baker and Fulton Streets and Exchange Place.

Provided a good and valid title, in fee simple of said premises in the opinion of the City Solicitor can be obtained; provided also, that the deed or deeds of the same, shall not contain any provision relating to the Erection of a City Hall, or any stipulation that the Land or any portion thereof, is purchased for any specific purpose; and to provide in the said Ordinance, for an Annual specific tax, in addition to the Tax ordered from time to time by the City Council, of an amount sufficient to pay the said Bonds and interest thereon, falling due until the whole are paid

Passed August 16. 1854

Approved E.P. Knowles Mayor

Police

Resolved That the Standing Committee to engross Ordinances be directed to report an Ordinance in amendment of the Ordinance respecting Salaries, providing that hereafter the Salaries of the Police Constables be Six hundred and twenty five dollars, and also the Ordinance in relation to Police so as to relieve them from the Obligation to keep any horses and carriages

Passed August 14 1854

Approved E P Knowles Mayor

Well in Halsey Street

Resolved, That the Chief Engineer of the Fire Department cause a Well, similar to that in Bowen Street, to be constructed in Halsey Street, for the use of the Fire Department providing the cost of the same, shall not exceed the sum of Five Hundred Dollars, to be paid out of the appropriation for the Fire Department

Passed August 23 1854

Approved E P Knowles Mayor

In Convention August 23d 1854

The Surveyor General of Lumber presents the following named persons as Deputy Surveyors of Lumber

Aborn Arnold — Charles W. Randall
Smith Potter — William R Talbot whereupon it is

Voted That this Council approve of the appointment of the pesons above named

Thomas J Stead is appointed a Trustee of the Pon. Reform School in the place of William W Hoppin who declined serving

The petition of James W Winsor & others, requesting that John B Chace be appointed honorary member of the Fire Department, received and referred to the joint Com on the Fire Department

William Wallace and Horace B Knowles are appointed undertakers

The resignation of James M Clarke City Solicitor is presented read and accepted

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

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C Engineers Report

To the Hon. City Council

Monthly Report of Expenditures for the Fire Department

Fz Engine	No 1	122 25	No 9	290.70	
	2	196.87	10	276 93	
	3	29.83	11	95.01	
	4	1.49	12	23 04	
	5	107.03	F S	1	50
	6	9.46	F Hook & Ladder		3.04
	7	16.49	Incidental	258 14	$1330.78

$290,77 of the above was for new hose, badges & trumpets for the several companies

Prov. Aug 14. 1854 Jos W. Taylor Chief Engineer

Read. Whereupon it is ordered that the same be received

Passed August 23 1854

Approved E. P. Knowles

S Highways Report

The Surveyor of Highways makes his Monthly Report of work done from the 16th July to 14th of August 1854 $4683.49

Read. Whereupon it is ordered that the same be received

Passed August 23 1854

Approved E P Knowles Mayor

President St

Resolved That the Surveyor of Highways be and he is hereby authorized under the advice and direction of the Standing Committee on Highways to make such Alteration in the location of the City Drain in President Street, or any portion thereof and upon such terms and conditions as they may deem advisable

Passed August 23 1854

Approved E. P. Knowles Mayor

Rowland Evans

Resolved, That the City Treasurer be and he is hereby directed to pay to the Order of Rowland Evans the sum of Three Dollars & twenty four cents upon receiving from him a discharge of all claim for damages against Nathan M Briggs for impounding his cows

Passed August 23 1854

Approved E P Knowles Mayor

Appropriation for Public Grounds

Resolved That the sum of Fifteen Hundred Dollars be added to former appropriations for Improvement of Public Grounds and that the same be paid out of any monies in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated

Passed August 23d 1854

Approved E P Knowles Mayor

Rail Road Buildings for what used

Resolved, That the Standing Committee on City Property be and they are hereby directed to enquire and report to the City Council, whether any of the buildings erected by the Providence and Worcester Railroad Company upon the land filled into the Cove, are used for other than railroad purposes; and if so, whether the same is done by virtue of any lawful right of said Company

Passed August 23 1854

Approved E P Knowles Mayor

Resolved, That the Mayor be and he is hereby authorized in his discretion, to employ counsel, to attend to the legal business of the City until the Office of the City Solicitor shall be filled by the City Council

Passed August 23d 1854

Approved

Cranston St

Resolved, That the Surveyor of Highways be and he is hereby directed to continue the paving of Cranston Street from Dodge to Bridgham Street

Passed August 23 1854

Approved E P Knowles Mayor

An Ordinance in relation to Swine

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

Section 1 No Swine shall be kept within the City, except in such parts thereof, and under such rules and regulations as the Board of Aldermen may from time to time define and prescribe

Section 2d Any person violating any provision of this Ordinance shall forfeit and pay the sum of ten dollars, to be sued for and recovered to and for the use of the City, by proper legal process before any Court of competent jurisdiction

Passed August 23d 1854

Approved E P Knowles Mayor

Ordinances to be recorded

Resolved, That the City Clerk be and he is hereby authorized to employ some person to record the Ordinances recently passed by the City Council, and that the expense be paid to the order of the City Clerk out of the Appropriation for Contingencies

Passed August 30 1854

Approved E P Knowles Mayor

Pub Square Junction of Benefit & India Sts

Resolved That the Surveyor of Highways be and he is hereby directed to cause so much of the work heretofore ordered on the Public Square at the junction of Benefit & India Streets as requires the grading & fencing of the same and removing the earth & rubbish therefrom, be performed immediately and that the remainder of the work heretofore ordered thereon be done as soon as practicable

Passed August 30 1854

Approved E P Knowles Mayor

Tax ordinance amended

An Ordinance in amendment of an Ordinance entitled "An Ordinance providing for the Assessment and Collection of a Tax of fifty six cents on each One hundred Dollars of the rateable property of the City of Providence" passed on the twenty second day of February A.D. One thousand eight hundred and fifty four

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

Section 1 So much of the Ordinance to which this Ordinance is in amendment, as requires the Assessment of said Tax to be completed on the first day of September instant is hereby repealed

Section 2 The Assessors heretofore elected to assess said Tax, are hereby required to complete the assessment thereof on Thursday the fourteenth day of September instant

Passed September 11th 1854

Approved E P Knowles Mayor

Tax Ordinance amended

An Ordinance in amendment of an Ordinance entitled "An Ordinance providing for the Assessment and Collection of a Tax of fifty six cents on each One Hundred Dollars in value of the rateable property in the City of Providence" passed on the twenty second day of February A.D. One thousand eight hundred and fifty four

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

Section 1 So much of the First Section of the Ordinance to which this Ordinance is in amendment, as requires said Tax to be collected and paid into the City Treasury on or before the first Monday in October next, is hereby repealed

Section 2 Said Tax shall be collected and paid into the City Treasury on or before the fourth Monday of October next.

Section 3. The Second. Third and Fourth Sections of the Ordinance to which this Ordinance is in amendment, are hereby repealed

Section 4 The Collector of Taxes shall advertise in the Newspapers employed to do the City Printing, for three weeks successively, calling upon all persons who may be assessed for said Tax, to make Payment at his Office, within ten days, ending on the Fourth Monday in October next, and including that day; and during said ten days, said Collector shall attend at his said Office, for the purpose of receiving said Tax, every day, (Sundays accepted) from nine o'Clock in the morning until three o'clock in the afternoon, and said Collector shall deduct three per cent from the respective sums assessed upon all those who shall make payment on or before said fourth Monday in October next

Section 5 Said Collector shall be allowed three and one half per cent. for collecting said Tax; he allowing out of his said

Commission, three percent to all those who shall pay him the amount of their respective taxes on or before said fourth Monday in October next

Section 6 Said Collector shall pay into the City Treasury, without delay, all monies which he shall receive towards the Tax aforesaid, by the fourth Monday in October next, collecting and paying over the residue (if any) of said Tax, as soon as may be; and all persons who shall be delinquent in paying said Tax by said fourth monday in October next, shall pay interest afterwards; for which interest said Collector shall be accountable to said City

Passed September 18. 1854

Approved E P Knowles Mayor

Gas Pipes

Resolved, That the Committee appointed to build the Iron Fence around the Cove be and they are hereby directed to lay sufficient Gas Pipes in the Cove promenade to supply said Promenade with light

Passed September 18 1854

Approved E P Knowles Mayor

Dyer St

Resolved That the Surveyor of Highways be and he is hereby directed to cause a Cross walk to be laid across Dyer Street opposite Mowsey & Pratt's Store

Passed Sept 18 1854

Approved E. P. Knowles Mayor

Issues & Payments

Abstract of Issues and Payments of City Debt from June 18 to September 11th 1854

When Issued 1854	No of Note	To Whom Issued		Amount
July 9	214	Prov. Institution for Savings	6 p.c.	13,000.
" 15	215	Samuel G Arnold	"	5061.25
" 29	216	John Gladding 3d	"	800.00
Aug 1	217	Prov. Ins. for Savings	"	10000.00
" 8	218	Thomas Burgess	"	2000.00
" 23	219	S K Rathbone Cash of Am. Bank	"	50.000.00
" 26	220	Builders Iron Foundry	"	5058.51
Sept 2	221	Orlando Smith	"	2831.08
				88750.84

When paid 1854		To Whom paid	
July 9	194	Providence Institution for Savings	13000.
Aug 1	196	" " "	10000.
			23.000

To the Hon City Council

Gentlemen

Please receive the above abstract of the Issues and Payments of the City Debt

Respectfully Yours &c

E Aldrich

City Treas

Sept 11 1854

Read Whereupon it is Ordered that the same be received
Passed September 18 1854
Approved E. P Knowles Mayor

Relief of Poor — An Ordinance prescribing the mode of temporary relief to poor persons (see Ordinance Book No 2 page)

Passed September 18 1854
Approved E P Knowles
Mayor

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to purchase School House Lot — Resolved That the City Treasurer acting under the advice and direction of the Standing Committee on Education be and he is hereby authorized and directed to purchase from John A Taft and others four lots of land situated on Graham and Chace Streets, and to pay for the same from the appropriation for School houses and lots, a sum not exceeding ten hundred dollars, upon receiving a good and sufficient deed in fee simple of the same

Passed September 18. 1854
Approved E P Knowles Mayor

To Build School House — Resolved That the City Treasurer acting under the advice and direction of the Standing Committee on Education is hereby authorized and directed to contract for the erection of a School House of brick for the accommodation of a Primary and an intermediate Shool on the lot of land purchased of John A Taft and others on Graham Street, and to pay for the same from the appropriation for School houses and lots, not exceeding three thousand Dollars

Passed September 18. 1854
Approved E. P. Knowles Mayor

The Chief Engineer makes Monthly Report of Expenditures for the Fire Department viz

Three Months pay of Firemen	$031.50
Cisterns in Codding & Pallas Streets	600. 00
Repairs &c	513 11
	$ 9.144.61

Sept 11. 1854

Read, Whereupon it is Ordered that the same be received
Passed September 18 1854
Approved E. P. Knowles Mayor

The Surveyor of Highways makes his Monthly Report of Work done from 14 August to the 11th September 1854
Amt $4020.27
Read, Whereupon it is Ordered that the same be received
Passed Sept 18. 1854
Approved E. P. Knowles Mayor

Taxes Remitted — Whereas the Assessors of Taxes for the year 1853 & 54 have represented to the City Council that the taxes assessed in the year 1853 upon the persons named in the foregoing list, in the sums placed against their respective names and committed to James Mumford to be collected are not collectable, owing to Errors in the assessment thereof; and whereas the City Council are satisfied, that said Taxes in said sums are not collectable;

It is Resolved That the respective Taxes aforesaid be and the same are hereby remitted: and that the City Treasurer, be and he is hereby authorized and directed to credit the amount thereof viz Seventeen hundred & forty seven 95/100 Dollars (1747.95) to the said James Mumford, in account with him as Collector of Taxes, with the interest, which has accrued on said several items

1747.95
Passed September 18. 1854
Approved E P Knowles Mayor

Note. The List is on file with City Council Papers

Dyer Lot — To the Hon. the City Council

The Standing Committee on Finance who were, on the 8th of September instant, instructed to consult Counsel and obtain from them a written opinion as to the title to the Dyer Lot (so called) on Exchange Place; hereby make Report that they have obtained the written opinion of Samuel Ames and Samuel Currey Esquires; which they herewith enclose

Wm Goddard for the Com^ee

Providence Sept 18 1854

Read Whereupon it is Ordered that the same be received
Passed Sept 18 1854
Approved E P Knowles Mayor

The Opinion of Messrs Ames & Currey is placed on file

Harbor — Resolved, That the Sum of three thousand dollars be added to former appropriations for clearing the mud from the channel of the River, between Weybosset Bridge & Smiths Wharf Fox Point, and the same be paid from the Treasury to the Order of the Committee appointed to superintend said Work

Passed Sept 18 1854
Approved E P Knowles Mayor

Wooden Building — H. W. Slocum's petition requesting liberty to remove a two story Wooden Building, a few feet West on same lot

Read Whereupon it is resolved that the Prayer thereof be granted
Passed Sept 18 1854
Approved E P Knowles Mayor

Clocks

Resolved, That the Standing Committee on City property be and they are hereby directed to procure for the Council Chamber and Board of Aldermens Room good and suitable clocks, and to draw upon the Treasury for the payment of the same, to be paid out of the appropriation for contingencies

Passed Sept 18 1854

Approved E. P. Knowles Mayor

Jenkins St

Resolved That the Surveyor of Highways be and he is hereby directed to set the Curbing and pave the gutters on Jenkins Street, whenever the owners of the adjoining Estates shall furnish suitable curb Stones

Passed Sept 18 1854

Approved E. P. Knowles Mayor

In Convention September 18 1854

Stephen A Phillips is appointed Weigher of Coal

Edward P. Knowles
Zachariah Allen
William S Patton } Commissioners of North Burying Ground

James C Sheridan is appointed City Messenger

Joseph A Waite is appointed Keeper of the Public Ground

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

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Police office

Resolved, That the Standing Committee on City Property be and they are hereby directed to report, at the next meeting of the City Council, a plan for the temporary accommodation of the Police and other Officers of the City, who are now stationed at the Town House

Passed Sept 26 1854

Approved E. P. Knowles

The Chief Engineer makes his Monthly Report of the Expenditures for the Fire Department Amount $829.79

$500. of the amount charged to Incidental acc is for part pay of Cistern on Broadway & Well on Halsey Street

Read, Whereupon it is ordered that the same be received

Passed Oct 9 1854

Approved E P Knowles Mayor

The Committee on Finance, to whom were referred sundry petitions, praying for a reduction in the ratio of taxation, beg leave to report,

Read Whereupon it is Ordered that the same be received

Passed Oct 9. 1854

Approved E P Knowles Mayor

Note The Report is placed on File

Appropriations

Resolutions making Appropriations for the year ensuing the last Monday in September A.D. 1854

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

For the Fund established for the payment of the City Debt, in and by the Ordinance entitled "An Ordinance in relation to the City Debt" All sums of money which may be received into the City Treasury, for Rents of City Property, Licenses and Interest; and the sum of Twelve Thousand Dollars from the first money received into the Treasury from other sources after the first day of July as provided by said Ordinance

For the Support of the Public Schools for the year ending on the last Monday in September A.D. 1855, together with and in addition to, the sum which the City may receive, for the same purpose, from the State Treasury and Registry Tax; (the expenditures under this appropriation to be made by the order and direction of the School Committee;) Thirty five thousand Dollars $35.000.—

For the Support of the Poor and the Removal of Paupers, (including Asylum,) together with the income of the Tilling-hast Fund, (so called,) Fifteen thousand Dollars $15.000.—

For the Fire Department, Forty five thousand Dollars $45.000.—

For the Support of Public Bridges, One thousand Dollars $1000.—

For the support of the Public Watch, Thirty thousand Dollars $30.000.—

For Lighting the Streets, Fifteen Thousand Dollars $15.000.—

For the Salaries of the Mayor, Aldermen, members of the Common Council and other City Officers, Twenty two thousand five hundred Dollars $22.500.—

For the repair of Public Buildings, Five hundred Dollars $500.—

For the repair of the City Pumps & Wells, Fifteen Hundred Dollars $1500.—

For the police Department, One Thousand Dollars $1000.—

For Highways, Fifty Thousand Dollars $50.000—

For the Repair of the Asylum Walls & Buildings, Five Hundred Dollars $500.

For Contingent Expenses; any Claims which may be allowed by the Board of Aldermen, or by the City Auditor, not included in any of the preceding items, and also, the compensation allowed to the Assessor of Taxes, and to Wardens and Ward Clerks. Fourteen Thousand Dollars $14.000.—

For School Houses and Lots, Eight Thousand Dollars $ 8.000.—

For the improvement of Public Grounds, Two Thousand Dollars $2000.—

For Gas Light Fixtures, One Thousand Dollars $1000.—

For the Providence Reform School, Eighteen Thousand Dollars $18.000.

For the Citys proportion of the State Tax Eighty one hundred Dollars $8100.—

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

Passed October 9. 1854

Approved E. P. Knowles Mayor

Culvert Sabin Street

Resolved, That the sum of Thirty five hundred Dollars, in addition to former appropriations be and the same is hereby appropriated for the construction of the Drain in Sabin Street, to be paid out of any moneys in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated

Passed October 9 1854

Approved E. P. Knowles Mayor

Charles St

Resolved, That the Surveyor of Highways be, and he is hereby directed to cause that part of Charles Street, lying between Randall & Nicholas to be paved and also the Curb Stone to be set and the gutters paved, on that part of the same lying between Nicholas Street and the North Providence line, upon conditions that the owners of the adjoining estates furnish suitable curb-stone for the same—

The above work to be done in connection with that already ordered on Charles Street

Passed October 9. 1854

Approved E P Knowles Mayor

S of Highways Report

The Surveyor of Highways makes his Monthly Report of work done from 8 September 11 th to 9 th of October 1854

Read, Whereupon it is Ordered that the same be received

Passed Oct 9. 1854

Approved E. P Knowles Mayor

Wooden Building

On the petition of N. C Northup requesting liberty to remove a two story wooden building from the corner of Jefferson & Cherry Streets and place the same on Davis Street

Read, Whereupon it is resolved that the prayer thereof be granted

Passed October 9. 1854

Approved E P Knowles Mayor

Same

The petition of the City Hotel Company for leave to remove a two story Wooden building in the rear of the Hotel and place the same about forty feet from where it now stands

Read, Whereupon it is resolved that the prayer thereof be granted

Passed October 9. 1854

Approved E P Knowles Mayor

Mayor Knowles & Ex Mayor Danforth Portraits

To the Hon. City Council

The Special Committee appointed to invite Ex Mayor Danforth & Mayor Knowles to sit for their portraits respectfully Report

That they extended invitations to said Gentlemen agreeably to the direction of the Council; Both Gentlemen accepted the invitation and sat to Mr J. S Lincoln of this City. Your Committee have caused their portraits to be framed and hung on the Walls of the Common Council Chamber. In behalf of the Committee

Oct 9. 1854 Wingate F Hayes Chairman

Read, Whereupon it is resolved that the same be received

Passed Oct 9. 1854

Sup of Pub Schools

Resolved That the School Committee be and they are hereby authorized to pay to the Superintendent of Public of Public Schools in quarterly payments a Salary not exceeding Eighteen hundred Dollars per Annum

Passed Oct 9. 1854

Approved E P Knowles Mayor

Dr City of Providence in account with Esek Aldrich City Treasurer Cr

1854							
May	9	To Brown University and Hope Ives		500	00		
	13	" S.B. Vernon General Treasurer		576	65		
	25	" S Budlong for J Tillinghast		40	25		
June	2	" Board of Aldermens Commissions		14	79		
July	15	" Note for Engine House		5061	25		
Sept	5	" John Nutting		29	10	6222	04
	25	" Public Schools		8049	70		
	"	" Pumps & Wells		625	79		
	"	" City Debt Fund		4738	56		
	"	" Rail Road Fund		230	30		
	"	" Bridges		2261	08		
	"	" Ellipse Mall Extension		702	20		
	"	" Surveying & Platting City		2300	00		
	"	" Alteration of Masons Hall		2753	62		
	"	" Gas Fixtures		243	67		
	"	" School Houses & Lots		1300	00		
	"	" Support of Poor at Asylum	600.–				
	"	" do " do " Butler Hospital	3046.57				
	"	" do " do " Large	2800.75	6447	32		
	"	" Asylum Walls & Buildings		131	67		
	"	" Culvert & Drain M. S. & F. Streets		4000	00		
	"	" Am Independence		2000	00		
	"	" Iron Fence around the Cove		7455	70		
	"	" City Watch		15173	79		
	"	" Lighting Streets		7412	45		
	"	" Cash		155	25		
	"	" Contingencies		5692	47		
	"	" Police		3832	17		
	"	" Highways		33495	11		
	"	" Fire Department		25508	46		
	"	" Improvement of Pub. Grounds		3259	02		
	"	" Reform School		3155	03		
	"	" Salaries		4186	13		
	"	" Removing Obstructions from River		1700	00	146809	49
						$ 153.031	53

1854							
March	6	By Balance		40551	65		
Sept	25	" Billiard Tables		112	81		
		" Bowling Alleys		213	74		
		" Coroner		12	00		
		" Licensed Junk Shops		9	00		
		" Entering Pub Drains		577	50		
		" John Whipple for pub. Drain near Friendship Street	2	500	00		
		" Auction Dues		47	88		
		" C. B. Manchester		2	00		
		" Harbor Master		130	13		
		" Sale of Cattle impounded		29	85		
		" Balance of Tax 1853		22983	84		
		" J Northup for J Tillinghast		20	00	65.190	40
		" E Aldrich		2250	01		
		" W Earle		1000	00		
		" T. Burgess		1100	00		
		" American Bank		8520	79		
		" Hartford. Prov. & Fishkill Rail Road Co		1695	00		
		" Notes Payable		71550	84	86116	64
		" City Standard Scales		142	61		
		" North Burial Ground		1395	26		
		" 1/2 City Licenses since March		186	62	1724	49
						$ 153.031	53

Read Whereupon it is ordered that the same be received and recorded

Passed October 9 1854

Town House

Resolved That the City Marshal be and he is hereby directed to make temporary repairs upon the Town House at an expense not exceeding two Hundred Dollars

Passed Oct 9. 1854

Approved E.P. Knowles Mayor

The Committee on City Property who were directed to report a plan for the accommodation of the Police &c Report

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

Passed October 9 1854

Approved E P Knowles Mayor

I hereby certify that I have examined the accounts of Esek Aldrich Treasurer from March 6 to September 25 1854 and that these accounts agree with the vouchers and that on said 25 day of September, there was a balance in cash in the Treasurers hands of One hundred fifty five $\frac{25}{100}$ Dollars belonging to the City

John J Paine
City Auditor

Providence Sept 25 1854

E E Esek Aldrich City Treasurer

Approved E. P. Knowles Mayor

Public Sq on Benefit & India Sts

Resolved That the Standing Committee on City Property be and they are hereby directed to ascertain what title the City has to the Public Square at the corner of Benefit and India Streets and report the same as soon as may be

Resolved That the Surveyor of Highways be and he is hereby directed to suspend all work ordered by the City Council to be done on the Public Square at the corner of Benefit and India Streets until further orders from the City Council

Passed October 9, 1854

Approved E P Knowles Mayor

Hartford Invitation to visit accepted

Upon a communication from the Mayor of Hartford, enclosing an invitation from the Common Council of said City, inviting the Mayor, Aldermen and Members of the Common Council, to visit that City upon the opening of the Hartford, Providence and Fishkill Railroad it is

Resolved That we will accept of said invitation, and hereby designate Tuesday the 24th inst as the day when we will visit said City

Resolved That the Mayor be requested to communicate to the Mayor of Hartford the action of the City Council upon said invitation

Passed October 16 1854

Approved E P Knowles Mayor

Hacks

An Ordinance for the regulation of Hacks, Omnibuses, Drays Trucks &c See Ordinance Book No 2 page

Passed October 16. 1854

Approved E P Knowles Mayor

Wooden Building

The petition of Jonathan Pike for leave to remove a Wooden Building from Bridge Street and place the same on corner of Benefit and Shamrock Streets

Read, Whereupon it is resolved that the prayer thereof be granted

Passed October 16 1854

Approved E P Knowles Mayor

Salaries

An Ordinance in amendment of an Ordinance entitled "an Ordinance fixing the Salaries of certain Officers" see Ordinance Book 2 page

Passed October 16 1854

Approved E P Knowles Mayor

Wooden Building

The petition of William Viall for leave to remove a Wooden Building from John Street and place the same on Governor Street between William & Fremont Streets

Read, Whereupon it is resolved that the prayer thereof be granted

Passed Oct 16 1854

Approved E P Knowles

School House Lots

Resolved That the sum of Two hundred dollars be added to former appropriations for the purchase of four lots of land on Graham Street of John A Taft and others to be paid from the appropriation for School houses and lots

Passed Oct 16 1854

Approved E P Knowles Mayor

School House Lots

Resolved That the sum of One thousand dollars be added to the Appropriation made 7 September 18 1854 for erecting a School house on the lot at the junction of Ridge & Swift Streets; also the sum of One thousand dollars be added to the appropriation made Sept 18. 1854 for erecting a School house on Graham St to be paid from the appropriation for School house and lots

Passed Oct 16 1854

Approved E P Knowles Mayor x Aug 14

Stewart Street

Upon the Memorial of Perry Davis, this day presented to the City Council

Resolved, That the City Treasurer be and he is hereby directed to pay the sum of Seven hundred and fifty Dollars, to the owner or owners of the strip of land measuring one hundred and thirty feet by eight feet, on the west side of the North end of Stewart Street, on receiving a deed thereof to the City, for a public Highway; the same to be paid out of any monies in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated

Passed Oct 16 1854

Approved E P Knowles Mayor

Overseer of the Poor Office

City Clks Office

Resolved That the Standing Committee on City Property be and they are hereby directed to remove the office of the Overseer of the Poor to the room prepared for that office in the Town House, and that said Committee be directed to proceed with the alterations already ordered

Passed October 16 1854

Approved E. P. Knowles Mayor

In Convention October 16 1854

The Resignation of William T Greene Overseer of the Poor is read and accepted

Stephen A Phillips is elected Overseer of the Poor

Amos D Smith a member of the School Committee tenders his resignation which is read and accepted

William T. Grinnell is elected a Member of the School Committee in place of Amos D Smith

Jabez C Knight tenders his resignation as a Member of the School Committee, a motion to postpone the acceptance is put & lost thereupon

Voted That said Resignation be accepted

The election to fill the vacancy in the School Committee is postponed

A motion to postpone the election of City Solicitor is put and lost

Wm A Potter is appointed City Solicitor

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

India Square

Resolved, That the Surveyor of Highways be and he is hereby directed to cause so much of the sand and gravel on the public Square at the junction of Benefit & India Street to be taken therefrom as shall be necessary to use in the grading of India Street

Resolved, That the resolution in relation to said Square passed on the Ninth day of October A D 1854 be and the same is hereby repealed

Passed October 16 1854

Approved E. P. Knowles

Cross Walk High St

Resolved That the Surveyor of Highways is hereby directed to cause a Cross Walk to be laid on High Street on the Westerly side of Stewart Street and that the same be paid for out of the appropriation for Highways

Passed November 13. 1854

Approved E P Knowles Mayor

Cross Walks

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

One across	Byron	Street	north	side of	Pine Street
" "	Pine	"	East	" "	Byron "
" "	Do	"	West	" "	Foster "
" "	Foster	"	each	" "	Pine "
" "	Friendships	"	opposite the door of the South Baptist Ch.		
" "	Do	"	East side of		Prince Street
" "	Prince	"	North	" "	Friendships "
" "	Parsonage	"	each	" "	Point "
" "	Point	"	East	" "	Parsonage "
" "	Do	"	"	" "	Chesnut "
" "	North Main	"	South	" "	Hewes "
" "	Do	"	So	" "	Riley "
" "	Do		at its junction with		Stephen Street
" "	Hope	"	North side	"	Power "
" "	Do	"	Do	"	John "
" "	Brook	"	South	" "	Do "
" "	Do	"	North	" "	Do "
" "	John	"	opposite Widow Arnolds Estate		
" "	Clifford	"	East side of		Claverick Street
" "	Washington	"	East	"	Jackson "
" "	Do	"	West	" "	Do "

Passed Nov. 13 1854

Approved E. P. Knowles
Mayor

The Surveyor of Highways makes his Monthly Report of Work done from the 9th of October to November 13. 1854

Read, Whereupon it is Ordered that the same be received

Passed Nov. 13. 1854

Approved E P Knowles Mayor

The Chief Engineer makes his Monthly Report of Expenditures for the Fire Department amount $1018.85

$150 of the above was for Reservoir in Halsey Street
600 " " " " Cistern " Broadway

Read, Whereupon it is Ordered that the same be received

Passed Nov. 13. 1854

Approved E P Knowles Mayor

Auditors Report

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

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

Passed Nov 13 1854

Approved E P Knowles Mayor

Gas

Resolved, That the City Treasurer be and he is hereby authorized acting under the advice and direction of the Standing Committee on City Property, to contract with the Providence Gas Company, for a Supply of Gas, for one year from the first day of January next, upon such terms as may be deemed expedient; Provided, that five feet burners shall be used, and that they shall be kept lighted during the whole night, whenever it may be necessary, for the purpose of lighting the Streets

Passed Nov 13. 1854

Approved E. P. Knowles Mayor

Fountain St Sch House Lot

Resolved, That the Sum of One hundred Dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated to defray the Expense of Enclosing the Lot of Land recently deeded to the City by M B Mead and others to be paid out of any moneys in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated

Passed Nov 13 1854

Approved E. P Knowles
Mayor

Pond St

Whereas the City Council on the 19th day of April AD 1854 directed application to be made to the Supreme Court for the appointment of Commissioners of Estimate and Assessment, under an Act entitled "an Act in relation to the laying out enlarging, Straightening or otherwise altering Streets in the City of Providence" to estimate the benefit and damages of laying out Pond Street from Fenner Street to Steubart Street and

Whereas such commissioners have been appointed, and have made their first Report to the Supreme Court, and

Whereas by the provisions of said Act the City Council are required within thirty days after the making of the said Report, to elect whether they will make said improvement or not

Therefore Resolved That the City Council hereby elect to make the said improvement

Passed November 13. 1854

Approved E P Knowles Mayor

Police Ordinance

An Ordinance in amendment of an ordinance entitled "An Ordinance in relation to Police
(see Ordinance Book No 2 page)

Passed Nov 13. 1854

Approved E. P. Knowles Mayor

Wooden Building

The petition of Amos D Smith for leave to remove two Wooden Buildings from Shamrock Street to Ives Street, through Brook, Thompson & Wickenden Streets

Read Whereupon it is resolved, that the prayer thereof be granted

Passed Nov 15 1854

Approved E. P. Knowles Mayor

Wooden Building

The petition of William Tallman for liberty to remove a two story Wooden Building from Dyer Street to Cedar Street, through Dyer, Dorrance, Broad, Hoyle, Dean, Broadway America & Tefft Streets

Read, Whereupon it is resolved that the Prayer thereof be granted

Passed Nov 15 1854

Approved E. P Knowles Mayor

Com Council Hartford Vote Thanks

Resolved That the thanks of the City Council of the City of Providence are hereby tendered to the Mayor and Common Council of the City of Hartford for the kind and Generous manner in which the members of this body were received and entertained during their recent visit to Hartford

Resolved That in the expressions of good feeling so fully called forth upon that occasion; we find a satisfactory assurance of the continuance and future increase of these sentiments of respect and attachment which have heretofore so happily existed between the two Cities

Resolved. That the Mayor be requested to cause a copy of these Resolutions to be transmitted to the Mayor and City Authorities of the City of Hartford

Passed Nov 15 1854

Approved E P Knowles Mayor

H. P. & F. Co Vote Thanks

Resolved, That the thanks of the City Council of the City of Providence are hereby tendered to the President & Directors of the Hartford. Providence and Fishkill Rail-road Company for the free passage afforded to the members of this body to and from Hartford over said road during their recent visit to said City

Resolved That the City Clerk is hereby directed to transmit a copy of the above resolutions to the President of the Hartford, Providence and Fishkill Rail-road Company

Passed November 15. 1854

Approved E. P. Knowles Mayor

Salaries

An Ordinance in Amendment of an Ordinance entitled "An Ordinance fixing the Salaries of certain Officers"
(see Ordinance Book No 2 page)

Passed November 15 1854

Approved E. P. Knowles Mayor

City Plats

Resolved That the Committee appointed March 14. 1853 to divide the City into districts and survey and plat the same so as to designate each and every lot in the City, be requested to report at the next meeting of the Council, whether the work has been completed, and if so at what cost; Also whether the plats made are satisfactory to them, and if so, what means they recommend for their preservation; or if not, what course they recommend to perfect them

Passed Nov 15. 1854

Approved E. P. Knowles Mayor

Car House Temporary

On petition of S. B. Cushing Engineer of Hartford, Providence and Fishkill Rail Road, it is

Resolved, That the Hartford Providence and Fishkill Railroad Company be permitted to erect under the direction of the Board of Aldermen a temporary Building for a passenger Car House, to be continued during the pleasure of the City Council

Passed November 15 1854

Approved E P Knowles Mayor

Broad Street

Resolved, that the Surveyor of Highways be and he is hereby directed to cause the Curb Stone to be set and gutters paved on that part of Broad Street lying between Peare and Greenwich Streets, and that part of Greenwich Street lying between Broad and Wilson Streets, and to deposit the surplus dirt or gravel upon the Calvin Dean lot (so called) and also to reset the fence adjoining the said Dean Lot

Passed Nov 13. 1854

Approved E. P. Knowles Mayor

Salary Principal High School

Resolved That the School Committee are hereby authorized to pay to the Principal of the High School, in Quarterly Payments, an Annual Salary not exceeding Eighteen hundred Dollars

Passed Dec 11 1854

Approved E P Knowles Mayor

The Chief Enginee makes his Monthly Report of the Expenditures for the Fire Department in

For 3 mos pay of Firemen ending Nov 30	8298.75
" ass of Cistern in Palace & Codding Streets	300
" Engines	187.32
	$ 8786.07

Read Whereupon it is ordered that the same be received

Passed Dec 11 1854

Approved E. P. Knowles Mayor

Births

Resolved, That the City Clerk be and he is hereby authorized to employ suitable persons to ascertain the number of Births which may have occurred in this City from the first day of June to the 31st of December 1854 in conformity with an Act of the Genral Assembly passed at its recent October Session amending "An Act providing for the registration of Births, Marriages and Deaths," and that he be authorized to draw upon the City Treasurer for an amount necessary to cover the expense of obtaining said information, not exceeding the sum of of One Hundred & fifty Dollars Passed Dec 11 1854

Approved E P Knowles Mayor

Atwells Avenue

Resolved, That the Surveyor of Highways be and he is hereby directed to cause the Curb Stone to be set and the Gutter paved on that part of Atwells Avenue lying between the present termination of the Curbing and Potters Avenue

Passed Dec 11 1854

Approved E P Knowles Mayor

Overseer of Poor Report

The Overseer of the Poor makes report of Expenditures for out door poor from March 7 to Dec 1 1854 amt $ 3513.47

Read. Whereupon it is ordered that the same be received

Passed Dec 11 1854

Approved E P Knowles Mayor

Old Town House

The City Marshal reports that he has repaired the Old Town House and furnished the Cells with Bedg & Bedding at an Expense of $ 130.58

Read, Whereupon it is ordered that the same be received

Passed Dec 11 1854

Approved E P Knowles Mayor

The City Treasurer makes his Quarterly Report of Issues and Payments from Sept 11 ck to Dec 11 ck 1854

1854		Issued		
Sept 15	No 222	To Prov. Ins. for Savings	at 6 p/c	$ 5 000.—
Oct 20	223	Same	"	10 000.—
				15.000.—
1854		Paid		
Oct 20	No 201	To Prov. Ins. for Savings		10.000.—
	215	" Saml G Arnold		5061.25
	216	" John Gladding (bal)		100.—
23	61	" Prov. Ins for Savings		5000.—
"	213	" Peoples Savings Bank		5000.—
	219	" American Bank		50 000.—
30	220	" Builders Iron Foundry		5058.51
	212	" Amos Horton		800.—
Nov 2	221	" Orlando Smith		2831.08
29	216	" John Gladding (bal)		700.—
				84550.84

Read. Whereupon it is Ordered that the same be received

Passed Dec 11 1854

Approved E P Knowles Mayor

The Surveyor of Highways makes his Monthly Report of Work done from Nov^r 13 to Dec 11 1854 amt $3055.62

Read, Whereupon it is Ordered that the same be received

Passed Dec^r 11 1854

Approved E P Knowles Mayor

Salaries of City Council

Resolved That the City Treasurer be and he is hereby directed to pay to the Members of the common council and of the Board of Aldermen the proportion of their annual Salaries for the first six months of the present Municipal year

Passed Dec^r 11 1854

Approved E P Knowles Mayor

City plats Report of Comm^e

The Committee appointed on the 14 th of March 1853 to divide the City into Districts for the purpose of Taxation, and directed to cause surveys and plats of the same to be made designating each lot, and to procure proper Books for effecting the registration of the same

Report

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

Passed Dec^r 11. 1854

Approved E. P. Knowles Mayor

Hose Tower

Resolved, That the Chief Engineer be and he hereby is directed to cause a Hose Tower to be erected for Engine House N^o 11 provided the cost thereof shall not exceed Two Hundred Dollars, to be paid out of the appropriation for the Fire Department

Passed Dec 14 1854

Approved E P Knowles Mayor

City Auditor

Resolved, That the Sum of Fifty Dollars be paid to the City Auditor for ~~the~~ extra Service Performed by him since his appointment and that the same be paid out of the appropriation for Salaries

Passed Dec 14 1854

Approved E. P. Knowles Mayor

Jeremiah Baggott requests liberty to remove a certain One Story wooden Building from rear 38 Atwells Avenue about 35 fo east

Read, Whereupon it is resolved that the prayer thereof be granted

Passed Dec 14 1854

Approved E P Knowles Mayor

Bridges

Resolved, That the sum of fifteen hundred dollars be added to former appropriation for Bridges and that the same be paid out of and money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated

Passed Dec 14 1854

Approved E. P Knowles Mayor

Gas Fixtures

Resolved, That the Sum of One thousand dollars be added to former Appropriation for Gas Fixtures and that the same be paid out of any moneys in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated

Passed Dec 14 1854

Approved E P Knowles Mayor

Application to the Gen^l Ass^y for Law in relation to Tax

Resolved That the Mayor & Abraham Payne be a Committee to apply to the General Assembly at their January Session for such alteration in the Laws regulating the assessment and collection of Taxes, as shall enable the City of Providence to appoint a permanent Board of Assessors of Taxes, and also to cause an Annual Appraisal of the rateable property to be made before the Annual Taxes shall be voted

Passed Dec^r 11 1854

Approved Jan^y 8^th 1855 E P Knowles Mayor

Taxes

Resolved, That all petitions presented to the City Council for the remission or reduction of Taxes including those now in the hands of the Committee on Finance be referred to the Assessors of Taxes for the Municipal Year, with instructions to report thereon

Passed Jan^y 8. 1855

Approved Edw^d P Knowles Mayor

The Surveyor of ~~Highways~~ Taxes makes his Monthly Report of Work done from the 11 December 1854 to January 8 th 1855 amt $1456.02

Read Whereupon it is ordered that the same be receiv^d

Payed January 8. 1855

Approved E. P Knowles Mayor

Bell on Knight St

Resolved, That the Chief Engineer be and he is hereby authorized (if in the opinion of the Board of Engineers, the same is deemed expedient) to cause a suitable Bell to be erected on Engine House N^o 10 on Knight Street; or on some other suitable building in that vicinity; and to employ some suitable person to ring the same in case of fire; and that the cost of the same be paid out of the appropriation for the Fire Department

Passed Jan^y 8 1855

Approved E. P. Knowles Mayor

The Chief Engineer makes report of the Monthly Expenditures for the Fire Department

Amt including $282 43/100 balance due for Reservoirs on Halsey Street and Cisterns on Pallas & Codding Streets & Broadway $604.96

Read. Whereupon it is Ordered that the same be received

Passed Jany 8. 1855

Approved E. P. Knowles Mayor

West Water St

Upon the Report of the Standing Committee on City Property upon the Memorial of Earl Carpenter & others, respecting the widening of West Water Street

Resolved, That said Report be received and that said Memorial be referred to the Commissioners of estimate and assessment relative to the contemplated widening of said Street

Passed January 8 1855

Approved E. P. Knowles Mayor

H. F. Wallings Bill

Upon the account of Henry F. Walling for services in making plan for the extension of Dorrance Street

Ordered, that the amount of said Account (being $77.50 Dollars) be paid by the City Treasurer whenever the same shall have been certified to be correct, by a majority of the Commissioners of estimate and assessment relative to the extension of said Street

Passed Jany 8 1855

Approved E. P. Knowles Mayor

Nath. D Carlile

City Treasurer of the City of Providence

Sir Please pay to the order of Seth Padelford Seventy five Dollars and interest thereon from August 5th 1848 - it being the sum awarded me by the Rail Road Commissioners appointed to award land damages on the opening of the Branch Rail Road through Olneyville of the Providence & Stonington Rail Road Co and paid into the City Treasury at the date aforesaid as my award

Nath'l D Carlile

Read, And it is ordered that the same be paid by the City Treasurer

Passed Jany 8 1855

Approved E. P. Knowles Mayor

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wooden Building

Upon the petition of Charles W. Atwood requesting liberty to remove a Wooden Building from the corner of Broad and Pearl Streets and to place the same between Pearl & Lockwood Streets

Read, Whereupon it is resolved. that the prayer of the same be granted

Passed Jany 8 1855

Approved E. P. Knowles. Mayor

Wooden Buildings

The petition of Ira L. Beckwith requesting liberty to remove a one story wooden building from its present location on Plane Street & place the same about fifty feet South

Read. Whereupon it is resolved. that the prayer thereof be granted

Passed January 8 1855

Approved E. P. Knowles Mayor

C Marshal Report

The City Marshal makes his Annual Report of the business of the Police Department for the year ending Dec 31st 1854

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

Passed January 8 1855

Approved E. P. Knowles Mayor

Richmond Street

Whereas, The Commissioners of estimate and assessment in the matter of laying out and extending Richmond Street in the City of Providence appointed by the Supreme Court at the September Term thereof in the County of Providence ~~aforesaid~~, under an act entitled "an act in relation to the laying out, enlarging, straightening or otherwise altering Streets in the City of Providence" Have made their first Report to said Court

Now therefor within thirty days after making said Report Resolved That the City Council elect to make said improvement

Passed January 8th 1855

At a Special Meeting of the City Council called by the Mayor, the foregoing resolution was returned by the Mayor with the following Communication

Gentlemen

I feel constrained to return to the Council, not approved by me, the resolution of the 8 inst electing to adopt and conform to the report of the Commissioners of estimate and assessment in the matter of Richmond Street

In the first place, I am unable to concur in the views of those who regard the opening of this Street as proposed, as an improvement so necessary for the public convenience as to justify the required disbursement from the City Treasury; and my doubts on this point are strongly confirmed by the fact, that the Commissioners report only three persons or estates are justly liable to assessment, on account of benefit to accrue from the improvement.

And in the second place, there is reason to believe that litigation expensive and protracted will follow the adoption of the Commissioners report on

account of the peculiar state of the title to the land to be appropriated, the burden of which litigation as it seems to me, the City cannot reasonably be expected to assume.

In respect to this matter however, I ask the attention of the Council to the accompanying communication from Abraham Payne Esq the acting City Solicitor, prepared at my request, as precluding all necessity for further observations or suggestions on my part

Prov. Jany 22 1855 — Edward D Knowles Mayor

Read whereupon the Council took action as follows

In Common Council January 22 1855

Read; (together with the communication of the Mayor declining to approve thereof;) and passed, by a majority of all persons elected to this Board

A G Greene Clerk

In Board of Aldermen same day Read, with accompanying papers and concurred by a majority of all the persons elected to this Board

Albert Pabodie Clerk

In Convention January 22d 1855

A communication from Wm H Potter dated Nov 30/54 declining the Office of City Solicitor, to which he was appointed Oct 16/54 is read and his declination accepted

Voted, That we proceed to elect a City Solicitor

Samuel Currey is nominated for City Solicitor, on the first ballot there is no choice

A motion to postpone the Election of a City Solicitor is put and carried

William Burrough, Edward G Farmer } are appointed Gaugers of Casks

John F Read is appointed Weigher of Anthracite Coal

Josiah Chapin is appointed a member of the Scool Committee

Ephraim L Hall is appointed surveyor & corder of Wood

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

School Committee

Resolved That Mr Johnson with such as the Board of Aldermen may add be a Committee to make application to the General Assembly at its present session for the passage of the accompanying act in relation to the election of the School Committee in the City of Providence

Passed Jany 29. 1855

Approved E P Knowles Mayor

Dogs and Charcoal

The Standing Committee on Police to whom was referred so much of the Annual report of the City Marshall as relates to the necessity of additional legislation on the part of the State in order to render the execution of "an Act concerning dogs" and an act to prevent fraud in fire wood and charcoal exposed for sale" more easy and effective beg leave to report their concurrence in the opinions expressed by the Marshall and recommend the adoption of the annexed resolution

S. C. Easton for the committee

Pro. Jany 29th 1855

Resolved That our Senators and Representatives in the General Assembly be requested to procure such an amendment of the act entitled "an act concerning dogs" and also of an act entitled "an act to prevent fraud in fire wood and charcoal exposed for sale" as will provide for the recovery of the penalties for the violation thereof by complaint and warrant instead of "by action of debt as now provided

Passed Jany 29. 1855

Approved E. P. Knowles Mayor

Fines Remitted

Resolved That the City Treasurer be and he hereby is directed to pay out of any money not otherwise appropriated to Michael Fitz Gerald Dillon Sheldon and Owen Reilly each Ten dollars being the amount of fine severally paid by them or extorted in the Police Court for violation of the ordinance entitled "An ordinance in relation to Swine"

Passed Jany 29. 1855

Approved E P Knowles Mayor

An Ordinance to prevent Revelling

An Ordinance in amendment of an Ordinance entitled "An Ordinance to prevent revelling and other disturbances in the Public Streets" (See Ordinance Book No 2)

Passed January 29. 1855

Approved E. P. Knowles Mayor

Wooden Building

On the Petition of Albert Bowen asking liberty to remove a Two Story Wooden Building and one Story wooden Building from one part of a lot to another on Knights Street.

Read. Whereupon it is resolved that the Prayer thereof be granted

Passed Jany 29 1855

Approved E P Knowles Mayor

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Prov. Jany 22 1855

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S. C. Paxton
for the committee

Prov. Jany 29th 1855

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Passed Jany 29. 1855

Approved E. D. Knowles Mayor

Fines Remitted

Resolved That the City Treasurer be and he hereby is directed to pay out of any money not otherwise appropriated to Sheldon Tate Edward John Reedy and Patrick Kelley each the sum of Four dollars being the amount of fine severally paid by them or remitted in the Police Court for violation of the ordinance entitled "An ordinance in relation to Swine"

Passed Jany 29 1855

Approved E D Knowles Mayor

An Ordinance to prevent Rowdying

An Ordinance in amendment of an Ordinance entitled "An Ordinance to prevent rowdying and other disturbances in the Public Streets" (see Ordinance Book No 2)

Passed January 29. 1855

Approved E. D. Knowles Mayor

Wooden Building

On the Petition of Albert Bowen asking liberty to remove a Two Story Wooden Building and one Story wooden Building from one part of a lot to another on Knights Street

Read. Whereupon, it is resolved that the Prayer thereof be granted

Passed Jany 29 1855.

Approved E D Knowles
Mayor

In Convention January 29d 1855

Voted That we now proceed to the Election of a City Solicitor

Willard Sayles is elected City Solicitor, having received 21 Votes out of 32

On petition of Perry Davis & others members of the High Street Baptist Church and Society asking that a constable may be appointed to keep order in their meetings it is

Voted That the prayer of the petition Perry Davis and others be not granted

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

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Reform School

Resolved That the Report of the Trustees of the Providence Reform School be referred to the Standing Committee on Education with directions to cause the same to be Printed or such portion thereof as they may deem expedient in Pamphlet form, for the use of the City Council

Passed Feby 5 1855

Approved E P Knowles Mayor

Market House

Resolved, That the Standing Committee on City property be and they are hereby directed to cause such repairs to be made upon the Market House, as are necessary to stop the leaks in the walls and roof

Passed Feby 5 1855

Approved E P Knowles Mayor

A Peckham

Upon the Repot of the Standing Committee on Finance;

It is Ordered, That the City Treasurer pay to the legal representatives of Abner Peckham deceased, the Sum of One hundred and five Dollars; being the amount of a claim presented for services of said deceased, as Assessor of taxes during the present Municipal year.

Passed Feby 5 1855

Approved E P Knowles Mayor

Taxes

Resolved That the Committee already appointed to apply to the General Assembly for an alteration of the law in relation to the assessing and collecting of Taxes, be and they are hereby instructed to apply for such alteration as will make the Real Estate primarily liable for all taxes assessed thereon

Passed Feby 5 1855

Approved E P Knowles Mayor

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

A Communication from the City Treasurer relative to the non payment of Interest of Bonds of Hartford, Prov. and Fishkill Rail road Company was referred to the Finance Committee Jany 8 1855

The Committee on Finance Report, that the Hartford Prov. and Fishkill Railroad Company have paid the interest on their Bonds, since the reference of the within Communication

Wm Goddard for the Com.

Jany 27, 1855

The Report of the Standing Committee on Finance having been read, it is ordered that the same be received

Passed Feby 5 1855

Approved E P Knowles Mayor

Dorrance Street

Whereas, the Commissioners of estimate and assessment in the matter of laying out and extending Dorrance Street in the City of Providence, appointed by the Supreme Court at the September Term thereof in the County of Providence, under an Act entitled "An Act in relation to the laying out, enlarging, straightening and otherwise altering Streets in the City of Providence" have made their first Report to the said Court: Now therefore within thirty days after the making of said Report

Resolved, that the City Council elect to make said improvement

Passed by concurrent vote Jany 29 1855

At the regular meeting of the City Council met by adjournment February 12 A. 1855 the foregoing resolution is returned by the Mayor without his approval, whereupon the two Boards take action as follows

In Common Council February 12. 1855

Read and passed by a majority of all persons elected to this Board

A. G. Greene Clerk

In Board of Aldermen same day

Read and concurred by a majority of all persons elected to this Board

G A Williamson Clk pro tem

Pond St

Resolved That the City Treasurer be and he is hereby authorized and directed to give the Note of the City for the amount of the damages awarded by the Commissioners of estimate and assessment for the lay out and extension of Pond Street, payable four months from the date of the confirmation of the Report of such Commissioners upon receiving a proper release of all claims for such damages

Passed Feby 12 1855

Approved E P Knowles Mayor

Engineers Report

The Monthly Report of Expenditures for the Fire Department No 2

Read, Whereupon it is Ordered that the same be received

Passed February 12 1855

Approved E P Knowles
Mayor

Surveyor of Highways Report

The Surveyor of Highways makes his Monthly report of Work done from the 8th of January to February 10th 1855 $1459.64 3

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

Passed Feby 12 1855

Approved E P Knowles Mayor

S of Highway Report Referred

Ordered, That the Monthly Report of the Surveyor of Highways, this day, made to the City Council, be referred to the Standing Committee on Highways, to report thereon 4

Passed Feby 12 1855

Approved E P Knowles Mayor

The Committee to engross ordinances to whom was referred the Message of the Mayor communicated to the Council at its last session Report 6

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

Passed February 12 1855

Approved E P Knowles Mayor

Fountain & Lot in Dean Meadow

Resolved, that the Chief Engineer cause the Fountain in the Dean Meadow (so called) to be raised to conform to the grade proposed for the adjoining lots; the Expense to be paid out of the appropriation for the Fire Department 7

Provided, That the same shall not exceed One hundred Dollars

Resolved, that One hundred & fifty Dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, for the purpose of filling the lot in the Dean Meadow (so called) belonging to the City, the same to be paid to the Order of the Standing Committee on the Fire Department

Passed Feby 12 1855

Approved E P Knowles Mayor

Wooden Buildg

The petition of Luke Flannigan asking liberty to remove a 1½ story Wooden Building from the East side of Barton St to the West side of said Street, to be used for a Dwelling House 8

Read. Whereupon it is resolved, that the Prayer thereof be granted

Passed Feby 12 1855

Approved E P Knowles Mayor

Chas Horton

Resolved, That the Mayor be and he is hereby authorized to settle the cases pending in the Court of Common Pleas between Charles Horton and Esek Aldrich City Treasurer and William Dexter and Esek Aldrich City Treasurer, upon such terms as he may deem expedient and that the City Treasurer be and he is hereby directed to pay over to such person or persons as may be designated by the Mayor such sum or sums of money as shall be determined upon in said Settlement, the same to be paid out of the appropriation for Contingencies 9

Passed Feby 12 1855

Approved E P Knowles Mayor

Dogs

An Ordinance, in amendment of "An Ordinance in relation to Dogs"

(See Ordinance Book No 2 pp84) Passed Feby 12 1855

Approved E P Knowles Mayor

Prov Gas Co

Upon the Report of the Standing Committee on City Property, upon the account of the Providence Gas Company 5

Resolved, That the City Treasurer be and he is hereby directed to pay the amount of said Bill viz five hundred and twenty nine 74/100 Dollars to said Providence Gas Company

Passed Feby 12 1855

Approved E P Knowles Mayor

Steam Fire Engine

Resolved That the Chief Engineer be and he is hereby authorized to invite the builder of the Steam Fire Engine recently contracted for the City of Boston and which has already exhibited in several cities, to visit this city with his Engine for the purpose of exhibition and trial, and the said Engineer is authorized to draw upon the Treasury for the Expense of said visit and trial, provided the same shall not exceed the sum of One hundred Dollars - the same to be paid out of the appropriation for the Fire Department 12

Passed February 12 1855

Approved E P Knowles
Mayor

Street for S Prison to Cove St

Resolved That the Board of Aldermen be and they are hereby requested to lay out a new Street sixty feet wide from the bridge near the State Prison Southerly to Cove Street in conformity with the provisions of an act entitled "an Act for laying out highways" 14

Passed Feby 12 1855

Approved E P Knowles Mayor

Return of Lumber Surveyed in the City of Providence

for the year ending February 5th 1855

5	White Pine Boards Plank and Joist					Southern and Eastern, Hard Pine Boards & plank		Southern Hard Pine Timber & Ship Plank		Spruce Boards Plank Joist and Sawed Timber		Hemlock Bds Plank Joist & Sawed Timber	
	No 1	2	3	4	5	Merch	Refuse	Merch	Refuse	Merch	Refuse	Merch	Refuse
	feet	feet	feet	feet	feet	ft	ft	ft	ft	ft	ft	ft	ft
Robert Manchester 2d	33034	206764	335654	1247988	20415	370951	138693			1272276	123856	434941	157215
Jacob Silloway	10546	65816	258553	952237	88222	496729	161976			1185508	240657	245407	83552
Nath[l] C Bushee	33471	251053	232376	1033281	154602	297786	76279			1110238	201063	379924	179622
Benj[a] Bogman 1st	11471	153472	324661	1170704	85820	249198	82399			955628	206909	164586	71761
Chris[r] Rhodes	9339	102996	275704	914167	109481	289344	67642	499592	25408	1086133	224300	572397	123967
Esek A Gillson	728	106856	204770	851936	168263	518894	81141	165437	21941	1145317	249745	329078	81779
Charles C Lee	21105	39247	51829	168377	31531	16415	2516			148992	51420	221422	41674
Wm R. Talbot	4333	18529	85079	534281	51972	168673	79097			310133	71673	152441	60540
Smith Potter	450	3279	21116	88157	10049	282884	132280			149383	15974	58429	114260
Chas W. Randall	1344	5130	4593	813									
James P Metcalf												412	634
Robert Manchester													
	125521	973142	1793315	6962141	720355	2690874	822023	665029	47349	7363608	1385637	2559037	914004

Pine Timber		Oak and Chesnut Bds & plk		Ash Boards Plank and Joist		Birch & Maple Boards, Plank and Joist		White Wood Boards, Plank & Joist		Cherry Bds Plank & Joist		Blk Walnut Bds Plank & Joist		Mahogany & Cedar Boards Plank & Joist		Surveyor Generals Fees		Deputy Surveyors Fees	
Merch ft	Ref ft	Mer ft	Ref ft	Mer ft	Ref ft	Mer. ft	Ref ft	Mer ft	Ref ft	M ft	R ft	M ft	R ft	M ft	R ft	$	¢	$	¢
				9173	383			25707	5478		16	9				131	77	965	31
		5956	1770	5739	1074	4319	1703	40583	9226	903	186	12368	2762			118	00	863	13
19263	6662					1741	345	63424	12978							121	66	892	06
9703	716			17102	4548	6180	3197	8200	586	8295	2230	9721	1312			109	36	798	39
				6122	425			54122	5304			1391	2802			132	08	967	86
				1517		10471	1304	37331	823	2417	341	10050	963			120	48	882	41
		62314	15883	106704	32685	55967	39257	258013	46575	40171	41593	135982	79064	55382	20536	73	92	513	35
				6128	1946			15263	3893							47	15	344	96
								9031								26	55	193	76
				23905	2413			73832	15966							4	63	31	31
								6510	630								21	1	57
		3440														1	63	.	.
28966	7378	71710	17653	176390	43474	78678	45806	592016	101459	51786	44366	169521	86903	55382	20536	857	44	6454	11

Grand Total feet 218.614.359

To the Hon. City Council

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

Respectfully submitted

Robert Manchester

Prov. February 5th 1855

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

Passed Feby 12 1855

Approved E. P. Knowles Mayor

Highways &c

Resolved That Messrs Hayes, Johnson & Paine and Alderman Thurber ~~with such as the Board of Alder-men~~ be and they are hereby appointed a Committee to apply to the General Assembly at its present session for the passage of an act Explanatory or in amendment of "an act for the mending of Highways and Bridges so as to exempt the City of Providence from liability to pay damages for injuries resulting from snow or ice remaining in the streets of said City

Passed Feby 12th 1855

Approved E P Knowles Mayor

N Burying Ground

Resolved That the Commissioners of the North Burying Ground be and they are hereby authorized to sell and convey to Joseph Wheldon the strip of land which has recently been the subject of dispute in the case Joseph Wheldon vs Philip N Martin, and that in case said Commissioners and said Wheldon are unable to agree upon the amount of purchase money therefor, said Commissioners are hereby authorized to unite with said Wheldon in submitting said question to arbitration

Approved E P Knowles Mayor Passed Feby 12 1855

Street West Moshassuc River

Resolved That so much of the Message of the Mayor as relates to a New Street west of Moshassuc River be and the same is hereby referred to the Committee on Highways

Passed February 12 1855

Approved E. P. Knowles Mayor

Exchange Place

Resolved, That so much of the Message of the Mayor as relates to the lay out of Exchange Place to Cove Street be and the same hereby is referred to the City Solicitor to examine into the subject and report to the Council what action if any is necessary to be taken by the City in relation to said Place and Street

Passed Feby 12 1855

Approved E. P. Knowles Mayor

Taxes Remitted

Upon the Report of the Assessors of Taxes on petitions of Sundry Tax payers for a remission of Taxes improperly assessed against them, the Standing Committee on Finance recommend the passage of the resolution hereunto annexed

It will be seen, that the resolution makes no reference to several petitions, which have already been acted upon by the Assessors of Taxes. The Committee have these petitions under consideration and will report upon them at an early day

Resolved That the City Treasurer be and he is hereby directed to pay to the following named persons the sums affixed to their respective names, the said Sums being in remission of Taxes improperly assessed against their several estates in the year 1854

Provided, it shall appear to the Treasurer, upon certificate of the Collector of Taxes, that these several sums have been paid into the City Treasury by the said parties

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

Amey G Dorrance	$82.32
Francis, Susan & Anna Jackson	24.08
Matthew Watson Trustee to Mary Rivers	12.88
Benjamin Dyer	7.84
Rhode Island Historical Society	52.08
Eliza Brown	16.80
Wm P Bullock	25.31
Joseph A Blake	27.44
Chase Lewis	15.12
Wm Grosvenor	11.59
Mt Vernon Lodge	10.08
John Carter Brown	56.25
Heirs of Thomas P Ives	109.13

Passed Feby 12 1855

Approved E P Knowles Mayor

Wm Richardson

Resolved That the City Treasurer be & is hereby authorized to demand and receive of the Providence Institution for Savings, the balance due the late William Richardson, and to give a satisfactory receipt therefor

Passed February 12 1855

Approved E P Knowles Mayor

In Convention February 12 1855

Robert Manchester is elected Surveyor General of Lumber

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

Fines remitted

Resolved That the Treasurer be, and he is hereby directed to pay to James Lane, Peter Cox and Bryan Barrett each the sum of ten dollars being the amount of fines imposed on them respectively by the Police Court for the violation of the Ordinance concerning Swine

Passed February 28 1855

Approved E P Knowles Mayor

Temporary Loan

Resolved That the City Treasurer acting under the advice of the Standing Committee on Finance be authorized to borrow for the use of the City a Sum of money not exceeding One hundred thousand Dollars

Passed February 28 1855

Approved E P Knowles Mayor

Harbor Line

Resolved That Mr O Johnson and Alderman Knight be a committee to apply to the General Assembly for the passage of an act empowering the City Council, to alter and establish a Harbor Line on the West side of the River, running from Dorrance Street South to Sassafras Point

Passed February 28 1855

Approved E P Knowles Mayor

City Treasurer's Office

Resolved That the City Treasurer be authorized to use the Committee Room on the floor of the Council Chamber, and vacate his present office for the use of his Honor the Mayor

Passed Feby 28 1855

Approved E P Knowles Mayor

City Treas. to report Leased Land

Resolved That the City Treasurer be requested to furnish the Council the names of the Lessees of City lands, with the terms and conditions of said leases, and the Size and location of the lots and the estimated value of improvements thereon

Passed Feby 28 1855

Approved E P Knowles Mayor

Jurors

Resolved, That Mr O Johnson and Alderman James be a committee to apply to the General Assembly, for the passage of an act, by which all persons duly appointed and employed, under the Ordinance of the City establishing a Fire Department shall be exempt from serving as Jurors

Passed February 28 1855

Approved E P Knowles Mayor

H.P. & F R R Co Bonds

Resolved That the Board of Aldermen are hereby authorized to exchange the Bonds of the Providence, Hartford & Fishkill Rail Road Company issued under the Connecticut Mortgage to the amount of Twenty eight Thousand Dollars for an equal amount of Mortgage bonds of said Railroad Company issued under the Rhode Island Mortgage

Passed March 5 1855

Approved E P Knowles Mayor

In Convention February 28 1855

The Surveyor General of Lumber presents the names of the following persons as Deputy Surveyors of Lumber

Robert Manchester Jun^r
Jacob Silloway
Nathaniel C Bushee
Benjamin Bogman 1st
Christopher Rhodes
Esek A. Jillson
William R. Talbot
Smith Potter
Charles W. Randall
James Salsbury for Ship Timber
Charles C Lee " Ornamental Lumber

Voted That the Council approve of the appointment of the aforenamed persons as Deputy Surveyors of Lumber

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

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Cross Walk

Resolved, That the Surveyor of Highways be and he is hereby directed to lay the following Cross Walks viz

One across	Benevolent	Street	West side of	Hope	Street
"	" Hope	"	North	" Benevolent	"
"	" Do	"	South	" Do	"
"	" Cook	"	North	" Power	"
"	" Do	"	Do	" Chas Field	"
"	" Do	"	South	" Benevolent	"
"	" Benevolent	"	West	" Cook	"
"	" Do	"	East	" Brown	"
"	" Power	"	West	" Cook	"
"	" Arnold	"	East	" Thayer	"
"	" Gaspee	"	opposite the	Prison	

Passed March 12 1855

Approved E. P. Knowles Mayor

Overseer of the poor

An Ordinance in Amendment of an Ordinance entitled "An Ordinance fixing the Salaries of certain Officers" (see Ordinance Book N^o 2)

Passed March 12 1855

Approved E. P. Knowles Mayor

Dorrance Street

Resolved that (Messrs Doyle, W. Paine Jr, Allen and Alderman Rathbone be and they are hereby appointed a Committee to Confer and advise with the Surveyor of Highways relative to the Opening of Dorrance Street, the disposition of the Buildings standing on the same and all matters connected therewith

Approved E P Knowles Mayor

Passed March 12 1855

Abstract of Issues & Payments of City Debt from Dec 11th 1854 to March 12 1855

When Issued	N^o of Note	To Whom Issued	Amt	Rate
1855			$	
Jany 18	N^o 224	Providence Ins. for Savings	10.000	6 p^r
20	225	" " "	20.000	"
Feb 12	226	" " "	3,000	"
13	227	" " "	15.000	"
19	228	Thos Burgess "	1.000	"
21	229	Prov. Ins. for Savings	3.000	"
"	230	A. Stewart's heirs	1.532	"
Mar. 6	231	S K Rathbone Cash^r	15.000	"
			$ 68.532	

To Whom paid

1855			
Jany 18	203	Prov. Ins for Savings	10,000
	204	" " "	20.000
	205	" " "	3,000
	206	" " "	15.000
	207	" " "	3,000
			$ 51.000

To the Hon. C. Council

Gentlemen Please receive the above Abstract of Issues & Payments of City Debt

Respectfully Yours &c

March 12 1855

E Aldrich City Tr.

Read. Whereupon it is resolved that the same be received

Passed March 12 1855

Approved E. P. Knowles Mayor

The Chief Engineer makes his Monthly Report of the Fire Department on Three months pay of the Fire Department $8090.36
Repairs &c 309.62
$ 8399.98

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

Approved E. P. Knowles Mayor Passed March 12 1855

The Surveyor of Highways makes his Monthly Report of Work done from the 12th February to 11th of March 1855 amt $1408.—

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

Passed March 12 1855

Approved E P Knowles Mayor

Gas Fixtures

Resolved That the sum of One thousand Dollars be added to former appropriation for gas fixtures, and that the same be paid out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated

Passed March 12 1855

Approved E P Knowles Mayor

School Room at Asylum

Resolved That His Honor the Mayor and the Board of Aldermen, be and they are hereby authorized to provide a suitable room for a School room, in one of the out buildings on the Asylum farm, providing the cost thereof shall not exceed the sum of five hundred dollars

Passed March 12 1855

Approved E P Knowles Mayor

Report from E M Snow on Cholera

A communication from Doct Edwin M Snow to the Mayor touching the Statistics and causes of the Cholera as it prevailed in this community during the past Summer, and also a resolution of the Providence Medical Association approving of said report

Read Whereupon, it is Ordered that the same be received, and ~~that~~ together with the accompanying paper be printed in the newspapers employed to do the City printing and that five hundred copies of the same be printed in pamphlet form, for the use of the City Council

Passed March 12 1855

Approved E P Knowles Mayor

Gas for the Cove promenade

Resolved That the Committee appointed to superintend the erection of the Iron fence around the Cove promenade, be and they are hereby authorized to cause suitable pipe and fixtures to be laid and connected with the lamp posts on said promenade, and they be authorized to draw on the Treasury for a sum not exceeding the sum of fifteen hundred dollars

Appa for Cove fence

Resolved That the sum of Two Thousand Dollars be added to the appropriation for Iron Fence around the Cove and the same to be paid out of any money not otherwise appropriated

Passed March 12 1855

Approved E P Knowles Mayor

Soup House

Resolved That the Board of Aldermen be and they are hereby authorized to draw upon the Treasurer for the amount of Hollis Chaffin's bill for the supply of Soup for the poor, the same to be paid out of the appropriation for the support of the poor

Passed March 12 1855

Approved E. P. Knowles

Mayor

Harbor Line

Report of the Committee appointed to make application to the General Assembly for the passage of an Act empowering the City Council to alter the Harbor Line on the West side of the River

Read Whereupon it is Ordered that the same be received

Passed March 12 1855

Approved E P Knowles Mayor

Harbor Line

Resolved That the subject of the alteration of the Harbor Line on the West side of the River be referred to a Select Committee consisting of Messrs Barstow, Hayes & Anthony and Alderman Knight, and that said Committee cause notice to be published in the papers authorized to do the City Printing for the space of ten days of the time & place of the meetings of said Committee

Passed March 12 1855

Approved E P Knowles Mayor

Taxes remitted

Resolved That the City Treasurer be and he is hereby directed to pay to the following named Persons the sums affixed to their respective names, the said sums being in remission of Taxes improperly assessed against their several Estates in the year 1854

Provided, it shall appear to the Treasurer upon the Certificate of the Collector of Taxes, that these several sums have been paid into the City Treasury

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

Charles Attwood	$ 4.20
D C. Jenckes	6.72
John Barstow Agt	30.60
William Douglas	21.28
James Eames	28.00
John H Eddy	5.60
David Gowdey	11.76
Henry B Anthony Guardian	12.88

Passed March 12 1855

Approved E P Knowles Mayor

D Whipple

Upon the petition of David Whipple this day presented to the City Council it is Ordered, that the same be referred to the joint Committee this day appointed to advise with the Surveyor of Highways relative to Dorrance Street

Passed March 12 1855

Approved E. P Knowles Mayor

Teachers Salaries

Resolved That the School Committee be, and they are hereby authorized to pay to the Male teachers of the Public Schools, Annual Salaries not exceeding Eleven Hundred Dollars each

Passed March 12 1855

Approved E. P. Knowles Mayor

N C Northup

Resolved That the petition of Nelson C Northup, for a renewal of lease be referred to the Commissioners of the North Burying Ground

Passed March 12 1855

Approved E P Knowles Mayor

Wooden Buildings

The petition of Elisha A Durfee requesting liberty to remove a certain Two Story Building from High Street and to place the same in the rear of Cranston Street

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

Passed March 15 1855

Approved E. P. Knowles Mayor

Do

The petition of the Roger Williams Freewill Baptist Corporation requesting liberty to remove a Two Story Building from the corner of Knight & High Streets and to place the same on Hodding Street

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

Passed March 15 1855

Approved E. P. Knowles Mayor

Do

The petition of Holland Kenny requesting liberty to remove a One Story Building from the corner of Orange & Dyer Streets and to place the same on the corner of Parsonage & Lake Streets

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

Passed March 15 1855.

Approved E. P. Knowles Mayor

Wooden Buildings

The petition of Nathaniel C Smith requesting liberty to remove a Two Story Building from South Main Street and to place the same on Iven Street

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

Passed March 15 1855

Approved E. P. Knowles Mayor

Dyer Lot

Resolved That the City Treasurer, acting under the advice of Messrs Barstow, Westcotts and Lester and Alderman Hall be and he is hereby authorized to accept the deeds of the Lot of Land, bounded by Exchange Place, Washington, Fulton and Baker Streets, offered by Elisha Dyer Jr Henry B Lyman and William C Snow Trustees, Henry B Lyman and Caroline Lyman, Mrs Francis J Vinton and her Children, A. K. and A W Aldrich Thomas Brown, Josiah Westcott and Catherine Westcott and Earl Carpenter Trustee; with Bonds of Indemnity from Henry B Lyman and wife and Mrs Frances J Vinton and her Children; and bonds from Elisha Dyer and from Mrs Frances J Vinton respectively against any claim by them or their heirs respectively as heirs at law of Mrs Caroline Lyman to that third part of the Dyer Lot (so called) which the Trustees of Mrs Lyman, in case she shall decease without living issue must convey to said Elisha Dyer and Frances J Vinton or their heirs, as heirs at law of Mrs Lyman; and also a bond from Henry B Lyman, that his Son, on arriving at the age of twenty one years, shall execute and deliver to the City a deed with proper covenants of Warranty, of the said third part of said lot; and to pay for the same, the sum of Seventy five thousand dollars ($75.000) to be divided among the several parties, as they may mutually agree

Resolved That the City Treasurer be, and he is hereby directed to issue the Notes of the City, to the several parties named in the preceding resolution for the amounts respectively due them, on time not exceeding six months, and at a rate of interest not exceeding six per cent

Passed March 12 1855

Approved E P Knowles Mayor

City of Hartford municipal authorities invited

Resolved That the hospitalities of the City of Providence be and the same are hereby tendered to the Municipal Authorities of the City of Hartford; and that the Mayor be and he is hereby requested to extend to them an invitation to visit this City, at such time as shall be agreeable to them

Resolved, That Messrs Doyle, Grinnell, Goddard, Francis & Westcott and the Mayor and Ald Jones, be and they are hereby appointed a Committee to make suitable

arrangements for the reception and entertainment of the Municipal Authorities of the City of Hartford as the guests of this City

Passed March 21 1855

Approved E P Knowles Mayor

Daniel R Clapp

Resolved, That the City Treasurer be and he is hereby directed, under the advice of the City Solicitor, to pay the Execution Daniel R Clapp vs The City of Providence, returnable at the June term of the Circuit Court of the United States, for the District of Rhode Island, with the interest due thereon

Passed March 30 1855

Approved E P Knowles Mayor

Sam[l] Ames

Resolved That the City Treasurer be and he is hereby directed to pay to Samuel Ames Esq Seven hundred and Eighty $\frac{56}{100}$ Dollars in full for his account for services and expenses in the case of Daniel R Clapp vs the City of Providence

Passed March 30 dt 1855

Approved E P Knowles Mayor

Mayors Salary

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

Passed March 30 1855

Approved E P Knowles Mayor

School Committee

Resolved, That Messrs Taylor, A Payne, Hayes, Barstow Rider, Lester & Crary and Aldermen Hall & Knight be and they are hereby appointed a Committee, to nominate to the City Council, at their next meeting, twenty Persons as Candidates for Election as members of the School Committee

Passed March 30 1855

Approved E P Knowles Mayor

Same

The Committee appointed on the 29[th] of January last to make application to the General Assembly for the passage of an Act in relation to the election of a School Committee Report

Read. Whereupon it is ordered that the same be received

Passed March 30 1855

Approved E P Knowles Mayor

Taxes Remitted

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

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

Richard & Rufus Waterman Trustees & heirs of Sally Thompson	72.27
Lemuel B Shepard	9.77
Levi Lewis	2.40

Passed April 5 1855

Approved E P Knowles Mayor

Health

Resolved That Messrs Hayes, Barstow & Minor and the Mayor and Alderman Thurber be a Committee to inquire and report whether any, and if any, what further legislation is necessary for the preservation of the health of the City

Passed April 5 1855

Approved E P Knowles Mayor

City Hall Lot

The Special Committee appointed on 12[th] inst to advise the Treasurer in reference to the acceptance of Deeds of the City Hall Lot, beg leave to report that they have performed the duty with which they were charged in the resolution under which they were appointed.

The Committee have received and examined with care, all the deeds and bonds required by the resolution of the Council, and after having the advice of the City Solicitor, have advised the Treasurer to accept the same, which he has done, and the deeds are accepted and placed upon record

Pro. March 30 1855

A C Barstow
for the Comee

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

Passed April 5 1855

Approved E P Knowles Mayor

Sand from J Pikes Wharf

Resolved, That the Committee appointed to clear out the Channel be and they are hereby directed to have the sand removed from the River opposite Jonathan Pike's Wharf

Passed March 30 1855

Approved E P Knowles Mayor

Jurors.

The Committee appointed on the 28th of February last to apply to the General Assembly for the passage of an act, by which all persons duly appointed and employed under the Ordinance of the City establishing a Fire Department, shall be exempted from serving as Jurors

Respectfully Report

That they have attended to the duties assigned them; and procured the passage of An Act, a copy of which is herewith presented; and which differs from that for which application was made, in exempting, only the officers in the several companies

Respectfully Submitted

Oliver Johnson
for the Committee

Read Whereupon it is Ordered that the same be received

Approved E. P. Knowles Mayor Passed Mar 30th 1855

Engineers Report

The Chief Engineers makes his Monthly Report of Expenditures for the Fire Department amounting to $588.63

Read, Whereupon it is resolved that the same be received

Passed April 9 1855

Approved E P Knowles Mayor

Sup of Highways Report

The Surveyor of Highways makes his Monthly Report of work done from 12th of March to 9th of April 1855 Amount $2322.54

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

Passed April 9 1855

Approved E P Knowles Mayor

Wooden Bldg

The petition of Luke Green requesting liberty to remove a Wooden Building from the corner of Matheuson & Mountain St, and to place the same on the East side of Belknap St

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

Passed April 9 1855

Approved E P Knowles Mayor

Wooden Bldg

The petition of Alfred Peapall requesting liberty to remove a Wooden Building from the corner of Bacon St & Green Lane 100 ft west on the same lot

Read whereupon it is Resolved, that the prayer thereof be granted, (on the same conditions as the preceding)

Passed April 9. 1855

Approved E P Knowles Mayor

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same

The Petition of Joshua Bacon requesting liberty to remove a Wooden Building from Stamper Street to the rear of Bacon Street

Read Whereupon it is Resolved, that the prayer thereof be granted, (on the same conditions as the two preceding)

Passed April 9 1855

Approved E P Knowles Mayor

West Water Street

Whereas the Commissioners of estimate and assessment in the matter of widening West Water Street in the City of Providence appointed by the Supreme Court at the September term thereof in the County of Providence under an act entitled "an act in relation to the laying out enlarging straightening or otherwise altering Streets in the City of Providence" have made their first report to said Court

Now therefore within thirty days after the making of said Report

Resolved That the City Council elect to make said improvement

Passed April 9 1855

Approved E P Knowles Mayor

Dorrance St Fire Wells

Resolved That the Board of Engineers be and they are hereby requested to report at the next meeting of the Council their opinion as to the best means of protection to property against fire, whether by sinking the present Culvert on Dorrance Street, so that the Water from the Cove may flow through it at all stages of the tide, or by sinking fire wells at proper distances in that portion of the Street not yet Laid out

Passed April 9 1855

Approved E P Knowles Mayor

School Committee elected

In Convention April 9. 1855

The Special Committee appointed on the 30th March to select & nominate twenty persons for Election as members of the School Committee, Reports whereupon it is

Voted That each of the names nominated be taken up and acted on separately

Whereupon

Edward B Hall	Amos D Burstow	Henry Waterman
John J Stimson	Samuel A Winsor	John D Welch
Richmond Brownell	Admah Sackett	Samuel Wolcott
Esek Aldrich	Charles Alverman	James Tillinghast
Wm C Snow	Geo. B Eastman	Edwin Metcalf
Wm Gammell	Josiah Chapin	J W D Ely
Edwin M Stone	J L Hutchins	

were severally elected Members of the School Committee

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

Dorrance St

Resolved, That Aldermen Thurber & Hall, and Messrs Westcott, Goddard, Hayes, Barstow Doyle, Francis & Winsor be and they are hereby appointed a Committee to confer with the parties interested in the extension of Dorrance Street, as to the loss and damage, benefit and advantage, apportionment and assessment to each; and the said Committee are hereby authorized to agree and settle with said parties for the lands or improvements required for said extension or for benefit assessed -- upon such terms as may be deemed satisfactory to said Committee

Passed April 9. 1855

Approved April 14 1855 E P Knowles Mayor

Census

Resolved That the Mayor and Alderman Rathbone and Messrs Taylor, Grinnell, Allen, Cornell, Anthony, Lester and Stone be and they are hereby appointed a Committee with full power and authority to cause a census of this City to be taken, and to collect such facts and statistics as they may think advisable to embody therewith for the purpose of exhibiting the business and prosperity of the City

Passed April 16 1855

Approved E. P. Knowles Mayor

Geo G Hawkins

Resolved, That Alderman Knight & Messrs Westcott, Mason & Rider be, and they are hereby appointed a Committee with full power to settle the claim of George G Hawkins for injuries received in April last, in consequence of an Obstruction on High Street

Passed April 16 1855

Approved E P Knowles Mayor

Assessors of Taxes

An Ordinance in relation to the appointment of a permanent Board of Assessors of Taxes

(See Ordinance Book No 2 pp 85)

Passed April 16 1855

Eddy Street

Resolved That the Surveyor of Highways be and he is hereby directed to cause that part of Eddy Street lying between Point Street and the Branston Line, to be paved, provided the owners of the adjoining Estates shall furnish suitable Curb Stone for the same

Passed April 16 1855

Approved E P Knowles Mayor

City Hall

Resolved That Messrs Barstow, Allen & Hopkins and Alderman Knight be a Committee to procure designs and plans for a City Hall, to be located upon the Dyer Lot, with the estimated cost of building the same, and report to the Council at its regular meeting or at an early day

Passed April 16. 1855

Approved E P Knowles Mayor

Dorrance St

Resolved That the Board of Aldermen be and they are hereby requested to cause that portion of Dorrance Street lying between Broad and Pine Streets to be widened so that the Easterly line of said Street shall range with the Westerly line of Howards building on said Street and continuing said line to the South West Corner of the building on Dorrance and Pine Streets belonging to G T Swarts, as appears by a plat of said Proposed change in Dorrance Street, Surveyed and platted April 13 1855 by W P Haines, the said work to be done under and according to the "Act in relation to laying out highways".

Passed April 16 1855

Approved E P Knowles Mayor

West Water Street

Whereas, the Commissioners of estimate and assessment in the matter of the lay out and extension of West Water Street, have made their Report and Whereas this City Council have elected to make the said improvement and Whereas in the opinion of this Council, if the same can lawfully be done, it would be expedient to have the said Report so amended, that said Street shall be laid out and extended according to the plan proposed by Earl Carpenter and others in their memorial to this Council, therefore

Resolved, that the City Solicitor be and he is hereby directed to take such measures if practicable, as may lead to the recommitment of the said Report to the said Commissioners with instructions to amend the same so as to lay out and extend said Street according to the plan proposed by Earl Carpenter and others in their Memorial to this Council

Passed April 16 1855

Approved E P Knowles Mayor

Fire Well Dorrance St

Resolved That the Chief Engineer of the Fire Department be and he is hereby directed to cause a Reservoir to be constructed in Dorrance Street, between Broad and Middle Streets

Passed April 23. 1855

Approved E P. Knowles Mayor

Wooden Building

The petition of Jonathan Pike requesting liberty to remove a two story Wooden Building from Bridge Street and place the same on South Main St. Read whereupon it is

Resolved

That the Prayer thereof be granted provided the Petitioner give a Satisfactory bond to the City Treasurer, as required by the 3d Sec of "An Ordinance in relation to the removal of Wooden Buildings"

Passed April 23. 1855

Approved E. P Knowles Mayor

Cisterns &c

Resolved That the Chief Engineer be directed to cause Hydrants to be attached to the Pipes of the Rawson Fountain Society every five hundred feet in Westminster Street below Aborn Street

Also, that he cause a cement cistern to be built on Smiths Hill opposite the Eighth Baptist Church

Also that he cause reservoirs to be dug at the function of Angell & Hope Streets and on Thayer Street between Transit and Power Streets. provided that the expense of the aforesaid work shall not exceed the sum of twenty five hundred dollars

Passed April 23 1855

Approved E P Knowles Mayor

Water Closet

Resolved That the Standing Committee on City Property be and they are hereby directed to cause such repairs to be made upon the Water Closet in the Market House, as they may deem expedient

Passed April 27 1855

Approved E P Knowles Mayor

G. G. Hawkins

Resolved That the City Treasurer be and he is hereby directed to pay to George G. Hawkins the sum of Five hundred & Eight 24/100 Dollars ($508.24) in full for injuries sustained by him in consequence of an Obstruction in High Street, and for cost incurred by him; upon receiving from said Hawkins, a full discharge from all claims and demands against the City for damages and cost on account of such injuries

Passed April 27 1855

Approved E P Knowles Mayor

Erection of Buildings

Resolved That the Committee on the Fire Department be and they are hereby directed to report to the next meeting of the City Council the propriety of extending the operation of the act entitled "An Act concerning the Erection of Buildings in the City of Providence" to other parts of the City not now included within the limits therein defined

Passed April 27 1855

Approved E P Knowles Mayor

Wooden Building

The Petition of Isaac M Wood requesting liberty to remove a One & half Story Wooden Building from Bridgham Street and to place the same on Warren Street

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

Passed April 27 1855

Approved E P Knowles Mayor

Brook St Reservoir to receive Sand

Resolved, that the Surveyor of Highways acting under the advise & direction of the Standing Committee on Highways, be directed to cause a suitable reservoir to be built in South Main Street. to hold the deposites of sand from the Brook Street culvert

Passed April 27 1855

Approved E P Knowles Mayor

Wooden Building

The Petition of Pardon Angell requesting liberty to remove a Two Story wooden Building from High Street and place the same on the North side of Jay Street

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

Passed April 27, 1855

Approved E P Knowles Mayor

Drain through College St

Resolved that the Surveyor of Highways be and he is hereby directed to build a drain through that part of College Street laying between Benefit & Prospect Sts

Passed April 27 1855

Approved E P Knowles Mayor

Hoyle St

Resolved that the Surveyor of Highways be and he is hereby directed to cause the Curb Stone to be set and gutters paved on Hoyle Street whenever the owners of the adjoining estates shall furnish curb Stone for the same

Passed April 27 1855

Approved E P Knowles Mayor

Transit St

Resolved That the Board of Aldermen be and they are hereby requested to proceed and lay out a street under the Provisions of the act entitled "An Act for laying out highways" from East Street to Governor Street, as an Extension of Transit Street

Passed April 27 1855

Approved E P Knowles Mayor

Arnold St

Resolved, That the Board of Aldermen be and they are hereby requested to proceed to lay out a Street under the Provisions of the act entitled "An Act for the laying out of Highways from East Street to Governor Street, as an Extension of Arnold Street

Passed April 27, 1855

Approved E P Knowles

Taxes Remitted

Resolved, that the City Treasurer be and he is hereby directed to pay John Greene Seventeen 64/100 Dollars, being in remission of a part of a tax improperly assessed against his Estate in the year 1854: Provided it shall appear to the Treasurer upon the Certificate of the Collector of Taxes, that the same has been paid into the City Treasury. If it shall appear to the City Treasurer that the same has not been paid into the City Treasury, then he shall credit the Collector of Taxes with said amount with the interest thereon

Passed April 30 1855

Approved

E P Knowles Mayor

North Main St

Resolved, That in the opinion of the City Council it is desirable and necessary to widen North Main Street in this City from a point at the North West corner of the Brick Building on the estate owned by Anna E Arnold of Smithfield to a point at the South West corner of the building on the estate owned by Richard & Elizabeth Waterman, so that the East line of said Street between the estates aforesaid shall be ~~be~~ on a line with the West line of the Buildings on said Estates, 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 & assessment under & according to the Act entitled "An Act in relation to the laying out, relaying, straightening or otherwise altering Streets in the City of Providence" and that the City Council hereby directs 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 & damage thereof upon the persons & estates benefitted thereby in the ratio of the benefits conferred

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

Passed April 30 1855

Approved E P Knowles
Mayor

Stationary Fire Engineers pumps

Resolved That the Board of Engineers be and they are hereby requested to report at as early date as practicable, a detailed plan with estimates for laying Iron Pipe with suitable hydrants for fire purposes, from the Steam pump on Eddy Street to and connecting the same with the Steam pump of Mathewson and Allen on Broad Street and connecting this pipe* and thence to the pumps of the Pow. Dg. Bg. & Eg. Co.

Also from the Steam Pump of the Pow. Tool Co. to the Steam pump of the Eagle Screw Co. and connecting the said pipe with the Steam pump of Gorham & Co in Steple Street - and also extending the Pipes on Benefit Street and connecting with those on South and North Main Streets, throughout the entire length of said Benefit Street

Resolved That the Board of Engineers be and they are hereby requested to report what arrangements can be made with the Serial owners of Steam pumps on the proposed route for a constant head of Steam

* with the Steam pump of the Elm St Mfg Co on Elm St and continuing the same to the Steam pump of the New England Butt Co

Passed April 30 1855

Approved E P Knowles Mayor

Dexter Training Ground

Resolved That the Surveyor of Highways be and he is hereby instructed to proceed forthwith and reset the trees around the Dexter Training Ground on the grade established by the Street Commissioners

Passed April 30 1855

Approved E P Knowles Mayor

Chapin and Sampson

Resolved that the City Treasurer be, and he is hereby directed, to pay to George W Chapin and Abiel Sampson out of the appropriation for Highways, one half of the cost of setting the Curbstone & paving the gutters on Central Street, Major Street and that part of Bridgham Street lying between Broad and Pond Streets, whenever said Chapin & Sampson shall furnish curbstone for the same (which shall be approved by the Street Commissioners) set the same, and pave the Gutters and grade the said Street, provided all contracts for said work shall be made under the advise and to the Satisfaction of the Surveyor of Highways

Resolved That the Surveyor of Highways be and he is hereby directed to furnish Messrs Chapin and Sampson paving Stone for the same whenever required — provided Messrs Chapin & Sampson give a bond to the City, that they will reset the Curbing and repave the Gutters should said work settle within a year after it is finished, and provided further, that the Surveyor of Highways furnish said paving Stone, whenever the same can be done without causing delay to the highway work already ordered

Passed April 30 1855

Approved E P Knowles Mayor

Friendship & Clifford Sts

Resolved That the Board of Aldermen be and they are hereby requested to proceed to lay out a Street under the provisions of the Act entitled "An Act for laying out highways" from Eddy Street to Orange Street as an extension of Friendship Street — and also to lay out under the same a Street from Eddy Street to Dyer Street as an extension of Clifford Street

Passed April 30 1855

Approved E P Knowles
Mayor

Iron Fence

Resolved That the sum of five thousand dollars be added to the Appropriation for Iron Fence around the cove and that the same be paid out of any not otherwise appropriated

Passed April 30 1855

Approved
E P Knowles
Mayor

Cistern

Resolved, that the Chief Engineer be and he is hereby authorized to construct a Cement Cistern at the Corner of Smith & Jefferson Streets, instead of the one already ordered near the Eighth Baptist Church

Passed April 30 1855

Approved E P Knowles Mayor

To apply to Gy Assembly to enlarge the power of the Mayor

Resolved That Messrs Hayes, Goddard & Johnson and Aldermen Knight & Holden be a Committee to make application for the City to the General Assembly at its next Session for the passage of a law authorizing the Mayor with the approval of the Board of Aldermen to appoint the City Marshal, Police Constables & Watchmen of the City and giving to the Mayor the power of removing said Officers from Office

Passed May 14 1855

Approved E P Knowles Mayor

Ridge & Swiss St School House Lots

Resolved That the Surveyor of Highways be directed to grade the lot at the junction of Ridge & Swiss Streets under the direction of the Committee on Education, the Expense of the same to be charged to the appropriation for School Houses and Lots

Passed May 14 1855

Approved E P Knowles Mayor

The Surveyor of Highways makes his Monthly Report of Work done from April 6th to May 12th 1855 Amt $ 4809.96

Read, Whereupon it is Ordered that the same be received

Passed May 14 1855

Approved E P Knowles Mayor

The Chief Engineer makes his Monthly Report of the Expenditures of the Fire Department amt $ 179.14

Read, Whereupon it is ordered that the same be received

Passed May 14 1855

Approved E. P. Knowles Mayor

Pond St

Resolved, That the Surveyor of Highways be and he is hereby directed to set the Curbing and Pave the Gutters on that portion of Pond Street extending from Fenner to Stewart Street, whenever the owners of the adjoining land shall furnish suitable Curb Stones

Passed May 14 1855

Approved E P Knowles Mayor

Cross Walks

Resolved that the Surveyors of Highways be and he is hereby directed to cause Cross Walks to be laid in the following places viz

One	across	John	Street	at the Summit of the same	
"	"	Bassett	"	West side of Butler	Street
"	"	Do	"	East	" Hoppin "
"	"	Hoppin	"	South	" Bassett "
"	"	Prospect	"	East	" Cushing "
"	"	Do	"	West	" Do "
"	"	Do	"	East	" Meeting "
"	"	Do	"	West	" Do "
"	"	Jackson	"	North	" Washington "
"	"	Do	"	South	" Do "
"	"	Washington	"	East	" Jackson "
"	"	Do	"	West	" Do "
"	"	Benefit	"	South	" Arnold "
Two	"	Broad	"	near entrance to the Gate of Grace Ch Cemetery	
One	"	Star	"	on Benefit	Street
"	"	John	"	East side of Brook	Street
"	"	Brook	"	North	" John "

Passed May 14 1855

Approved E P Knowles Mayor

In Convention May 14th 1855

The petition of William Coleman & others asking for the appointment of a measurer of Grain Read

Shubael K Cornell is appointed measurer of Grain, Salt & Sea Coal

The resignation of Willard Sayles City Solicitor is read & accepted

James M Clark is appointed City Solicitor

Richmond Brownell declines acting as a Member of the School Committee

Wm T Grinnell is elected a Member of the School Committee in place of Richmond Brownell

William Gammell declines serving as a Member of the School Committee

Samuel T Greene is elected a member of the School Committee in place of Wm Gammell

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

Richmond St Culvert

Resolved That the Surveyor of Highways be and he is hereby directed to cause the openings of the Culvert on Friendship Street near the corner of Richmond Street to be permanently closed and make such alterations in the Gutters as may be necessary

Passed May 14 1855

Approved E P Knowles
Mayor

Fire Engine

Resolved That the Chief Engineer of the Fire Department be and he is hereby authorized to purchase a new Fire Engine for the City, at a cost not exceeding Eleven Hundred Dollars, to be paid from the appropriation for the Fire Department

Passed May 14 1855

The above resolution was not returned by the Mayor until after the meeting next succeeding the above Albert Pabodie City Clk

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Harbor Line West Side

An Ordinance Establishing the West Harbor Line

(See Ordinance Book N° 2 page 86)

Passed May 21 1855

Approved E P Knowles Mayor

Bound on West Harbor Line

Resolved, That Messrs Anthony, Bush & Lester and Alderman James, be and they are hereby directed to cause a suitable Stone bound to be erected at the point of the Angle in the West Harbor line, this day established between Dorrance Street Wharf and Sassafras Point; said bound to be of suitable diameter, and to shew eight feet above the high water mark; the part out of water to be painted White

Passed May 21 1855

Approved E P Knowles
Mayor

B C Pabodie Tax Remitted

Upon the petition of Benjamin C Pabodie for remission of Tax

Resolved, that the sum of $ 11 30/100 be paid to Benj C Pabodie in remission of a Tax assessed against him upon land not owned by him

Passed May 21 1855

Approved E P Knowles
Mayor

Harbor Line East Side

Resolved That Messrs Goddard Hayes & Johnson and Alderman Rathbone be and they are hereby appointed a Committee to make application to the General Assembly at its May Session inst for the passage of an act authorizing the City Council of the City of Providence to straighten the Harbor Line on the East side of the river in said City between such points as said City Council shall deem advisable, from the South side of Seth Adams Wharf to Fox Point, and to establish a Harbor line from Fox Point to India Point

Passed May 21 1855

Approved E P Knowles
Mayor

Wooden Buildings

The petition of Stephen Brown Jr to remove a one & half story wooden Building from Plane St to the Town of Cranston and

the petition of Elisha A Durfee to remove a three story wooden building from Broad Street to Pearl Street to be used for a dwelling &

the petition of John Fox to remove a One story wooden building from Jay Street to Tell Street, to be used for a dwelling and

the petition of Elisha A Durfee to remove a one story wooden building from Cranston Street to a Lot in the rear of D Street, to be used for a Dwelling House

Read Whereupon it is Resolved, That the prayers thereof be granted, provided the petitioners give satisfactory bonds to the City Treasurer as required by the 3° Section of "An Ordinance in relation to the removal of Wooden Buildings

Passed May 21 1855

Approved
E. P. Knowles Mayor

High St

Resolved That the Surveyor of Highways be and he is hereby directed to cause that part of High Street laying between the present termination of the paving and Dexter Street to be paved, whenever the owners of the adjoining estates shall furnish suitable curb stone for the same

Passed May 21 1855

Approved E P Knowles Mayor

Pallas St

Resolved That the Surveyor of Highways be and he is hereby directed to cause the Curb Stone to be set, and gutters paved on that part of Pallas Street laying between Carpenter Street and Broadway whenever the owners of the adjoining Estates shall furnish suitable Curbstone for the same

Passed May 21 1855

Approved E P Knowles
Mayor

Charles Street

Resolved, That the Surveyor of Highways be and he is hereby directed to cause that part of Charles Street lying between Nichols Street and the North Providence line to be paved, the same to be done in connection with the work already ordered on Charles Street

Passed May 21 1855

Approved E P Knowles Mayor

Chesnut St

Resolved, That the Surveyor of Highways be and he is hereby directed to cause the Curb Stone to be set and the Gutters paved on that part of Chesnut Street lying between Elm and Elbow Streets whenever the owners of the adjoining estates shall furnish Suitable Curb Stone for the same

Passed May 21 1855

Approved E P Knowles Mayor

Cross Walk

Resolved that the Surveyor of Highways be and he is hereby directed to cause a Cross walk to be laid across Canal Street in front of the Armory

Passed May 21 1855

Approved E P Knowles Mayor

Bridgham St

Resolved that the Surveyor of Highways be and he is hereby directed to cause the Curb Stone to be set and gutters paved ~~on~~ that part of Bridgham Street lying between High and Cranston Sts whenever the owners of the adjoining estates shall furnish suitable Curb Stone for the same

Passed May 21 1855

Approved E P Knowles Mayor

Somerset Street

Resolved, That the Surveyor of Highways be and he is hereby directed to cause the Curb Stone to be set and the Gutters paved, on that part of Somerset Street lying between Friendship and Broad Street, provided the owners of the adjoining ~~land~~ Estates shall furnish Suitable Curb Stones

Passed May 21 1855

Approved E P Knowles Mayor

Bulk Head

Resolved, that the Surveyor of Highways be, and he is hereby directed to cause a suitable Bulk Head to be constructed in the Dock at the foot of James Street to hold the deposits of sand at the Mouth of the Culvert

Passed May 21 1855

Approved E P Knowles Mayor

Bonds of H J & P m R R Co

Resolved, That the City Treasurer be and he is hereby authorized to exchange with the Hartford, Providence & Fishkill Rail Road Company Bonds now held by the City and secured by the Connecticut Mortgage for an equal amount of Bonds secured by the Rhode Island Mortgage, for such Sums as the Board of Aldermen may from time to time advise and direct

Passed May 21 1855

Approved E P Knowles Mayor

Drain in Hope St

Resolved, That the Surveyor of Highways be and he is hereby directed to cause a drain to be constructed in Hope Street, from the present termination of the drain at Charles Field Street, to George Street

Passed May 21 1855

Approved E P Knowles Mayor

Appropriation

Resolved, That the following Sums be added to former appropriations, and that the same be paid out of any moneys in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated viz

Public Schools, Six thousand dollars	$ 6000.
Contingencies, Five thousand dollars	5000.—
Improvement of Public Grounds, One thousand Dollars	1000.—
Gas Fixtures, One thousand dollars	1000.—
Iron Fence around Cove, One hundred dollars	100.—
Asylum Walls & Buildings, Five hundred dollars	500.—

Passed May 21 1855

Approved E P Knowles Mayor

Canal St

Resolved, that the Board of Aldermen be requested to cause the wall on the west side of Canal Street, to be removed so as to be on a line drawn from the wall at the turn of the river at the foot of Meeting Street to a point ten feet West of the East abutment of Shingle Bridge (so called) and to fill up the land, and make the Street to conform to the same. The work to be done in connection with the paving already ordered on the same Street, and also cause the mud to be removed from the Canal basin and the Culvert and fire wells on Canal Street to fill the portion above ordered

Passed May 21 1855

Approved E P Knowles Mayor

Health

Resolved That Messrs Hayes Goddard & Johnson & Alderman Rathbone be and they are hereby appointed a Committee to make application to the General Assembly for such legislation as in the opinion of the City Solicitor may be necessary for the more effectual preservation of the health of the City

Passed May 26 1855

Approved E P Knowles Mayor

Gaging

An Ordinance in relation to Guaging and the appointment of Guagers

(See Ordinance Book No 2 page 86)

Passed May 30 1855

Approved E P Knowles Mayor

In Convention June 4th 1855 at 3 o'clock pm

This being the day fixed by law for the Annual organization of the Municipal Government of the City of Providence, the following Gentlemen being the Mayor, Aldermen and Common Council men elect met in Convention in the Council Chamber, to wit;

James Y Smith Mayor

Isaac Thurber	Alderman of the	First Ward
William H Bowen	Do	Second "
Billings Bradbury	Do	Third "
George S Rathbone	Do	Fourth "
Cyrus B Manchester	Do	Fifth "
Jabez C Knight	Do	Sixth "
Jeloles H Holden	Do	Seventh "

Common Council

1st Ward	2d Ward	3d ward
John H Taylor	Amos M Beckwith	Merrick Lyon
Daniel Angell	Edward A Greene	S S Salisbury
Charles T. Robbins	Edwin M Snow	Edmund W Tingley
Frederick Miller		Henry M Simmons

4th Ward	5th Ward	6th Ward
Stephen Cornell	William B Rider	John K Lester
Chas G McKnight	Edward S Rhodes 2d	John N Francis
Rufus Greene	Charles F Pike	Thomas Lincoln
Stephen Waterman	Thos J Hill	James Tucker Jr

7th Ward
Amos C Barstow
Geo. T Spicer
Samuel A Winsor
Pardon M Stone

The Convention was called to order by the Mayor E P Knowles, who after making a brief farewell address, engaged the Mayor Elect, Thereupon the Mayor James Y Smith engaged the aforenamed Gentlemen, the Aldermen and Common Council men elect, except Thomas J Hill who declined taking his engagement and Royal C Taft who was absent

Thereupon the Convention proceeded to ballot for a City Clerk and on counting the Ballots it appeared that Albert Parodie was elected to that office, and he was then duly engaged by the Mayor

The Mayor then delivered his inaugural address to the City Council

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

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Standing Rules

Resolved, That the same Standing Rules which were on the fifth day of June A. D. 1854, adopted as the Standing Rules of the City Council, for the Municipal year last past, be and the same are hereby adopted as the Standing Rules of the City Council, for the present Municipal year

Passed June 4 1855

Approved James Y Smith Mayor

Police Court

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

Passed June 4 1855

Approved James Y Smith Mayor

Overseer of Poor Report

The Report of the Overseer of the Poor from the first of December last to the first instant For out door Poor expended $3243.60

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

Passed June 4th 1855

Approved James Y Smith Mayor

Sup't N Burial Ground Report

The Report of the Committee of the Superintendent of the North Burial Ground for the year ending this day Total amount $1640.75

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

Passed June 4 1855

Approved James Y Smith Mayor

Com. N Burial Ground Report

The Report of the Commissioners of the North Burial Ground Balance of account for Expenditures $411.79

Read, Whereupon it is ordered that the same be received

Passed June 4 1855

Approved James Y Smith Mayor

Fire Department

Report of the Chief Engineer in relation to the Fire Department

Read, Whereupon it is Ordered that the same be received and referred to the Standing Committee on the Fire Department with instructions to cause five hundred copies to be printed in pamphlet form for the use of the City Council

Passed June 4 1855

Approved James Y Smith Mayor

City Printing

Resolved That Messrs Beckwith, Angell & Riden & Manchester be, and they are hereby appointed a Committee to contract for the City Printing for the present Municipal Year

Passed June 4 1855

Approved James Y Smith Mayor

Mayor's Address

Resolved That Messrs Waterman, Barstow & Lyon and Alderman Bowen be and they are hereby appointed a Committee to wait upon the Mayor, and request him to furnish for publication, a copy of the address this day delivered by him to the City Council; and to cause the same to be published in such manner as they may deem expedient

Passed June 4 1855

Approved James Y Smith Mayor

Mayor's Portrait

Resolved, That Messrs Barstow, Tingley & Spicer and Alderman Knight be and they are hereby appointed a Committee to wait upon the Mayor, and request him to sit for his portrait, for the City; and that said Committee are hereby authorized to draw upon the City Treasury, for such sum as may be necessary to carry this Resolution into effect

Passed June 4 1855

Approved James Y Smith Mayor

Truancy

Resolved That Messrs Mc Knight, Miller & Francis and Alderman Barstow, be and they are hereby appointed a Committee to make application to the General Assembly, at its present session for the passage of an Act, for the prevention of truancy,

Passed June 4 1855

Approved James Y Smith Mayor

Organizations to be printed

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

Passed June 4 1855

Approved James Y Smith Mayor

West Water Street

Resolved, That the petition of Earl Carpenter in relation to the lay out of West Water Street, be referred to Aldermen Thurber & Rathbone and Messrs Angell, Beckwith, Tingley Rufus Greene, Rhodes, Tucker & Stone to examine and report thereon

Passed June 4 1855

Approved James Y Smith Mayor

School Com. Report

The Reports of the School Committee and Superintendent of the Public Schools

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

Passed June 4 1855

Approved James Y Smith Mayor

Wooden Building

The petition of D. K. Chaffee requesting liberty to remove a Two Story Wooden Building about 18 feet on the lot when the same is now located

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

Passed June 4 1855

Approved J. Y. Smith Mayor

In Convention June 4 1855 at

The two Boards are met in convention for the purpose of electing City Officers, the following Gentlemen are appointed

Judge of the Municipal Court	Francis E. Hoppin
Clerk do do	Albert G. Greene
City Auditor	John J. Paine
Clerk of the Market	James Smith
City Sergeant	James C Sheridan

City Messenger — James C. Sheridan

Surveyor of Highways — Henry G. Mumford

City Constables — William H. Hudson, James Sheldon, John H. Gould, Daniel Wightman, Daniel F. Potter, Thomas W. Hayward, John B. Barton, Ethan Tourtellot, Christian M. Johnson, James O. Swan, Jonathan A. Knowles, Winslow B. Kent, Wm Bachellor, James G. Arrington, Wm P. Dean, James Smith

Sealer of Weights & Measures — Charles T. Little

Viewer of Hoops — Geo. S. Harwood, Peleg S. Sherman, Samuel C. Eastford

Undertakers — Judson Blake, John G. Hopkins, Gardner S. Swarts, Wm C. Millard, Amos Fletcher, Meric Nichols, Hollis Chaffin, Wm O. Briggs, Wm Vero, William Wallace, Horace B. Knowles

Overseer of Bridges — Moses B. Salisbury

Packers and Inspectors of Fish — Peleg S. Sherman, George S. Harwood, George W. Wheeler

Inspector of Pot & Pearl Ashes — Smith Bosworth, Amasa Manton

Inspectors of Saleratus & Bicarbonate Soda — Joseph Martin

Inspector of Beef & Pork — Rufus W. Kimball

Sealer of Leather — George Rice

Collector of Taxes — James Mumford

Overseers of the Hospital — Mayor & Aldermen

Auctioneers — Henry Staples

Fence Viewers — Henry G. Mumford

Advising Committee on Bridges — Mayor & Aldermen

Overseer of the Town House — William H. Hudson

Overseer of the City Pumps — Joseph W. Taylor

Pound Keepers — Hollis Chaffin

Surveyors & Cordors of Wood — Thos J. Wardwell, Geo B. Holmes, Benj S. Olney, Sam'l B. Butler Jr., Nelson Chace, Jas Robinson, Wm R. Thurber, Geo. T. Bowen, Clark Steere, Wm W. Arnold, Nathan Thornton, Cyrus Potter, Sayles Brown, Benj J. Brown, Jabez C. Olney, Benj S. Olney Jr., Rowland Evans, Daniel Linscott, Darling A. Mowry, Ephraim L. Hall

Surveyors & Measures of Stone — William Andrews, Leonard Blodgett, Cyrus Fisher, Clifton A. Hall

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

Inspectors & Measurers of Carpenter's Mason's & Painter's Work — Leonard Blodget, Robert Manchester, Robert Manchester Jr, Emor Angell, James Lewis, Russell Greene, Weston A. Fisher, Jon S. Angell, Horace Gray, Stephen C. Arnold, Clifton A. Hall, Thos J. Griffin, John A. Townsend, Isaac N. Hallett

Assessors of Taxes — Wm J. Haines Chairman, William Sheldon, Philip Case

Street Commissioners — Samuel B. Cushing, Asa Pierce & Josiah Simmons

Measurers of Grain Salt & Sea Coal — Hazeltine Taft, Ellery Wesson, Charles Hodges, Horace Collins, Richard B. Crowell

Measurers of Bran — Hazeltine Taft, Jonathan West, Horace Collins

Weighers of Cotton — Sam'l Almy, Nathaniel C. Chace, John A. Foster, James Burrough, Cyrus G. Dyer, Geo. A. Hopkins

Weigher of Hay — Edward Hawkins

Chief Engineer — Joseph W. Taylor

Assistant Engineers — David A. Cleaveland, Abner H. Angell, Allen Baker, Samuel C. Blodgett, Wm H. Sweet

Presidents of Firewards — William Tallman, Nathaniel F. Potter, Earl Carpenter

Harbor Master — Nathaniel Church

Trustees of the Reform School — Edwin M. Snow, Amos C. Barstow, William T. Grinnell, Henry A. Rowland, Samuel G. Arnold, Thomas J. Stead

Commissioners of the North Burying Ground — Edward P. Knowles, Zachariah Allen, William S. Patten

Keeper of Public Grounds — James G. Arrington

School Committee. Thomas A. Doyle in place of Admah Sackett who declines serving

The election of the following offices is postponed. City Treasurer, Gauger General, Overseer of the Poor, Field Driver, Weighers of Anthracite Coal, Superintendent of the North Burial Ground

A motion to postpone the election of Assessors till the next meeting was put & lost

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

Standing Committees of the City Council appointed on the part of the Common Council on the fourth day of June 1855 for the present Municipal year

On Finance Messrs E. A. Greene, Rufus Greene, R. C. Taft & Waterman
Ald^n Rathbone added

On Highways Messrs Cornell, Lester & Angell
Ald^n Thurber added

To Engross Ordinances Messrs J. Tucker Jun^r. T. Lincoln
Ald^n Barstow added

On Education Messrs Dyon, Snow, Francis & Winsor
Ald^n Knight added

On the Fire Department Messrs Taylor, Rider, Miller
Ald^n Holden added

On City Property Messrs Beckwith, Pike & Stone
Ald^n Manchester added

On Police Messrs M^c Knight, Barstow, Salisbury, Tingley
Ald Bowen added

On the North Burial Ground, Messrs Rhodes, Simmons & Spicer
Ald Knight added

In Common Council June 4 1855

The aforenamed members of this Board having been this day, appointed as members of this Board of the Standing Committees of the City Council for the present Municipal year; it is
Resolved
That the aforegoing List be communicated to the Board of Aldermen, in order that an Alderman may be added to each of said Committees
Read and passed

A G Greene Clerk

In Board of Aldermen same day

The Communication of the Common Council
Read, Whereupon the aforenamed Aldermen are added to the Committees to which their names are severally attached

Albert Pabodie
Clerk

Wm Knowles

Resolved, That the City Treasurer be and he is hereby directed to pay to William Knowles the sum of Ten Dollars & ninety ten cents; being the amount of his account for fees and expenses, for a Coroners inquest upon the body of Hezekiah B Moulton on the 4th of May A.D 1854 the same to be paid from the appropriation for Contingencies

Passed June 11. 1855

Approved J Y Smith Mayor

Surveyor of Highways Report

The Surveyor of Highways makes his Report of Work from May 14 to June 9 1855 ($4544.17) Read Whereupon it is Ordered that the same be received

Passed June 11 1855

Approved James Y Smith Mayor

Issues and Payments

The City Treasurer makes his Quarterly Report of Issues & Payments viz,

Notes Issued N^os 232 to 259 Inclusive amount $ 156.583. 38
Notes paid N^os 208. 209. 210. 211. 109. 230. 236 Do 41. 282. -

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

Passed June 11 1855

Approved James Y Smith Mayor

Reduction of City Debt

Whereas Messrs E A Greene, Rufus Greene, Taft & Waterman have been this day appointed by the Common Council as the Committee on their part, for the reduction of the City Debt, for the present Municipal year, pursuant to the requisition contained in the first Section of the Ordinance entitled "An Ordinance in relation to the City Debt";

It is Resolved, that the names of said Committee be communicated to the Board of Aldermen, in order that said Board may add an Alderman to said Committee, pursuant to the requisition contained

In Common Council June 11 1855
Read and passed

A. G. Greene Clerk

In Board of Aldermen same day,
Read, Whereupon it is resolved
That Alderman Rathbone be added
to said Committee

Albert Pabodie Clerk

Approved
J. Y. Smith
Mayor

Weights and Measures

Resolved, that Messrs Taylor, Tingley & Rhodes and Alderman Braston, be a Committee to inquire and examine the condition of the Weights and Measures in possession of the Sealer of Weights and Measures, with authority to cause such repairs made as they may find necessary. Provided, the cost thereof shall not exceed Fifty Dollars

Passed June 11 1855

Approved J Y Smith Mayor

Wooden Buildings

The petition of Martin C Pollard requesting liberty to remove Two wooden Buildings from Clayton Street to near May Street

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

Passed June 11 1855

Approved J Y Smith Mayor

South Water Street

Resolved, That R. Greene, Waterman & Beckwith and Alderman Braston be and they hereby are appointed a Committee to confer with the owners of the Estates at the junction of South Water Street and Market Square and ascertain upon what terms said Street can be widened at that point to same width as that portion of said Street lying thereby thereof, and report upon the same as early as practicable

Passed June 11 1855

Approved J Y Smith Mayor

Merchants Bank

Resolved, That Messrs R Greene, Waterman & Beckwith and the Mayor be appointed a Committee to confer with the Directors of the Merchants Bank with regard to the widening of Westminster Street opposite the Bank Lot

Passed June 11 1855

Approved J Y Smith Mayor

4th July

Resolved, That Messrs McKnight, Miller, Frances, Waterman & Beckwith and Aldn Bowen, be and they are hereby appointed a Committee of Arrangements, for a Municipal Celebration of the approaching Anniversary of American Independence

Resolved That the sum of Fifteen Hundred Dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated for defraying the expenses of said Celebration; to be paid to the order of said Committee, by the City Treasurer, out of any monies in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated

Passed June 11 1855

Approved J Y Smith Mayor

Safes

Resolved That the Standing Committee on City Property be and they hereby are authorized to procure a suitable fire proof Safe for the use of the City Clerk and Clerk of the Municipal Court for the security and safe keeping of such papers as may from time to time be deposited in said Offices for record and for such Books as they may deem necessary, and the same of Three Hundred Dollars is hereby appropriated to defray the expense of the same, payable to the order of said Committee out of the appropriation for Contingencies

Passed June 11 1855

Approved J Y Smith Mayor

C Engineers Repts

The Monthly Report of the Chief Engineer of the Expenditures of the Fire Department amt 1693.86

Read whereupon it is ordered That the same be received

Passed June 11 1855

Supt of Health

Resolved, That the accompanying Bill entitled "An Ordinance providing for the appointment of a Superintendent of Health" be referred to Messrs Snow, McKnight & Barstow and Alderman Holden, to examine and report thereon

Passed June 11 1855

Approved J Y Smith Mayor

Census

Resolved, That the Committee appointed on the 16th day of April last to cause a Census to be taken, be directed to obtain the Statistics of the City as they may exist on the first day of July next, and not as they existed on the first day of June

Passed June 11 1855

Approved J Y Smith Mayor

Bonds

Resolved That the Standing Committee of Finance be and they are hereby directed to apply to the General Assembly to obtain the passage of a law authorizing and empowering the City of Providence to issue their bonds to the amount of their debts to be appropriated to the payment thereof, and to establish a sinking fund

Passed June 11 1855

Approved J Y Smith Mayor

Appn for Highways

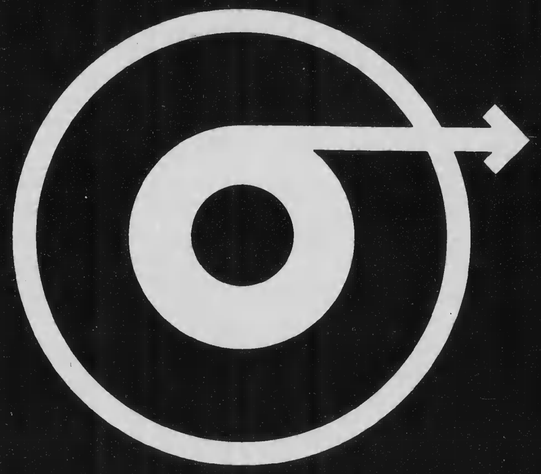
Resolved That the Sum of Ten Thousand Dollars be added to former Appropriations for Highways

Paped June 11 1855

Approved J Y Smith Mayor

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LOCALITY OF RECORD

PROVIDENCE COUNTY

RHODE ISLAND

TITLE OF RECORD

CITY COUNCIL RECORDS

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