

Halifax February 1st 1843.

At an Adjourned Meeting of the City Council held this day
Present His Worship the Mayor, Aldermen Freeman, Keith, McKelvey,
Messrs. Allison, Anderson, Story, Fairbanks, Seclaw, Caldwell, Jennings,
Hemmeon and Winters.

— Absent to be fined —

Alderman Uniacke	sch.	Messrs. Allison	4/3
Alderman Duffus	2/6	West	2/6
Alderman Starr	2/6	Hugh Bell	
		Mr Steele	sch.

The City Council were summoned to appoint a Fire Ward
for Ward No one - to appoint the various Committees for the ensuing
Year - a Committee to further the amendments to the Act of Incorporation
and the transaction of other Business.

William G. Anderson Esquire is appointed Fire Ward for
Ward No one in place of John Howe Esq^r, deceased

The following Committees are appointed for ensuing Year.

— Commissioners of Streets —

- James Freeman Esquire for Ward No 1
- William Story Junior " " " " 2
- William Caldwell " " " " 3
- Hon. Hugh Bell " " " " 4
- Conrad West Esquire " " " " 5

The following Resolution is next introduced:

Resolved, That the appointment of Commissioners of Streets for
Ward Number Six be at present deferred.

Which on being put is passed

— Commissioners of the Common —

- Alderman Uniacke
- Alderman Keith
- Edward Allison Esq^r

— Committee of the Cemetery —

- Alderman Uniacke, Chairman
- Hon. Mr. Bell
- William Story Esquire
- Edward Allison Esq^r
- William B. Fairbanks
- Joseph Jennings
- William G. Anderson
- Conrad West

Committee

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— Committee of Public Property —

His Worship the Mayor (Chairman)

Alderman Uniacke

Alderman Keith

Alderman McKimley

Alderman Starr

Edward Allison Esq.

Wm. G. Judson

Wm. Story Jr

Conrad West

— Commissioners of Bridewell —

Alderman Puffus

Alderman McKimley

Alderman Keith

Wm. G. Judson Esquire

Wm. B. Fairbanks

Resolved That Aldermen Uniacke, Freeman, McKimley, Mayor Allison, Keenan, Fairbanks, and Jennings be a Committee to communicate with the Members of the Legislature on the subject of the amendments.

Read the following opinion of His Honor the Recorder relative to Cemetery Ground near Fort Maspé:

"Question.

Have the City Council authority to convey to the Roman Catholics of St. Mary's the Cemetery called Fort Maspé for their use solely?

His Honor

(Signed) Thomas Williamson

The Recorder

Mayor

11th January 1843.

"Answer.

I do not find that the City authorities have been vested with sufficient title in the Fort Maspé Ground to authorize their making the contemplated conveyance. I recommend that such title be forthwith obtained, and that for the desired object (assignment to our Catholic Citizens as an exclusive Cemetery) an Act of the Legislature amending former Statutes, be applied for. I would suggest however that as about four acres would probably be considered sufficient for this exclusive purpose say from the Military Burying Ground to the Store - the Stream and the rest of the ground should be reserved for City purposes.

To His Worship

The Mayor

(Signed) W. D. Sawers

Recorder

The Subject of the application of St. Mary's Parish relative to the Cemetery Ground near Fort. Mafsy is neat taken up

The Resolution passed on the 14th day of January last relative to the application of St. Mary's Parish for the Cemetery Ground be rescinded.

which on being put is passed.

When the following Resolution is introduced.

Resolved, That as the Burying Ground adjoining St. Mary's Chapel from being overcrowded with the Dead has become totally unfit for further use, and from that circumstance, the health of the City is to some extent endangered, the exhalations during the heat of Summer being extremely offensive from said place of interment, and as the City Council are desirous of meeting the views of their fellow Citizens the Parishioners of St. Mary's, and being about to apply to the Legislature for a Cemetery for Protestants, they will make an application at the same time for a portion of that piece of Ground called Fort. Mafsy Cemetery consisting of about Four Acres to be set apart to and for the sole use of the Parishioners of St. Mary's in accordance with their wishes, as expressed in a Resolution passed at a Meeting of said Parish dated 1st January 1843.

Resolved, That a Copy of said Resolution be forwarded to Right Rev Bishop Walsh.

Read a Letter from Col. Parazette addressed to His Worship the Mayor of 26th January last, when the following Resolution is introduced:

Resolved, That the thanks of the City Council on behalf of themselves and fellow Citizens are justly due Col. Parazette for the attention manifested by him in affording information to the Citizens relative to the Department under his control, and the communication of the 26th January last addressed to His Worship the Mayor on the subject of the signal for a Steamer is an additional proof of his good feeling and that a Copy of the Resolution be transmitted to Colonel Parazette.

which on being put is passed.

Charles L. Hunter's appealment on his House in Ward N^o 3, he being appealment under a wrong name and never had an opportunity of appealing, is reduced 26, leaving him to pay Three pounds.

The City Treasurers, the City Clerk of Licenses, as also the City Marshals' returns of fees, Commissions and emolument are again brought to the notice of the Council

when Alderman Duffus, Messrs Keenon, Sinclair and Fairbanks are appointed to report upon the same.

Read the following opinion of the Recorder relative to City Council adjourning from day to day at Special Meetings.

Question. Have the City Council power to adjourn their Meetings from day to day when found necessary

To His Honor

(Sps) W. Williams Mayor

The Recorder.

11th Aug 1843.

Answer

A Special Meeting after three days notice, the summons specifying the business for which it is held, may adjourn from day to day until such business is transacted.

To His Worship

(Sps) W. D. Sawers

The Mayor

Recorder.

Read the following opinion of Recorder relative to the Control of Jail by City Council:—

Although the Act to incorporate the Town of Halifax has, in accordance with the intent and meaning of the original Grant, and with the general spirit of the Statute, vested the property of the jail in the Corporation, it has neither given the internal management of the Prison and control of its officers to the City Council, nor has it taken from the justices of the Supreme Court the general regulation thereof as a county or rather as one of the Provincial Establishments and as assigned to them in 1781. I therefore

answer the foregoing question in the negative.

W. D. Sawers

Recorder.

The following Resolutions are also introduced.

Resolved, That the Commissioners of Cemetery be requested to obtain a Plan of the Piece of Ground near Fort Maspex intended to be conveyed to St Mary's Parish as a Burial Ground for the Roman Catholic Inhabitants,

which on being put is passed.

Resolved, That the sum of sixty two pounds and ten shillings which was paid into the hands of the City Treasurer by George G. Gilbert Esqr of St John N.B. for Charitable purposes be transferred to the Stonebreaking funds, and that the City Clerk be instructed to communicate to Mr Gilbert that his charitable donation has been added to a fund for giving employment to the distressed and industrious poor.

which on being put is passed.

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55. Sec 58.

31, Geo. 3.

C. 4, Sec 2.

Resolved, That His Worship the Mayor be authorized to draw on the Treasurer for the amount in his hands to be appropriated for Stone Breaking, in such sums as the Superintendent may require by accounts rendered and approved by the board of Commissioners of Streets.

which on being put is passed.

The Council direct payment of following accounts:-

Charles W. Fairbanks £2.0.0

Thomas Angus " 5.0

The following Petition on the subject of the Court House being used for Elections is read.

The following Gentlemen are appointed a Committee to seek information on the subject of Lumber set: W. B. Fairbanks, Wm. G. Anderson, William Story Jr., John Winters and Adam Kemmerer Esquires.

The Council Adjourned

J. Williamson

Mayor

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William G. Anderson, having taken the oath prescribed by Law, was this day sworn into office as Fuelwarden for Ward No. one, in place of John Howe Esqr., deceased, in presence of Alderman Keith.

Halifax February 8th 1843.

At a Special Meeting of the City Council held this day Present His Worship the Mayor & Aldermen Freeman, Duffus, Keith, M. Keirsey, Messrs Anderson, Allison, Story, Fairbanks, Luctan, Caldwell, Jennings, West, Newman & Winters.

— Absent to be fined —

Alderman Duffus 1/3
Alderman Star 2/6

Mr Allison 1/3
" Jennings 1/3
" Newman 1/3

The City Council were summoned to take into consideration the Act relative to sales by Auction, the Act relative toighting of Flare, and the transaction of other business.

Read over proceedings of 1st February.

The following ^{Memorial} to the Legislature on subject of Cemetery is read and passed:

Copy presented to the Legislature

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Read an Act in amendment to the several Acts relative to cemeteries, when the following Resolution is introduced:
Resolved, That the Bill for the new cemetery just read be fairly engrossed, and sent to the Township Members, to be submitted to the House of Assembly,

which on being put is passed.

The following Resolutions are next introduced.

Resolved, That an application be made to His Excellency through His Worship the Mayor and to the Legislature through the Members of the Township, for the control of the Suction License funds, at present at the disposal of the Executive as the funds arising therefrom are raised by a direct tax upon the Citizens of Halifax.

which on being put is passed.

Resolved, That His Worship the Mayor communicate to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor that the Council have passed a Resolution applying to the Legislature for the control of the Suction License, being a tax levied on the Citizens, and the appropriation of which this Council conceive should rest in their Representatives, and that His Worship the Mayor at the same time communicate to His Excellency their entire satisfaction with the mode in which the monies arising from that tax have heretofore been applied by the Executive.

which on being put is passed unanimously.

Whereas an application has been made to the House of Assembly to appoint a second Flour Weigher, and also an application offering to transact the duty at a reduced rate. Be it therefore Resolved, that an application be made to the Legislature that if an alteration be made in the present Law, that the appointment of those Officers be vested in the City Council, as at present the Council have no control over the duty of that department in the City.

which on being put is passed unanimously.

The Report of the Committee of Public Accounts relative to Commissioners of Streets' accounts is read, when it is

Resolved, That said Report be received, and lie on the Table for future consideration.

The Council authorize His Worship the Mayor to draw a Check for Jacob Currier's Quarters' Salary amounting to £30 up to 30th January 1843.

Halifax 25th February 1843.

At a Special Meeting of the City Council held this day
Present, His Worship the Mayor, Aldermen Freeman, Duffus, McKindley
and Starr. Messrs Allison, Story, Furbanks, Sinclair, Caldwell,
Jennings, Hemmings, & Maiters.

— Absent to be fined —

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| Alderman Amick (sick) | Mr. West |
| Alderman Keith | Hon. Mr. Bell |
| Mr. Anderson | Mr. Steele |

The City Council were summoned to take into consideration
an application from Col. Calder relative to sewer passing through
the Ordnance property on the Campbell road - to appoint a
Commissioner of Streets for Ward No. 6, to consider the tenders for
cleaning the streets &c

Read over proceedings of 8th February 1843.

Read the following Letter from the Board of Ordnance
relative to the sewer passing through the Ordnance property:-

Office of Ordnance
Halifax 13th February 1843.

Sir,

The Board of Ordnance having it in contemplation to
construct a wharf wall in front of the north dock in the
Ordnance Yard about seventy feet in advance of the present
retaining Wall where the town sewer empties itself in consequence
of the deposit from the latter having rendered the dock useless.

We beg to acquaint you therewith and to request you will
inform us whether the Commissioners of Streets are prepared
to prolong the said sewer, or to make such alteration
as we may point out in order to prevent the deposit
from it in future lessening the depth of Water at the
proposed wharf wall.

We have the honor to be

Sir,

Your Most Obedient humble Servant

(Signed) Pat. B. Calder

Colonel Comdr. Eng. (Signed) M. G. Jackson M.D. (Signed) H. Ince
Comptrolr. City. Sect. Work

The following Resolution is introduced:

Whereas the Board of Ordnance have applied to the
Commissioners of Streets to make certain alterations in extending
a sewer which passes through the Ordnance Establishment and
whereas said alterations will not injure the sewer now existing

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nor interfere with the rules established for securing the outlet of Sewers, as heretofore acted upon, therefore Resolved, That the Council of the City authorize the Commissioners of Streets to agree to any arrangement they may deem necessary for meeting the views of the Officers of the said Ordnance Department, in reference to the premises.

The subject of tenders for cleaning the Streets is next taken into consideration, when the following Resolution is introduced:

Resolved, That the lowest Tenders received to third of February for cleaning the several Wards of the City and conveying the manure to the place of deposit to be approved of by the Council, be accepted.

Resolved further, That Mr. Peis' tender for seventy five Pounds for the manure of the several Wards be accepted, the same to be paid Quarterly.

to which the following amendment is introduced:

Resolved, That the Tenders for cleansing the Streets by Wards for the present stand over, and that tenders be advertised for from Persons for cleaning the Streets, in the following manner.

Tenders for Wards No 1. 2 & 3.

Tenders for Wards - 4. 5. & 6.

The party having the manure of the Wards, and bound to receive the Privy Soil and all other nuisances from said Wards, giving security to keep the Streets in order. Tenders to state the place of deposit, subject to the approval of the City Council.

which amendment being put is passed, the original resolution is therefore lost.

The subject of appointing a Commissioner of Streets for Ward No 6, is next taken up, when the following Resolution is introduced:

A Petition having been presented to the City Council, signed by the Electors of Ward No 6, having reference to the Commissioner of Streets for that Ward (John Steele Esq) in respect to his discharge of the duties of that office. As the City Council are most anxious to preserve the harmony that at present exists, it is their wish to refrain from entering into the merits of said Petition, or in sitting in judgment on one of their own Body, whereby an angry discussion and collision of the members might ensue. It is therefore Resolved, That the Gentleman who introduced the Petition referred to have leave to withdraw the same.

and that the City Council will at some early period appoint a Commissioner of Streets for Ward No 6, at present vacant.

Read the following Letter from Colonel Buzalgette (Suppl)

Read the following Letter from Hugh R. McKenzie:

Halifax 12th February 1843

James Neuman Esq^r

Sir, Having been required by you to transmit an account of our progress in the survey of the streets, we beg leave respectfully to inform you that in obedience to instructions received from the City Council we surveyed the street leading Westwardly from Fresh Water Bridge on the Harbour of Halifax, passing the house of Col. Buzalgette and through the property of the Hon^{ble} Genl Collins to the point where it would intersect the contemplated street on the Western side of the peninsula parallel to the North West Arm.

Having commenced at Fresh Water Bridge according to a previous understanding on the subject we did not anticipate any difficulty with reference to the claims of owners of lands; but when in running the line for the street parallel to the North West arm we came to the land of the late John Howe Esq^r he refused his consent to the continuation of the line unless the survey was commenced at the Three Mile House. Not considering it to be expedient to commence at that place and being reluctant to do anything that might by possibility create unpleasant feelings we thought it advisable to postpone the survey of the line till the winter, when a base line admitting of greater accuracy than could otherwise be obtained could be made on the ice of the North West arm. We have however made surveys of a number of the lots at the arm, and expect to be enabled within two months to complete the survey and transmit for the information of the City Council, a plan of the same.

I have the honor Sir to be
Your Obedt^t Servant

(Signed) Hugh R. McKenzie

James Neuman Esq^r

The following Resolution is next introduced:
Resolved, That a notice to the following effect be inserted in the Public Papers. The City Council being desirous of ascertaining the expenses of designating the names of the streets and numbering the Houses in the City from North to South Street in order to facilitate the assessing and collection of the Taxes therein, Separate tenders will be received from such persons or persons who

may be disposed to contract for either or both of above works until 20 March next. Any information required on the subject will be given on application at the Office of the City Clerk.
Which on being put is passed.

The following resolution is next introduced:

Resolved, That further Tenders will be received for Blacksmiths work Carpenters Work, and Lumber for the services of the Commissioners of the Streets until the 20th day of March next and that the Tenders be for the work of the whole City and not for wards.
Which on being put is passed.

Resolved, That the annual accounts vouched as correct by Mr. Currie for work and materials supplied for the Commissioners of Streets embraced in the report, be paid and that the same be apportioned by the Commissioners of the Streets, and debited to the respective Wards for which the work and materials were required, as nearly as possible.

The Council Adjourned
Thos Williamson
Mayor

Halifax March 27th 1843

At a Quarterly Meeting of the City Council held this day present His Worship the Mayor, Aldermen Freeman, Duffus, Keith, McHenry, Messrs. Allison, Anderson, Gray Sinclair, Caldwell, Jennings, West, Keenan & Winters.

Absent to be fined

Alderman Uniacke (sick)		Mr. Allison	1/3
" Duffus	1/3	" Fairbanks	2/6
" Kerr	2/6	Hon Mr. Bell	
		Mr. Keble (sick)	

Read the following Report of Committee of Public Accounts relative to Commissioners of Streets accounts:

The Committee of Public Accounts having examined those of the Commissioners of streets beg to Report, That they have found them certified by Mr. Currie as correct and recommend the same to the approval of the Council, to be paid in such a way as may seem most proper. But your Committee are of opinion that the several Wards should bear their proportion of the same, according to the expenditures actually incurred in each. After a careful investigation of the whole, they conceive that some important improvements might be introduced, which would not only be a very material saving to the City, but much more satisfactory to the Commissioners themselves. They would therefore recommend that a separate and distinct account for the future should be kept for each Ward and that the Commissioners individually should be able at all times to vouch for every item of expense incurred, this would save much trouble in the examination of the accounts, and likewise prove more satisfactory than the course hitherto pursued. They would further recommend that contracts should be entered into for the present year for all materials, such as Lumber repairing the tools &c, as your Committee deem that the prices charged in some of these accounts which they have examined, although they may be the usual retail prices, are considered much higher than if otherwise contracted for, this they are happy to state from the information received from Mr Currie can easily be done. They now beg to submit to the City Council a list of all implements and tools now in his possession amounting to the sum of £14.17.9, whilst the amount of new tools and repairs for the past year has been about £26, being nearly double the amount of those which now remain on hand. They would therefore recommend that all as they now stand should be divided amongst the different wards, and that Spades, Pickaxes, Shovels &c

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Should be furnished by the individuals themselves, whether they may be employed as substitutes or otherwise, as the several Commissioners might see fit, and by adopting such a course, a considerable saving would arise in this particular department of Civic affairs

(Signed) Andrew McKeating

(Signed) H. Bell

(Signed) A. Heumcon

(Signed) J^o Jennings

(Signed) William B. Fairbanks.

Halifax Jan^y 31st 1843.

An account of all the road tools in the charge of J. Currie at present viz:

<u>Tools fit for use</u>	Quantity	Value	Am ^t
Pickaxes	16	3/	28.
Shovels	17	1/3	113
Crow bars	3	7/	11.
Long jammers	4	5/	1.
Short do	4	4/6	6.
Minas Picks	2	3/6	7.
Mallets	3	5/	15.
Tapping Hammers	10	4/3	126
Rakes	2	2/6	5.
Reels for lines	2	2/6	5.
Scrapers for drains	2	2/	4.
Wheelbarrows	4	15/	3.
Handbarrows	2	7/6	15.
Hammer for paving	1	10/	10.
Siddle for do	1	15/	15.
Set of Blasting tools	1	20/	1.
do of Sights	1	7/6	76
do of Gauging Poles	1	5/	5.
Scoop	1	2/6	26
<u>Tools not fit for use</u>			
Shovels	15		
Pickaxes	10		
Gates	2		
			<u>£ 1419 2</u>

This is pretty near the value of the tools according to my judgment, as several of them want to be repaired. (Signed) J. Currie.

When the following Resolution is introduced:

Resolved, That the Report of the Committee appointed to examine accounts against Commissioners of Streets, be received, adopted, and acted upon, when it may be applicable and serviceable to the City interests.

Which resolution on being put is passed.

The following Petition on subject of Public Houses being allowed to be kept open, and the allowance of Sailors and Marines coming on shore on Sabbath day is read, and received.

To His Worship the Mayor and City Council.

The Petition of subscribers of the City of Halifax

Most Respectfully Sheweth:

That your Petitioners being fully aware that Shop and Tavern Keepers are forbidden and prohibited to vend Spirituous Liquors on the Sabbath day by an Act of the Legislature, but it is notorious that the said Act has been shamefully abused and violated by many persons in this City, and that the law has been superseded by long practice and usage; that whenever one or two individuals shut up their House or Shop on the Lord's day their Customers were entertained by others and the well designed were afterwards often left without customers, paying House rent and heavy taxes as well as those who kept their houses and Shops open. Also, that the Mariners of the Man of War Ships when in Harbour have leave to go on shore on Sunday practising many irregularities.

Your Petitioners most humbly pray that the Police may be directed to give notice to every Shop and Tavernkeeper that the Laws will be rigidly put in force against every trespasser upon the Sabbath day, and that the authorities may be pleased to request the Naval Commander in Chief, for the time being or Senior Naval Officer in Harbour not to allow the Sailors or Marines to be on shore on the Sabbath day unless to go to Church in charge of an Officer who shall conduct them from thence on board, and that the Constables under the City Marshal may be instructed to do their duty impartially and bring every delinquent to justice. And Petitioners as in duty bound will ever pray.

(Signed) Alex. McDonald

(Signed) Henry Wilson

Eliza Leggett

William Clarke

George Watson

William Robb

(Signed) Andrew Nesbit	(Signed) Robert M. Cummings
" John A. Nesbit	" Donald Sutherland
" Andrew A. Nesbit	" John Fenwick
" Peter Munson	" James Cumminson
" James S. West	" Andrew McElrigger
" John B. West	" William Mackay
" James S. Magee	" Richard Clay
" John Rhind	" Wm. Donovan
" Richard Marshall	

The following Resolution is next introduced:

Resolved, That the City Marshal be requested to make a Report to the City Council of ^{the State of} Constabulary under his charge, particularly as regards its efficiency.
which on being put is passed.

The following Resolutions are next introduced:

Resolved, That the Supervisors of the different bodies of Measures be called upon to make a report of Work done by the Measures for the past year, and also by whom, and that His Worship make enquiry as to the conduct of different Measures when called upon to perform services during the past year.
which on being put is passed.

Resolved, That the Dealers of Leather make return to the City Council of all Leather marked stamped and inspected by them and amount of Fees received for 1842, and if any interference has taken place in the discharge of their duties between vender and vendee, and if any improvements, and what can be made.

which on being put is passed

The City Council next proceed to take up the various Tenders advertised for when the following Resolutions relative thereto are introduced.

Resolved, That Matthew Young's tender being the lowest for Blacksmith's work for Commissioners of Streets for ensuing Year be accepted, he giving security to the approval of the Commissioners of Streets.

which on being put is passed.

Tender for Blacksmith's Work

Pick Axes (new) Stued Iron $\frac{3}{4}$ - Stued each $\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$ Sharpening do $\frac{1}{2}$
Crow Bars, pointed $\frac{1}{2}$ - Sharpening do each $\frac{1}{2}$
Gratings of Cut off.
Mining Tools $\frac{1}{2}$ Repairing do each $\frac{1}{2}$

Stone Hammers of lb 3 Repairing do each of
 Wedges of lb 3 Repairing each 3
 Halifax N.S. March 11th 1843. (Signed) Matthew Young

Resolved, That Robert N. Shimmings Tender for Lumber being the lowest that it be accepted, and a contract entered into with him for whatever Lumber may be required for City purposes - he giving security to the satisfaction of Commissioners of Streets. which on being put is passed.

Halifax 20th March 1843.

I do hereby agree to furnish the Commissioners for the City of Halifax the undermentioned materials viz:-

- Hemlock Boards of 100 feet 100/-
- ditto Scantling ditto 200/-
- Pine Boards & Plank, much the ditto 75/-
- Pine Scantling ditto 60/-

(Signed) Robert N. Shimmings

Resolved, That John Smiths tender being the lowest for Carpenters Work for Commissioners of Streets for ensuing Year, be accepted, he giving security to the approval of Commissioners of Streets. which on being put is passed.

Halifax N.S. Feb 9th 1843.

To the Commissioners of Streets

Gent^{rs} I offer to furnish you for the use of the City as required,

- Pick Handles eight pence each.
- Shovel Handles nine pence each.
- Hammer handles seven pence each.

And I also offer to supply you with journeymen Carpenters when required for employment at six shillings per day each man

I remain, Gentlemen, Your most obed^t Servant

(Signed) John Smithers

Whereas great inconvenience and much loss accrues in the collecting of the Taxes of the City for want of the various houses not being numbered. Resolved, That a sufficient number of Boards for designating the Streets be procured, and that the various Houses

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be numbered from North Street to South Street with Tin Plates which on being put is passed.

Resolved, That George Smith's tender being the lowest for designating Boards for the Streets, and for numbering the Houses of the City by tin plates be received, and that the Commissioners of Streets be a Committee to have said work completed.
which on being put is passed.

Halifax N.S. March 20, 1843.

To James Stewart Esquire, (City Clerk)

For, I offer to furnish the City with black painted Boards three feet in length and five inches in width with a moulding, with the names of the several Streets of the City painted thereon with white letters at the rate of nineteen Shillings and nine pence per doz^{rs} boards.

I also further agree to provide oval labels of five inches by three, painted black and numbered white, at an average rate of one Shilling and five pence half penny per doz^{rs} labels.

I remain, Sir, your most Obedt^l humble Servant
(Signed) George Smith

Boards 19/9 doz^{rs}
Labels 1/5 1/2 doz^{rs}

The boards and ties to be put up
at their respective places without extra expense

G.S.

Resolved, That a Bye Law be drawn out and submitted to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor and Executive Council for their approval, requiring all persons to permit the number of the Houses to be affixed to their Buildings, as also such designating Boards as may be found necessary, and that after the said numbers shall be so affixed, the proprietor or proprietors shall in future be bound to keep his House properly numbered, as also the owner or owners of any Building or Buildings which shall thereafter be erected.

which on being put is passed.

Resolved, That Archibald Mculloch's tender for cleansing the Streets of Wards 1st, 2 and 3, being the lowest, be accepted, he finding security for complying with the same to the satisfaction of the Commissioners of Streets.

which on being put is passed.

Resolved, That John McInnes Junior's tender for cleansing the Streets of Wards 4, 5, & 6 being the lowest be accepted, he finding security for complying with the same, to the satisfaction of the Commissioners of

Streets. which on being put is passed.

Resolved, That the Contractors for cleaning the Streets shall be required to furnish Hoses and facts be, to cleanse the Streets when required by the different Commissioners and after Notice being given to Contractors in case of failure to perform said service the Commissioners be authorized to hire Horses & Carts at expense of Contractors, to be deducted from Contract.

which on being put is passed.

The following Report of Committee on Subject of City, Marshalls, City Treasurer, and Clerk of Licenses' fees and Commissions, is read, which stands over for future Consideration.

The City Council adjourned until tomorrow at 2 O'clock.

W. Williamson J. W.
Mayor

Halifax 28th March 1843.

An adjourned Meeting of the City Council held this day
Present His Worship the Mayor, Alexander Fenwick, Duffus, M^r Keir,
Starr, Meigs, Alison, Anderson, Gray, Sutherland, Caldwell, Jennings,
West, Hume & Winters. —

Read over proceedings of yesterday.

The City Council next proceed to appoint the various City
Officers for ensuing Year. —

The following appointments are made.

— Clerks of Market —

Francis Stevens. — Michael McKeena. — John D. Nash.

— Inspectors of Pickled Beef and Pork —

Thomas O. Beauvish — John Parker

— Surveyors of Lumber & Shingles —

James Suttin	William Henderson
John Fenerty	James Dechman junior
William Lovett	
John Smith	
Ernest Marshall	

— Surveyors of Pick & Lime —

Nicholas Wright — Thomas Lowndes —

— Inspectors of Pickled Fish & Hangers of Oil —

Timothy Connor	John Sargent
Francis Parrott	Thomas Shea
Archibald McIntosh	Thomas Graves
John Connor	J. E. Humphrey
John Raab	William Veige
George Little	Alexander Adams
Edward Sturmy	Thomas Miller
Dennis Nefferman	Joseph McGill

— Measurers and Inspectors of Painted Work —

George Smithers, — Stephen Hudley — William Merrick

— Measurers of Mason's Work —

Nicholas Wright	Hugh B. McKenzie
Robert Malcolm	James Reid.

— Weigher of Hay —

John M. Baep

— Fence Viewers —

Henry A. Smith — George Preston — John King

— Measurers of Salt and Grain —

Alexander Johnson	Thomas McCann
John Jennings	John Kelly

Measurers of Salt Stain - (continued)

Walter C. McKie
John Hickey
John Palmer

Azor Stevens
John W. Key

Measurers of Coal

William Holland
Godfrey M. Schwartz
John Stirling
Joseph Trudloy
Dennis Curran
Malcom Douglas

John O'Connell
Patrick O'Conor
J. O'Brien (Fuel Yard)
Samuel King
Henry Inglis
Patrick Corcoran

Measurers of Wood

Jacob Housner
John Walker

Alex. Malcom
Cornelius Sullivan

Relative to the appointment of Sealers of Leather the following Resolution is introduced:

Resolved, That Messrs Hemmison, Jennings, Tuclaw and Caldwell be a Committee to make enquiry respecting sealing of Leather & from the persons acting in that Capacity last year as to the discharge of their duty. which on being put is passed.

Resolved, That Alderman Starr, Messrs Fairbanks & Allison be a Committee to investigate respecting Hay Weighing Machine. which on being put is passed.

Read following Letter from Edward H. Sowe Esq. on subject of obstructions & by vessels on the route of Steam Boat:
Dartmouth 27th March 1843.

Sir,
I am desirous of submitting to the consideration of the City Council the propriety of establishing some regulation which will prevent obstruction on the track of the ferry Steamers between Halifax and Dartmouth.

Great inconvenience arises from the want of some definite and known rule by which parties may be guided and the Ferry being in the nature of a highway the Passengers seem entitled to the same protection as on land.

The Steamers are sometimes shut out of Dock by vessels anchoring directly at the opening and they are further continually subject to accident and damage in dark and foggy nights in consequence of vessels not wearing a light by which they could be distinguished in time to prevent collision.

The Steam Boat Company have lately paid a large sum as damage which would possibly have been avoided if some regulation existed. At present if any vessel should anchor

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So near the Dock as to prevent the Steam Boats entrance there appears to be no other remedy than a suit for damage which if successful would only remedy one case out of a hundred.

I shall feel much obliged by your bringing the matter under notice and if possible afford some relief from the difficulties I am so frequently subjected to in the management of the Ferry.

I have the honor to be, Sir, Your most Obedt^t Servant
John Williamson Esq
Mayor of the City of Halifax.

(Signed) Obedt^t H. Lowe
Agent for the Halifax Steam Boat Co.

When the following Resolution is introduced
On reading the letter of O. H. Lowe Esq relative to obstructions to the free passage at the Ferry it was Resolved, That the Recorder be requested to draw an Ordinance making it obligatory on vessels anchoring so as to obstruct the Ferry to remove after due notice, or to be subject to a fine of not exceeding Five Pounds for every days continuance of the obstruction.

which on being put is passed.

Read following Bye Law relative to designating Boards and numbering of Houses.

The Council adjourned until tomorrow at Two O'clock.

John Williamson
Mayor — J.W.

Halifax 29th March 1843.

An adjourned Meeting of the City Council held this day Present His Worship the Mayor, Aldermen remain, Duffus, Keith, McHilary, Messrs Allison, Anderson, Fairbanks, Sinclair, Caldwell, Jennings, West, Hemmeon, & Winters.

Absent to be fined

Alderman Urinacke (sick) Hon. Mr Bell (excused)
Alderman Stan Mr. Steele (sick)

Read over proceedings of yesterday.
The following appointments are made.

City Gauges.

Andrew Richardson and Andrew B. Richardson.

The City Council authorize His Worship the Mayor to draw Checks for the following accounts. The amounts to be drawn from funds applicable by Law for the payment thereof.

Sir James Keup,	6 months interest on Street Certificates from No 1 to 10 £5000 @ 5 per Cent	£125.0.0
John Clarke's Estate,	One Year Interest on Street Certificates No 11 & 12 £1000 @ 5 per Cent	£ 50.0.0
Hon. Cross Collins,	One Year Interest on Street Certificate No 13 £500 @ 5 per Cent	£ 25.0.0
Albion Fire Insurance Company,	One Year Interest on Street Certificates No 14, 15, & 16 £1500 @ 5 per Cent	75.0.0
Kings College,	One Year's Interest on Street Certificates 17 & 18 £1000 @ 5 per Cent	50.0.0
Henry Pateman,	1 Quarter's Salary attending fish Market	£6.5.0
William Holmes,	1 days hire of house for holding Auction of Wood Mt.	£1.0.0
Charles W. Fairbanks,	Plan and Survey of Fort Maspay Cemetery	£2.11.6

The subject of the Property opposite the Ordnance is next taken into consideration when the following Resolution is introduced.

Whereas The City Building opposite the Ordnance wharf being at present beyond the control of the City Council, and it being thought that if under the management of that Body, that better Rents than hitherto would be obtained or at some suitable period an advantageous Sale made thereof, it is therefore Resolved That immediate steps be taken by the Commissioners of City Property to make such arrangements with Messrs. Tobins as will place this property under the control of the City Council, that an Ordinance be passed by the Recorder to authorize the disposal of the said property at any time by Public Auction or private bargain