

for and towards the necessary expenses of the City for the Year 1845 and agreeably to a Statement this day laid before the Council which on being put is passed.

The following Resolution is next introduced:

Whereas the City Council have by a Resolution of this date ordered and directed the sum of Four thousand Pounds to be assessed or levied on or be collected or raised from the Inhabitants of the City for and towards City purposes for the ensuing year, The City Council direct the City Clerk to give notice to the City and Ward Assessors to make said Assessment on the Citizens of the respective Wards agreeably to Law and that the City Assessors return the same to the office of City Clerk on or before the 20th May next. which on being put is passed.

The City Council next proceed to take into consideration the appointment of a City Assessor in the place of Gregory Dwyer, elected to that office and who has paid a fine of Twenty five Pounds for refusing or neglecting to serve in said Office when the same is deferred until the opinion of His Honor the Recorder is obtained as to whether a vacancy has occurred as Ward Assessor in the Ward for which Mr. Dwyer was Elected and whether the amount of Fine for refusing to serve as City Assessor is Twenty five Pounds as prescribed and pointed out by 3^d Section of the Act of Incorporation, or Five Pounds as prescribed and pointed out by 16th Section of the Act 6 Victoria Chapter 10.

The City Council next proceed to elect the various City Officers for ensuing year, when the following Appointments are made:

Clerks of Market

Francis Stevens Junr
Zebina Hall

Weights and Inspectors of Pickled Beef and Pork

Thomas O. Beamish
John Parker

Dealers of Leather

Joseph Hamilton
Thomas M. Murray
George Anderson
William Maxwell

Surveyors of Brick and Lime

Nicholas Wright
Thomas Lownds

Inspectors of Painter's Work

George Smithers
Stephen Studley
Henry Merrick

Inspectors of Pickled Fish & Trays of Oil

Timothy Connors
Francis Parrott
Alec Mcintosh
John Norby
George Little
Edward Sturmy
Dennis Heffernan
John Sargeant
Thomas Shea
Thomas Graves
J. O. Dauphiney
William Lurge
Alexander Adams
Thomas Wilson
Joseph McGill
William Morrell
James Fortune

Measurers & Weighers of Salt and Grain —

John Kelly
 John Jennings
 Alex. Johnston
 Thomas McLean
 John McKay
 William Robt
 James Sull
 John Martin

Measurers of Coal —

William Holland
 John Sterling
 Joseph Findlay
 Malcolm Douglas
 John O'Connell
 Patrick O'Connors
 J. O'Brien (Fuel Yard)
 Samuel King
 Henry Inglis
 Thomas Neville
 James Suller

Goat and Hog Recrues —

Foster Snelling
 John Buyers
 Adam S. Burroughs
 Thomas C. Lovell
 John Lithgow
 Samuel Head
 John Fairs

Weigher of Hay —

John W. Buell

Inspectors and Measurers of Mason's Work.

Nicholas Wright
 Robert Malcom
 Hugh R. McKenzie
 James Reid

Stone Viewers —

John King
 Philip Selton
 Henry Vieth

Measurers of Wood

Jacob Housner
 John Walker
 Cornelius Sullivan
 Thomas Ray

The City Council order payment of following Accounts by Checks
 on City Treasurer :-

Jacob Currie	for expenditure on Common up to 9 th Nov 1844.	134-8-0
John Willis	Commissions up to 21 st December 1844.	74-10-2
Daniel McGuire		6-5-0

The Council then adjourned.

H. Bell / Mayor.

Halifax December 27th 1844.

At a Special Meeting of the City Council held this day Present, His Worship the Mayor, Aldermen Caldwell and Jennings, Messrs Cleary, Spink, Fairbanks, Black, Sinclair, Hunter, Mignowit, Rhind, Hemmison and Winters.

The City Council were summoned to take into consideration the appointment of City Assessor - the appointment of an Auditor - also of Surveyors of Lumber - The appointment of a Committee to receive Tenders for ensuing Year, and the transaction of other business.

Read over proceedings of 23rd December

The following Persons are appointed Surveyors of Lumber for ensuing Year:

William Lovell
James Leckman Jr.
Enoch Maxwell
John Fenerty

William Henderson
Patrick Hefferman
John Smith

The appointment of a Supervisor of Lumber stands over for future consideration.

The City Council next proceed to Elect a City Assessor in room of Gregory Dwyer, standing over from last meeting.

The following opinion of His Honor the Recorder on the subject is read:

"The 36th Sec. of the Act to Incorporate the Town of Halifax establishes the fine for non acceptance of the office of Ward Assessor at £25. To this forfeiture I conceive Mr Dwyer is not liable, having qualified himself for the duties of the Office, and undertaken to serve therein. The amendment of 1843 however, makes the new Office of City Assessor without affixing any specific fine for non acceptance thereof beyond the general power which is vested in the City Council by the 16 Sec. of the amdt^e aforesaid. True it is, that to this Office of City Assessor Mr Dwyer is eligible by his qualification as affirmed under the 10th Sec. of the Incorporation Act and liable under the 1st Section of the Act of 1843, to be selected by the City Council from among the Ward Assessors to the Office of City Assessor, and having been so selected and appointed he is upon his refusal to serve in this new Office subject to such fine not exceeding Five pounds as the City Council may impose under the said 16 Sec. of the amendment aforesaid. I do not think the Ward Assessorship is vacant by his refusing the City Assessorship.

Date 23rd December 1844.

(Signed) W. D. Sawers

Recorder.

(The)

— December 27th —

The following Resolution is next introduced:

On taking into consideration the subject of the Tenders for the various kinds of work and materials that may be required for the use of the City, as also the Advertising and Printing;

Resolved That the following Gentlemen be appointed to receive Tenders for all such Works and Materials as may be required for the use of the City and report thereon, Messrs. Fairbanks, Story, Speke, Sinclair, and Mignowitz.

which on being put is passed

The following Resolution is next introduced:

Resolved That the appointment of the two persons as Measurers of Coal, residing out of the City be reconsidered at the next meeting.

which on being put is passed.

The Council then adjourns.

H. Bell / Mayor.

Halifax December 3rd 1844

The following Letter from the Secretary of the Province is this day received:

Provincial Secretary's Office
Halifax 3 December 1844.

Sir,

The City Ordinance lately transmitted by you to this Office entitled "An Ordinance to regulate the exhumation and removal of the Dead from any of the Burying Grounds in the City of Halifax and the re-interment thereof in either of the Cemeteries of the said City." having been approved of and allowed by the Lieutenant Governor in Council; I have the honor by His Excellency's directions to return the same to you.

I have the honor to be,

James S. Clarke Esq

Sir,

Your most Obedient Servant
(Signed) Rupert D. George

— An Ordinance —

To regulate the exhumation and removal of the remains of the Dead from any of the Burying Grounds in the City of Halifax, and the re-interment thereof in either of the Cemeteries of the said City.

Be it Ordained by the Mayor, Aldermen and Common Council of the City of Halifax, in City Council assembled, That whenever it shall appear to the Satisfaction of the Board of Health that a desire had been signified by a dying person to his or her surviving relations or friends, that his or her remains if interred in any of the Burying Grounds within the limits of the said City, should be removed to any or either of the Cemeteries established therein when such Cemeteries should respectively by due appropriation, assignment, consecration or otherwise, be ready as a place of interment to receive such remains. Or where it shall appear to the said Board of Health that preparations had been made by the survivors of any deceased persons, at or before the interment of such persons for the removal of the remains of the deceased to any of the Cemeteries aforesaid when so ready as aforesaid: Or where upon application for any removal it shall appear to the Board of Health that the same may be done and the pious feelings of the applicants indulged with due decorum and without any danger to the health of the Community, it shall and may be lawful for the said Board to grant permission for such removal and re-interment in any of the Cemeteries aforesaid under such precautionary conditions as the said Board of Health may think expedient and necessary, with full power in the said

(Board)

Board to withhold and refuse such permission, reserving in case of such refusal to the party or parties applicant the right of appeal to the City Council who shall review any such application and the decision of the Board aforesaid thereon and confirm, reverse and make such order in the premises as to the said Council may seem right and proper.

And be it further Ordained, That no exhumation in any of the late Burying Grounds now shut up in the City of Halifax or removal therefrom to any of the Cemeteries aforesaid shall take place or be allowed between the first day of April and the first day of November in any year hereafter, but shall take place between the first day of November in one year, and the first day of April in the succeeding year, until the end of the year One thousand eight hundred and fifty, after which it is presumed that no disinterments and removals will be desired; but that should any such desire arise after that period application shall be made to, and decided upon by the City Council.

And be it further Ordained, That any and all person or persons who shall be guilty of any violation of this Ordinance or any of the provisions thereof shall for each and every offence forfeit and pay a sum not less than two pounds with costs, no more than five pounds in the whole, to be recovered by suit in the City or Mayor's Court for the City aforesaid.

Halifax January 7th 1845.

At a Special Meeting of the City Council held this day, Present His Worship the Mayor, Aldermen Story, MacKintay, Pyor, and Jennings; Messrs. Cleary, Spike, Fairbanks, Black, Sinclair, Hunter, Mignowich, Thins, Hermonson, and Winters.

The City Council were summoned to Elect a City Assessor - to appoint an Auditor - the appointment of City Surgeon - also a Supervisor of Surveyors of Timber, and the transaction of other business.

Read over Proceedings of 27th December.

On proceeding to the Election of City Assessor, the following Resolution of City Council of 7th November is read

Resolved, That Mr. Dwyer having qualified himself it is not in the power of the Council to relieve him from the duties of City Assessor as prayed for by the Petitioner.

Read also Mr. Dwyer's Petition of 4th December.

The Petition of Gregory Dwyer, humbly sheweth, that having been elected on 1st Oct. last as Assessor for Ward No. 1, without notice or being present. Your petitioner was under belief that he was ward Assessor of Ward No. 1 only, with same belief he attended notice from the Mayor's Office and was sworn, that a few days after he was informed he was nominated City Assessor. Your petitioner prayed the Worshipful Court not to compel him to be City Assessor, upon the reason of his being a Yearly hired Servant, and that he would lose his living and employment. Your Petitioner again prays the Worshipful Court to reconsider the severity of his case and release him as general City Assessor, that he may hold his employment.

And your petitioner will ever pray

Halifax 4th December 1844

(Signed) Gregory Dwyer.

Read also Recorder's opinion of 11th December:

Answer to the City Council on the Petition of Mr. Dwyer: 11th Dec 1844. The Petition of Mr. Dwyer does not shew him to be uneligible for the office of Assessor under the 7th Section of the Act to Incorporate the Town of Halifax; he does not come within the exceptions enumerated in the 36th Section; he appears possessed of the capabilities required by the 20th Section, and having qualified himself under the 19th Section of the said Act, and having been duly selected from among the ward Assessors in accordance with the enactments of the 6th V. C. 28. he is subject to the duties and requirements incident to the Office to which he has been appointed. There is now power vested in the Council to excuse him from serving as City Assessor.

(Signed) W. D. Sowers Recorder.

(Read)

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Read also Resolution of 23^d December:

The City Council next proceed to take into consideration the appointment of City Assessor in the place of Gregory Dwyer elected to that Office and who has paid a Fine of Twenty five Pounds for refusing or neglecting to serve in said Office, when the same is deferred until the opinion of His Honor the Recorder is obtained as to whether a vacancy has occurred as Ward Assessor in the Ward for which Mr. Dwyer was elected and whether the amount of fine for refusing to serve as City Assessor is twenty five Pounds as prescribed and pointed out by 36th Section of the Act of Incorporation or Five Pounds as prescribed and pointed out by 16th Section of the Act 6 Victoria, Chapter 18.

Read also Opinion of His Honor the Recorder of 23^d December:

The 36th Sec. of the Act to Incorporate the Town of Halifax established the fine for nonacceptance of the Office of Ward Assessor at £25. To this forfeiture I conceive Mr. Dwyer is not liable, having qualified himself for the duties of the Office, and undertaken to serve therein. The amendment of 1843 however makes the new Office of City Assessor without affixing any specific fine for non acceptance thereof beyond the general power which is vested in the City Council by the 16th Section of the amend. aforesaid. True it is that to this Office of City Assessor Mr. Dwyer is eligible by his qualification as affirmed under the 10th Sec. of the Incorporation Act, and liable under the 1st Section of the Act of 1843 to be selected by the City Council from among the Ward Assessors to the Office of City Assessor, and having been so selected and appointed he is upon his refusal to serve in this new Office subject to such fine not exceeding Five Pounds as the City Council may impose under the said 16th Sec. of the amendment aforesaid. I do not think the Ward Assessorship is vacant by his refusing the City Assessorship.

Dated 23^d Dec^r 1844.

(sgd) W. L. Sawers,

Recorder.

When the following Resolution is introduced:

"On proceeding to the Election of City Assessor and it being a matter of serious and doubtful importance it is

Resolved, That His Honor the Recorder be requested to take his opinion given on that point of 23^d December last and reconsider the same.

Which on being put is passed.

The following Resolution is next introduced:

Resolved, That the parties appointed to any City Office who are at present residing at Dartmouth be required to remove into this City by 1st day of May next, and unless they comply with this

(Resolution)

Resolution they will cease to hold said Office.

which on being put is passed.

Mr Robert Richardson, on Motion, is added to the list of Surveyors of Lumber.

Read Petition of James Dechman junr. to be appointed Supervisor of Lumber. The City Council next proceed to appoint a Supervisor of Surveyors of Lumber, when the following Resolution is next introduced:-

Resolved, That a Committee be appointed to draw up a Code of Rules and Regulations for the government of Surveyors of Lumber, and that the appointment of a Supervisor be deferred until the same be adopted, and that Aldermen Pyor and Stoy, Messrs Spink, Cleary, Hunter and Kemmison be that Committee.

The City Council next proceed to Elect a City Auditor in the place of M. C. H. Belcher, disqualified, when the following Resolution is introduced:

Resolved, That William Sawson junior be appointed a City Auditor in the place of M. C. H. Belcher, disqualified under affidavit.

The City Council direct payment of the following accounts by Checks on City Treasurer:

Edward A. Mitchell	12.6
Edward Young	3.1.10
James Ham	5.0.0

The Council then Adjourned.

H. Bell / Mayor

Halifax January 22nd 1845

At a Special Meeting of the City Council held this day
Present, His Worship the Mayor, Aldermen, Stoy, MacSkimley,
Pryor, Caldwell & Jennings. Messrs Cleary, Spike, Fairbanks,
Hunter, Mignolitz, Abind, Hemmeon, & Rugg.

The City Council were summoned to proceed with the
election of City Assessor - also of an Auditor - a communication
from Fire Wards department - to consider the Rules for the
government of Surveyors of Lumber - appoint a Supervisor for
that body - and the transaction of other business.

Read over proceedings of 7th January.

Read following Letter from William Sawson Junr
concerning on subject of appointment of City Auditor:

May it please Your Worship

In the appointment of myself to the Office of City
Auditor, I think that the fact must have escaped the notice
of the gentlemen of the City Council that, in the discharge
of the duties attached to that office I must necessarily be
called on to pass my opinion as to the correctness of vouchers
for monies which have passed thro' my hands as Commissioner
of the Poor.

This duty, it is obvious would be at once improper &
irregular and I have therefore to ask of you the favor to lay
this communication before the gentlemen of the City Council,
in the hope that they will be pleased to reconsider the
appointment, cancelling the same on account of the reason
above named. In doing so you will further oblige me
by adding your testimony as to the time occupied in my present
public duties at the Board at which I have the honor to be
your Colleague, which may prove (if necessary) an additional
reason for releasing me from the office to which I have alluded.

I remain, your Worship's most Obed^t Servant,
(Signed) W. Sawson Junr.

Halifax 9th Janry 1845

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The Mayor

When on motion said appointment is confirmed.

Read the following Communication from Fire Ward department
"Extract from the Records of the Board of Firewards at
a meeting held on the 10th of January 1845.

Resolved, That in the opinion of this Board it is

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necessary to have all the Laws now in force relating to the Fire Department corrected and revised and printed in pamphlet form for the use of the Firewards, Engine Company, Special Constables and others.

Resolved That a Committee be appointed to request His Worship the Mayor to have a Committee appointed from the City Council to cooperate with the Committee of this Department in carrying the foregoing into effect.

Resolved That the Chairman, Mr. Taylor and the Secretary be such Committee.

Resolved, That it be brought to the notice of the City Council that in the opinion of this Board it would be advisable to effect insurance to the amount of Pounds on the Engine House the three Engines the Tackle, Apparell and Furniture therein belonging to the Fire Department.

When the following Resolution is introduced:

Resolved, That the Resolution of Fire Department relative to revising the various Acts passed for the government of that department, and having the same condensed be agreed to, and that the Committee of Fire Wards appointed for that purpose have the same completed and submit the same to the Council, previous to being laid before the Legislature.

Which on being put is passed.

Resolved, That the question be asked, Several Fire Insurance Offices, the rate per Cent for Insuring the different City Properties which on being put is passed.

The City Council next proceed to take into consideration of, Election of City Appraiser, when following opinion of His Honor the Recorder is read: [See proceedings of 11th February. folio] which on motion stands over for next meeting of Council.

The following Report of the Committee appointed to draw up Rules and Regulations for the government of Surveyors of Lumber is read:

The Committee appointed by the City Council to draw up a Code of Rules and Regulations for the Government of Surveyors of Lumber beg leave to Report the following

Rules and Regulations for the government of Supervisor and Surveyors of Lumber.

- 1st That a Roster of the Surveyors be formed and kept by the Supervisor.
- 2nd That each Surveyor be called on in rotation for duty by the Supervisor.

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3^d. That every Surveyor shall make a return to the Supervisor of the Timber or Lumber surveyed by him, specifying the quantity and quality and for whom surveyed, so soon as the work shall be finished, and pay without delay the amount received by him for such survey into the hands of the Supervisor.

4th. That weekly meetings of the Surveyors shall be held at such time and place as shall be agreed upon by a majority of them.

5th. That the Supervisor shall keep a Book in which shall be entered the names of the Surveyors - the amount received by him from each Surveyor - together with the returns of the respective Surveyors; and he shall also open an account with each Surveyor, and make a division weekly in equal proportion of the amount received to and among himself and the other Surveyors.

6th. That the Supervisor shall take his turn in Surveying Timber or Lumber on an emergency when all the other Surveyors are employed, or in case of sickness of any of them.

7th. That the Surveyors of Lumber or Timber shall at the time of survey put the appropriate mark of the quality of the Timber and Lumber in a legible and distinct manner, viz: - Clear, to be marked C with the number of feet; Merchantable, to have the number of feet marked; and Refuse to be marked with the broad arrow with the number of feet; - And any Surveyor neglecting to perform the duty prescribed by this Rule to be immediately reported by the Supervisor to the City Council.

8th. That the prices to be charged by such Surveyors for Surveying Timber or Lumber shall be the same as those prescribed by the 17th Clause of the Act to regulate the Survey of Timber and Lumber passed in the fifth year of the Reign of His late Majesty William the fourth.

9th. That these Rules and Regulations be entered by the Supervisor in the first part of his Book and be signed by him and each of the Surveyors, in the presence of the Mayor, at the time of their taking the oath of Office.

(Signed) Henry Poyer, Chairman.

When following resolution is introduced:

Resolved, That the foregoing Rules and Regulations be adopted, which on being put is passed.

The City Council next proceed to Elect a Supervisor of Lumber. Read Memorial from W Lovett to be appointed to that Office.

On Motion it is Resolved, That Mr. Henry Spike be added

to the list of Surveyors of Lumber.

The following Resolutions are next introduced:

Resolved, That Mr. Henry Spike be appointed Supervisor of Surveyors of Lumber,

which on being put is passed

Resolved, That John Kelly be appointed Supervisor of Measurers of Salt and Grain

That William Holland be appointed Supervisor of Measurers of Coal

That John Walker be appointed Supervisor of Measurers of Wood

which on being put are passed.

Resolved, That a Copy of the Royal Gazette be taken and filed in the Police Office to and for the use of the City.

which on being put is passed.

The following Accounts are ordered to be paid by Checks on City Treasurer

- Andrew Beecher £ 10-0-0
- William B. Fairbanks Esq. 2-13-0
- William Story Junr Esq. 5-16-0
- D. Avery " 6-3

Read Note from Lewis Bliss relative to his Tax, when on motion it is Resolved, That Mr. Bliss be notified that the Council will hear him at its next meeting

The Council then adjourned.

A. Bell / Mayor

Halifax February 3^d 1845

At a Special Meeting of the City Council held this day
 Present, His Worship the Mayor, Messrs Nesumeon & Spike
 On Motion Council is adjourned until tomorrow at 12
 O'Clock

W. B. Bell / Mayor

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Henry Spike / Supervisor / Enoch Wiswell William Lovett
 William Henderson James Dechman Jr and Patrick Hefferman
 having taken and subscribed the Oath prescribed by Law
 are this day sworn into office as Surveyors of Timber in
 and according to the Rules and Regulations drawn
 out for their government by the City Council

Halifax February 4th 1845

At an Adjourned Special Meeting of the City Council held this day Present, His Worship the Mayor, Aldermen Story, MacKinnon, Starr, Poyer, Caldwell, Jennings, Messrs. Cleary, Spike, Fairbanks, Black, Sinclair, Hunter, Rhind, Hutchinson, Sugg and Winters.

The City Council were summoned to proceed with the Election of City Assessor, to appoint a Measurer of Coal, to consider the Report of Committee of Public Property and the transaction of other business.

Read over proceedings of 25th January 1845.

Mr. Bliss is heard relative to his assessment for 1844, having been absent from the City during time of appeal which on Motion stands over for next Council.

The City Council proceed to take into consideration the Subject of encroachments on Streets when the following Resolution is introduced.

Whereas encroachments have been made in Pleasant Street by Mr. William M. Allan in front of a property said to be owned by John G. Allan in defiance of the Commissioners of Streets - and by Dennis Murphy on Argyle Street notwithstanding the line of said Street having been shown him by the Deputy Surveyor from the Office of the Surveyor General, and the improper erection of a platform at the corner of Duke and Hollis Streets, all of which were brought to the Notice of the City Council at its last Meeting.

Resolved, That the Commissioners in the discharge of their duty to the public, and for the protection of the Streets and lanes of the City from encroachments and preventing the erection of Platforms over the Sidewalk at improper heights, be authorised to take all lawful measures and to employ such Counsel as the Commissioners may deem necessary for the purpose of advice or of prosecuting all such Offenders and for removal of all Incumbrances and encroachments of every kind as named in the Laws now in force from said Streets or Lanes.

which on being put is passed.

The following Opinion of His Honor the Recorder on Subject of City Assessor is read:

21st Jan'y 1845

At the request of the City Council as expressed in their Resolution of 7th instant, I have reconsidered my opinion of 23rd Ultimo, and now state that I discover no reason to change
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my Sentiments on the Subject thereof, Mr Gregory Sawyer's case.
 The Supreme Court might upon sufficient grounds being
 shown grant a Criminal Information against a person
 refusing to undertake the duties of City Assessor.

I still think that the Office of Ward Assessor is
 not vacated by Mr Sawyer refusing to become City Assessor,
 indeed he has qualified and has actually offered to
 take upon himself the duties of that Office. It will of
 course become vacant if he accepts another office
 which is incompatible with the duties of the first Office
 or because it is a part of the business of the one Office
 to correct the errors of the other. In if he even now
 should pay his fine of Twenty five pounds under the
 original act on declining the Ward Assessorship.

(sgn) W. D. Sowers

Recorder.

The City Council next proceed with the Election of
 City Assessor when following Resolution is introduced:

Resolved, That Mr Gregory Sawyer having been appointed
 to the Office of City Assessor by the City Council, said appointment
 be now rescinded and that the City Council do now
 proceed to select another City Assessor from the remainder
 of the Assessors.

which on being put is passed.

The City Council next proceed to select a City
 Assessor in place of Gregory Sawyer whose appointment
 is rescinded, when the Ballot having been proceeded
 with Mr Edward Albro is selected to the Office of
 City Assessor.

The City Council next proceed to elect a measurer
 of Coal, when there appeared

For William Buckley 7

Simon Leavis 7

Berrigan 2

and there appearing a tie for Buckley & Leavis the Mayor
 gives the casting vote for William Buckley
 who is therefore appointed one of the Measurers of Coal.

Read following Report of Committee of Public
 Property:

Halifax N.S. 27 Jan'y 1845

At a Meeting of the Committee of City Property held this
 day Present, J. E. Starr, Chairman, C. M. Cary, John
 Chind, Henry Spike, Henry Mignowitz and Archibald Sinclair

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Squires. A Plan of alteration and Specification of the Fish Market was submitted by Mr. Spike, which being considered the most economical mode of improvement, unanimously adopted, and ordered to be laid before the City Council for its concurrence previous to the advertisements being made for tenders, which should be immediately done, as the work must be complete previous to or by the fifteenth of April next, before the letting of Stalls. If the place should be agreed to the Committee would recommend the shed now used as a Market to be immediately sold by public auction and removed, so as to obtain the kind of foundation required for the new work previous to advertising for tenders. It was Resolved. That an enquiry be made whether the Leases of the Public Docks made by public auctions to different individuals in April last, have been completed, and whether the Rents have been paid. Also if any action have been brought by the Recorder against Mr. Story for the occupation of four feet of ground belonging to the Public, and against Mr. Miller for the incumbrance by and old Wharf of the public Dock at foot of Morris Street. Also against Mr. McSweeney for placing his building in the public waters occupied by the Steam Boat Company.

The Committee would also recommend that a day be fixed for the sale of the Ordnance property, and that advertisements be immediately made, so as to give time for individuals wishing to purchase, to consider and prepare themselves.

(Signed) Jno Edw Harr
 Chairman
 Henry Mignowitz
 Charles M Cleary
 Henry Spike
 Arch^d Sinclair
 John Rhind.

Resolutions are introduced

When the following

Resolved. That the Committee of Public Property be authorized to advertise for Tenders for the alteration of the present Fish Market, at the Market Wharf which upon being put is passed.

Resolved. That His Honour the Recorder be requested to draw out a Memorial to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor and Executive Council pointing out the difficulties in leasing the Public Docks and requesting His Excellency and Council if their power to vest the City of Halifax with such power and authority, as will make said properties available to the City, which being put is passed

Resolved. That a Copy of the Resolutions of City Council of 25th June 1844 on subject of Story and Millers Docks, be again transmitted to Alderman Starr, Chairman of Committee. Also a copy to His Honor the Recorder which being put is passed.

Resolved. That the Committee of Public Property fix a day for the sale of the property opposite the Ordnance between first and fifth April next, and give immediate and most public notice of the same, which on being put is passed.

The following Resolution of Sessions is read:

"Resolved. That application be made to the Legislature so to amend the act for government of the Public Penitentiary so as to receive the various criminals sentenced by the Court of Sessions and City Authorities and that the Custos John Tompsett and Alexander Keith Esquires be a committee to unite with the City Council on subject, that a Copy of this resolution be transmitted to the City Council, with a request that they be respectfully requested to cooperate

A True Copy
(Signed) James S. Clarke
Clerk of Peace"

When the following Resolution is introduced.

Resolved. That Aldermen Pryor, Story and William B. Fairbanks Esquire be Committee to cooperate with the Sessions on subject of their resolution relative to Criminals sentenced by Sessions and City Authorities which on being put is passed.

The following Report of Committee to act with City Auditors in examining Public Accounts is read:

"The Committee on Public Accounts beg leave to say, they met with the City Auditors appointed to examine the same, and having so met they commenced with great care and attention to examine the whole of the expenditure of all monies throughout the City in all the various departments, and all vouchers relating thereto, and having gone through the whole which is not few in number, the Committee feel great pleasure in stating they find them all correct. The clear and correct manner in which the City Treasurer having produced his Books, and the very ready method taken by the City Clerk for numbering and arranging his vouchers and

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other papers make it not only comparatively easy to get through the work, but it affords entire satisfaction to all concerned.

(Sgd) A. Meuncon
P. C. Black

When on motion it is

Resolved, That said Report be received and recorded.

The following Petition from Sealers of Leather is read:

"The Petition of the undersigned, Inspectors & Sealers of Leather, most humbly sheweth
That your Petitioners pray that His Worship the Mayor and City Council will not appoint any more Sealers of Leather, as your Petitioners will do all the duty required that the Public may have no cause for complaint.
And your Petitioners as in duty bound will ever pray.

(Signed) Joseph Hamilton
" Thos M Murray
" Wm Wiswell "

Jan'y 27th 1845

"We the undersigned have chosen Joseph Hamilton our Supervisor in the place of George Anderson, resign'd Should His Worship the Mayor and City Council approve of the same.

(Signed) Thos M Murray
" Wm Wiswell "

When the following Resolution is introduced.

Resolved, That the prayer of Petition of Sealers of Leather be approved of.

Which on being put is passed.

James MacFarlane appointed City Crier in place of George Chalke, deceased.

His Worship the Mayor submits for the consideration of the Council, a Memorial to the Legislature on Subject of Lunatic Asylum, when the following Resolution is introduced:

Resolved, That the Memorial prepared by His Worship the Mayor just read addressed to the Honorable the House of Assembly & the Legislative Council, on Subject of Lunatic Asylum, be adopted and that the same be signed by the whole of the Council.

Which on being put is passed

—February 4th—

The following Petition to the Honorable the House of Assembly on Subject of a City Representative is read: when following Resolution is introduced:

Resolved That a Committee be appointed to take up said Petition and Report thereon at next sitting of Council and that Aldermen Pryor, McKeilay, Jennings, Messrs Neumeon & Fairbanks be that Committee.
which on being put is passed.

The following Resolution is next introduced:

Resolved, That the Chairman of Cemetery Committee be requested to lay before the Council at its next Meeting a Statement of the receipts and expenditures of that Establishment up to the present time and further that he take such measures as may be deemed necessary to enforce the payment of the various lists disposed of,
which on being put is passed.

The City Council direct payment of following Account by Check on the City Treasurer.

Jacob Irvine \$30.00

The Council then Adjourned.

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H. Bell / Mayor

Halifax February 5th 1845

Benjamin Dawson and Edward Albro Esquires having taken the Oath prescribed by Law are this day sworn into office as City Assessors for the present year, in presence of His Worship the Mayor.

February 8th 1845

At a Meeting of the Ward Assessors held this day in the Mayor's Room agreeably to Notice for the purpose of electing Ward Assessors for the several Wards. The said Assessors proceeded to the election by Ballot when the following persons were elected for the Wards affixed to their respective names:

- Ward No 1. William Bauld.
- " " 2 Patrick Mahony
- " " 3 Thomas Mackie
- " " 4 William Patterson
- " " 5 J. W. Clarke.
- " " 6 John Smith

When the said Assessors were severally sworn to perform their duties as such Ward Assessors according to the best of their judgment and to make a fair and impartial Assessment of their respective Wards.

Andrew MacMillan
Acting Alderman

Halifax February 17th 1845.

At a Special Meeting of the City Council held this day Present His Worship the Mayor, Alderman Story, MacMillan, Pryor, Caldwell, Jennings.

Messrs. Clary, Anderson, Fairbanks, Black, Sinclair, Hunter, Rhind, Hecumson, Rugg, and Winters.

The City Council were summoned to take into consideration a Petition to the Legislature for a City Member, a Bill before the Legislature relative to the Burial of the Dead at Three Mile House, a Petition from Horticultural Society for part of Commission, and the transaction of other business.

Read Resolution of 4th February.

Read following Petition to Legislature on Subject of City Representative:

To the Honorable the House of Assembly
now convened.

The Memorial of the Mayor Aldermen and Common Council of the City of Halifax, Humbly Sheweth.

That since the year One Thousand seven hundred and sixty five the Township of Halifax has enjoyed the privilege of returning two Members to the General Assembly of the Province.

That the City of Halifax, recently incorporated by the Legislature has extensive Commercial and other important interests necessary to be represented in the General Assembly, and although the Citizens are entitled to vote for the Election of Members for the Township, yet owing to the vast increase of Freeholders resident without the City, the return of Members is often controlled, by voters whose local interests are not in all respects identified with those of your Memorialists.

That the City of Halifax, the Capital of the Province being largely engaged in Foreign trade and daily increasing in Commercial and other pursuits which tend to promote the general welfare, is, Your Memorialists conceive justly entitled to be represented separately and distinctly from the neighbouring Settlements, in accordance with the principle of representation which has been adopted in the Mother Country and in the adjoining Colonies.

Your Memorialists therefore Pray Your Honorable House to take these premises into Your favorable Consideration and to pass such an Act as will secure to the Citizens of Halifax the Election of One Member of their own choice to represent

(The)

The City in General Assembly whose Qualification and that of the voters shall be the same as that of a City Councillor.

And your Memorialists, as in duty bound, will ever pray.

Halifax, February 1845.

On behalf of the City Council
(signed) H. Bell, Mayor.

When the following Resolution is introduced:

Resolved, That the Memorial just read be received and adopted and that His Worship the Mayor be requested to sign the same on behalf of City Council and have it transmitted to James McTavish Esquire to lay before the Legislature and that the other Township Member with the County Members be requested to forward said Memorial.

Which on being put is passed.

Read the Bill before the House of Assembly relative to the Burial of the Dead at the Three Mile House when the following Resolution is introduced:

Whereas a Bill is now before the Legislature for exempting the Burial ground connected with the Church near the "Three Mile House", and which is within the limits of the City of Halifax from the operation of the Act for Establishing a Public Cemetery within said City and whereas the said exemption of unrestricted would most probably greatly interfere with the funds by which the public Cemetery is to be completed and sustained.

Therefore

Resolved, That a Petition be presented to the Legislature to prevent the passage of the Bill above named, unless its operation be restricted to the Inhabitants of the Dutch Village or others beyond the limits of the City, and that a Committee be appointed to prepare such Petition, and that Alderman Story, Mayor, Messrs Black, Foubanks & Hemmeon be that Committee

Which on being put is passed.

Read the following petition from Horticulture Society for part of common

To the Commissioners of the Common of the City of Halifax.

The Petition of the undersigned Committee and Members of the Nova Scotia Horticultural Society. Respectfully sheweth, That this Society was formed some years since, for the laudable purpose of creating a taste for one of the most innocent rational & useful pursuits by practically introducing the most