

Halifax April 17. 1848

At a Special Meeting of the City Council held this day. Present. His Worship the Mayor Aldermen Hemmeon. Fairbanks, Rugg. Mignowity & Bolton Messrs Anderson, Smith, Richardson, Mr. Wall. Cabot, Naylor, Clarke McVab & King

Read over proceedings of 27th March The City Council were summoned to pass the order to assessors for ensuing year, to consider a communication from Fire Department. Report of Committee relative to letting of City Property Payment of several accounts and the transaction of other Business

The City Council order payment of the following Account

James F Gray Esquire £35.0.0

Read following Resolution of Commissioners of streets recommending an alteration in the mode of cleaning the streets (copied Fol 480)

When following Resolution is introduced Resolved that checks be drawn in favour of the Commissioners of Streets of the City for the Amounts affixed to their Respective Wards. the said Amounts to be expended by the Commissioners in employing Horses Carts & Men, in keeping the streets of their various Wards in a cleanly state for ensuing year such amounts to be taken out of general fund

Ward No 1	17	0	0	Ward No 4	28	0	0
do 2	20	0	0	do "	5	20	0
do 3	30	0	0	do "	5	10	"

And the names being called for they stood

(For)

For the Resolution		Against the Resolution	
Messrs	Smith	Messrs	Hemmen
"	Cabot	"	Bolton
"	Naylor	"	Clarke <u>3</u>
"	Longard		
"	King		
"	Fairbanks		
"	Mignovitz		
"	Weir		
"	Anderson		
"	McNab		
"	Richardson		
"	Hugg		
"	Watt. <u>13</u>		

The following Resolution is next introduced
 Whereas the City Council have by a Resolution of 29th December last ordered and directed the Sum of Four thousand Five Hundred pounds to be assessed or levied or be collected or raised from the Inhabitants of the City for and towards City purposes for the ensuing year

The City Council direct that the City Clerk give notice to the City and Ward Assessors to make an assessment on the Citizens of the respective Wards agreeably to Law. and that the City Assessors make a return of the Assessment for City Rates + Poor Rates to the Office of the City Clerk agreeably to the Act

Which on being put is passed
 The following order to the Assessors agreeably to a Resolution of City Council of this days date. is directed to be sent to Assessors

Office of City Clerk
 Halifax 17th April 1848

Gentlemen.

Whereas the City Council have by a Resolution of 29th December last ordered the Sum of Four thousand Five Hundred pounds to be assessed or levied on or be collected or raised from the Inhabitants of the City for and towards City purposes and for the support of the Poor for ensuing year. I have it in command

from the City Council to direct you to proceed and make up said Apportionment on the Inhabitants of the respective Wards, according and agreeably to an Act entitled an Act to Consolidate the Acts respecting the Incorporation of the City of Halifax and passed during the present Year of Her Majesty Queen Victoria and you the said Apportioners are hereby required to make return thereof to this Office agreeably to Law

I am Gentleman

Alfred your Obedient Servant
 William Brown 3 (sgnd) David Clarke
 Sampson B. Smith 3 City Apportioners City Clerk
 George P. Mitchell Apportioner for Ward no 1
 John M. Dougall do do 2
 George Talbot do do 3
 John Shaffer do do 4
 William B. Hamilton do do 5
 Alexander G. Fraser do do 6

Read following Report of Committee relative to Individuals who have neglected to pay their Taxes for year 1847. When on Motion the same is received, adopted and directed to be carried into effect

Report

The Committee to whom was referred the City Treasurers return of persons who have refused or neglected to pay their rates for the year 1847. they leave to Report

That having carefully examined the list they recommend to the City Council to instruct the Treasurer not to proceed at present (on account of their extreme poverty) against any of the persons whose names will be found in the Schedule annexed to this Report and marked R

The Committee would willingly have extended their recommendation still farther but the duties they owe to those of their fellow citizens, who have already paid, has compelled them to leave several individuals whose circumstances are considerably embarrassed to be dealt with as delinquents; although it is

is extremely doubtful, whether the amounts due will be recovered, by having recourse to legal coercion. The names of some of this class will be found in the Schedule Marked P

Several persons have been returned as Bankrupts whose names appear in the Schedule Marked B. The Committee do not deem it prudent to recommend the issue of Warrants against these persons indiscriminately, but respectfully suggest that they be left to the discretion of the Treasurer to deal with in such manner as he may judge to be most conducive to the interests of the City.

Some of this class although at present unable to pay, may possess the means, in the course of a few weeks or months.

The Committee further recommend that notice be served upon all other delinquents who can be found, stating that unless the respective sums due by each be paid within fourteen days, Warrants of Distress will then be issued against them and payment be immediately enforced.

All of which is respectfully submitted

John Taylor (Chairman)

F W Clarke

April 6. 1848

(Sgn^d)

Elias Cabot

William Smith

Robt Richardson

John Longard

Schedule B

Boyer Amathan	1	6	8
Douglas John	2	0	0
Kennesey John	"	13	4
Hobin Robert	1	6	8
Hobin W ^m	1	6	8
Masters H B	2	5	0
Mitchell C A.	2	0	0
Reid Smith	"	12	"
Sleight W ^m	3	3	4
Wipwell Jas	3	13	4
Wipwell W J	2	13	"
Wilson Henry	6	13	4
Wisdom W & E	2	0	0
Wisdom Edward	1	3	4
	£30	16	8

Schedule R.

Adams on M ^r	"	8	4
Allison James	"	12	"
Bailey M ^r	"	6	8
Butler M ^r	"	6	"
Byrom Mich ^l	"	6	8
Condon David	"	6	8
Dillon Moses	"	6	8
Donolly Patrick	"	6	"
Douglas M ^r	"	8	"
Foley Michael	"	6	8
Fraser M ^r	"	8	8
Gay Archibald	"	6	8
Gordon M ^r	"	6	8
Granson W ^m	"	8	4
Hilkey M ^r	"	8	"
Hutton M ^r	"	10	"
Kirby Thomas	"	10	"
Manning John	"	13	4
McHeron W ^r	"	10	"
O'Brien M ^r	"	6	8
West M ^r	"	13	4
Whalen Lawrence	"	12	"
			£97 4

Schedule P

Austen Charles	"	6	8
Bentley M ^r	"	13	4
Casey M ^r	"	8	"
Cleary M ^r	"	10	"
Hays Peter	1	3	4
Handley James	"	6	8
Maxwell George	"	8	"
Rutledge Rob ^t	1	2	0
Scott Jno	1	6	8
Shaffer Dan ^l	"	13	4
Smithers John	"	6	8
Wallace Alex ^r	"	13	4
Whalen Andrew	"	6	8
			£84 8

Read following communication from Fire Department relative to Law concerning Fire Constables. The disposal of Engine No 2 for additional Engine men. The state of Gunpowder Magazine and a few Bell for North End.

At a Meeting of Fire Wards held last evening the following Resolutions passed the Board.

Resolved that it be immediately brought to the notice of His Worship the Mayor & City Council that the Law under which the Assistant Fire Wards formerly acted has been repealed, and that the Assistant Fire Wards have now no Authority to act at Fires - And the Fire Wards would recommend to the Council the necessity of adopting such measures as will

will effect the renewing of the same

Resolved that it be recommended to His Worship the Mayor & City Council to provide a suitable Building to receive the Engine now undergoing Repair, and the Board would suggest as a site the Ground of the Poor Asylum or Workhouse at the South End - or any advantageous situation the Council may select at the North End

And it is further requested that the City Council grant permission to the Captain of the Engine Company to form a Division to take charge of the said Engine, not exceeding 15 in number and to be called No 6 Division

Resolved that the Board Fire Wards deem it highly important that the early attention of His Worship the Mayor & City Council be requested to the resolution passed at a meeting held 4th June 1847 relative to the dangerous state of the Powder Magazine. As numerous buildings have since been erected in that locality

Resolved that it be further recommended to the City Council to furnish a fire Bell for the North End of the City there being at present no way of alarming the Citizens there in the event of Fire

B. J. Beckm

Halifax April 3 (sgn^d)
1848

Secretary

When following Resolutions are introduced

Resolved that the Engine now undergoing repairs when completed be placed in or near the Work House Establishment and that a Committee be appointed to ascertain the best site that can be obtained and the probable expence of a suitable Building and report thereon at next meeting of Council

Which on being put is passed

Mrs Richardson, Anderson and Smith to be the Committee

Resolved that the Commissioners of City Property forthwith proceed to receive Tenders for Slating or putting in a perfect state of

of repair and safety the Merchants Gun Powder Magazine, and have the same completed with as little delay as possible.

Which on being put is passed

Resolved that all Gunpowder placed in the Magazine from and after this date be liable and pay the rate of one penny per pound instead of one half penny as heretofore to which following Amendment is introduced

Resolved that all Gunpowder powder placed in the Magazine, from and after this date be liable and pay the Rate of Three Farthings per pound instead of one half penny as heretofore which amendment being put is lost The original Resolution is then put and also lost

Mr Alderman Mignowitz gives notice for reconsideration of Resolution relative to repairs of Powder Magazine.

The Law or Regulation for Government of Fire Constables - the clause relative to increase of Number of Engine Men - and the subject of erection of Fire Bell at north end of City

On motion are ordered to stand over for future consideration

The following report of Committee relative to letting of City Property is read

At a Meeting of Committee of City Property held this 8th April 1848 to consider the propriety of recommending to the City Council the acceptance or refusal of proposals made by present occupants of Public Property

Present Aldermen Bolton & Sawdew Councillors Richardson King & M'Nat.

The Committee having opened the several proposals submitted to their notice find that in every instance the reduction called for is from one fifth to one half the Rates at which the properties now stand, except applications from three parties occupying stalls in the meat market who propose to remain in occupation at present Rates

The Committee were desirous if the offers had been equal or nearly to the rates of

previous years, that the present occupants should have a preference and not be disturbed in the occupation of premises that had been improved through their means, but the Reduction being more than your Committee deem reasonable they respectfully suggest that all the Public Property be re let at Public Auction on the usual terms and Conditions

all which is respectfully submitted

Thomas Bolton Chairman
Committee Public Property

Henry Magnovitz
John King
Robert Richardson
John McTab.

Michael Murphy	South End of meat Market	now pays £61	offers £50.0.0
John Fitz Patrick	now held by John McDougal under the meat Market at auction		£120.0.0
M ^r Kehoe	offers for a part		£25.0.0
John Power	under the Meat market	now pays £89	offers £45.0.0
Charles Barnstead	No 1 Market Slip	now pays £59	offers £50.0.0
	requiring repair and paint		
James O'Donnell	No 2 Market Slip	now pays £48	offers £35.0.0
Samuel Penaman	No 3 Market Slip	now pays £64	offers £50.0.0
James Duggan	offers for W. J. Albro's Shop No 2	now pays £53	£40.0.0
W. J. Albro	offers for James Duggan's Shop No 1	now pays £32	£20.0.0
Post Letson	No 3 County Court House	now pays £59.10	offers £40.0.0
John Meuro	Exchange Building	now pays £75	offers £45.0.0
Stalls	Danl Steen No 9	£15.10.0	
"	" " 10	2.10.0	£18.0.0
"	William Murphy 3	£14.0.0	" " "
"	" " 4	2.0.0	" " "
"	" " 6	2.0.0	£18.0.0
William Hannon	7		£10.0.0

When following Resolution is introduced
Resolved that the Report just read be received and adopted and that notice be given for the letting of the various Tenements on Tuesday the 25th inst with the exception of Meat Market and North Fish Market which under present circumstances requiring to be repaired and painted, order that the same stand over for future consideration

Which on being put is passed
The following Resolution is next introduced

Resolved that the Mayor and Alderman draw up such alterations to the present Rules for Government of Constables as they may deem necessary and submit them to the next meeting of Council

Which on being put is passed,
The following accounts are ordered to be paid by checks on City Treasurer.

- Hitchie and Nugent £3.8.0
- Bruce McDonald £12.10.0

The following Resolution of Commissioners of Streets relative to men exempt from Road Service is Read

Extract from the minutes of the Commissioners of Streets
Halifax April 15. 1848

Resolved that it be recommended to the Council to obtain from the several Axe and Engine Companies complete lists of the names of their members who are exempted by Law from the performance of Statute Labour, and also from the heads of the Ordnance and Dock Yard Departments the names of the twenty persons in each who are exempted as Engine Men from Statute Labour.

W^m B Fairbanks
(Sgn^d) Chairman
Commissioners Streets,

When following Resolution is introduced

Resolved that a letter be addressed to the Captains of Engine & Axe Companies requesting a list of their members exempted by Law from Statute Labour, as also to the Heads of the Dock Yard and Ordnance Departments requesting a list of the members of the Engine Company belonging to each Department exempted from Statute Labour (20)

Which on being put is passed,

The following Resolutions are next introduced

Whereas it has been brought to the notice of the City Council that some evil disposed persons have entered the Protestant Cemetery and defaced and destroyed some of the monuments and tombstones erected therein

Resolved that His Worship the Mayor be authorised to offer a reward of Forty Dollars for discovering of the Individual or Individuals who have committed so disgraceful an Act

Which on being put is passed,

Resolved that Contracts be taken from Printers for the printing and furnishing 100 Copies of the new Act Consolidating the Incorporation Act allowing the Printers thereof a privilege of disposing of extra numbers

"Which on being put is passed"

Resolved that the Commissioners of Streets be authorised to secure the Services of Mr Pollack as overseer of Streets on same terms as during past years

Which on being put is passed,

The Council then adjourned

1st May 1848 Benjamin Wier and John M. Stab Esquires appointed by His Worship the Mayor to act with the City Auditors in Examining City Treasurers accounts for ensuing year.

Halifax May 8. 1848

At a Special Meeting of the City Council held this Day (Present) His Worship the Mayor Aldermen Hemmeon, Fairbanks, Tugg, Mynowitz & Bolton Messrs Anderson Smith, Richardson, Watt Cabot, King, Naylor, Clarke, McStab & King Read over proceedings of 17th April.

The City Council were summoned to take into consideration the repairs to Gun Powder Magazine, also rules & regulations for Government of Constables and the transaction of other Business

The City Council proceed to take into consideration the repairs of Gun powder Magazine

Read proceedings of City Council of 29th June 1842 and of 13th Feb 1844 relative to reduction of Rate of Storage of Gunpowder.

The following Resolution is next introduced

Resolved that the Resolution of 17th April last relative to repairs to Gun powder Magazine be rescinded

Which on being put is passed.

The following Resolution is next introduced

Resolved that all Gun powder placed in the Magazine from and after this Date be liable and pay the rate of one penny the pound instead of one halfpenny as heretofore under present Regulations to which following Amendment is introduced

Resolved that all Gun powder placed in the Magazine from and after this Date be liable and pay the rate of one half penny per lb. yearly

Which amendment being put is lost

The original Resolution is then put and upon taking the numbers and names they stand thus

For

For the Resolution

M^{rs} Simpson
 " Richardson
 " Kugg
 " Mignovitz
 " Clarke
 " King
 " Cabot
 " Smith &

Against the Resolution

M^{rs} Watt
 " M^{rs} Nat
 " Anderson
 " Bolton
 " Fairbanks
 " King
 " Naylor
 " Longard &

The Mayor voting against the Resolution
 The same is therefore lost.

Resolved that all Gunpowder placed in the Magazine from and after this date, be liable and pay the rate of threefarthings per lb instead of one halfpenny under present regulations to which following amendment is introduced

Resolved that all Gunpowder placed in the Magazine from and after this Date be liable and pay the rate of one penny per lb instead of one halfpenny per lb as heretofore. under present arrangements which amendment being put is lost The Original Resolution is then put and carries Thirteen voting for it and three against

The following Resolution is next introduced Resolved that the Commissioners of City Property forthwith proceed to receive Tenders for putting in an efficient state of Safety and repair the Merchants Gunpowder Magazine and have the same completed with as little delay as possible

Which on being put is passed
 Read following Report of Committee of City Property

At a meeting of the Committee of Public Property holden the 4th March 1848
 Present. M^r Bolton M^r Mignovitz M^r Lardlaw
 M^r Richardson and M^r M^{rs} Nat.

The Committee take leave to suggest that the Entrance to the Fish Market be altered by closing up the two doors now in use

and make a larger entrance in the Centre.
removing two stalls to make the throughfare into
both Markets more available and more advantageous
to the Tenants in the Southern Range of Stalls

A Tender has been received from Mr
Richard Beazley of Ten pounds per Annum for the
use of the Loft over the Fish Market and recommends
that it be accepted if to be used for a Store Room
but would recommend that the offer be declined
if required for or be used as a dwelling

That the Committee be authorised to
obtain specifications and Tenders for putting the North
Fish Market in a state for Letting. though the
Committee are of Opinion that the expenditure -
required will be more extensive than returns derived
from the slip and Building will compensate for

In accordance with a Resolution of
the City Council The tenants in the meat Market
have relinquished possession and the Committee
await instructions as to alterations or repairs

All which is respectfully Submitted

Thomas Bolton Chairman

Henry Mignovitz

(Sign^r)

John Mc Nab

Robert Richardson

Which on Motion is received.

The following Resolutions are introduced

Resolved that the Committee
of City Property have the alteration to the Fish
Market as pointed out in their Report completed
without Delay

Which on being put is passed.

Resolved that the offer for the Loft
over the Fish Market by Richard Beazley be
accepted for Two Years but upon an express
understanding that the same is not to be used
as a Shop or Dwelling House, and by no means
to have any Fire or Candle light used therein

Which on being put is passed

Resolved that the Committee of City Property be
authorised to obtain Specifications and Tenders
for putting North Fish Market in state for Letting
and

and that they proceed therewith provided
the expence does not exceed Thirty five pounds
Which on being put is passed.

Resolved that the Committee of City Property
be requested to prepare Specification for alteration
and improvement to meat Market and in that
way as may afford accomidation to parties
bringing Vegetables to market, and at the same
time accomidate the Butchers and to proceed
therewith provided the expence of such Alteration
does not exceed Fifty pounds

The Council then Adjourned

Halifax June 25. 1840
 at a Quarterly Meeting of the City Council
 held this Day, Present. His Worship the Mayor
 Aldermen Fairbanks Rugg Mignowitz & Bolton.
 M^r. Anderson. Smith. Richardson. Watt Cabot
 Staylor. Longard & King

Read over proceedings of 8th May
 On Motion

Council adjourned until tomorrow at Two o'clock

Halifax June 27th 1848

At an adjourned Meeting of City Council held this day - present His Worship the Mayor Aldermen Hemmeon, Fairbanks, Rugg Mignowitz, Saidlaw, Bolton, Mr Anderson Smith Richardson Watt Cabot King Naylor Clarke, Longard & King

Read following Report of Committee relative to erection of Engine House South End of the City

We the Committee appointed agreeable to a Resolution passed by the City Council to select a piece of ground for the old No 2 Engine and to report the probable Cost of a House for the same. Your Committee have selected a piece of ground near the Bridewell Gate and that the amount for Building a House will amount to the Sum of Forty or Forty five Pounds including masons & Carpenters Work

(sgn^d)

W^m G Anderson

Robert Richardson

William Smith.

Specification for Building an Engine House on the Bridewell Grounds.

To put up a frame 18 x 25 feet with a pitch Roof the gable end standing to the Street To board and shingle the same with good Merchantable Hemlock boards and pine shingles 4 1/2 inches to the weather, free from sap and slash with two sashes and frames 8 x 10 and Venetian Blinds. Framed Doors lined with pine Boards linges and grooved with good hinges and screw bolts lock &c. complete. with a platform of 3 in plank leading across the Gutter Door open inside 9 feet wide 8 feet 6 in high a small venetian Ventilator in Top Floor 3 in plank to be raised 4 inches in the rear from the width of the door. a piece of hard wood on the sill to raise up the Door.

Masons Work

To Build a dry wall for the Building to stand on 18 x 25 feet with a chimney leading
(over)

four feet through the Roof hung and supported with Iron Straps and a Fire Stone at the Lower End of the chimney to receive the Stone pipe
Sills 9 inches

Posts 8 inches
Studs 4 inches
Rafters 6x4 inches
Gable Ends to be -
hipped same pitch as front

When following Resolutions are introduced
Resolved that the Report just read be received adopted and acted upon
Which on being put is passed.

Resolved that a Committee be appointed to receive Tenders for completing an Engine House on the Bridewell Ground agreeably to report of the Committee, have the said work completed agreeably to Specification provided that the same does not exceed the Sum of Fifty pounds

Which on being put is passed.

Resolved that Messrs Anderson, Smith & Richardson be that Committee

Which on being put is passed.

Read following Communication from Fire Department relative to repairs to Engine House:-

Halifax 16th May 1840

We the Committee appointed by the Board of Fire Wards to examine the state of the Engine House on the Parade and the necessary repairs to be done, also our opinion as to the probable Expence thereof

Report. that the front requires a new Sill: the End sill the posts and studs to be all spliced where defective & to make good the boarding Shingling &c

A new Water Table, Door Sills repaired, Jams & Casings of Doors, renailed and braced down to make them to open & shut.

The Bolts & Locks to be repaired the new work to receive one coat of Paint and the mason work to be made good under the Sills

June 7th

Three juniper posts eight inches square to be placed on stone flags under the partition in the Cellar Story to raise the Building to its level. replace the Slapens where defective and repair the plank floor

And We consider that to complete the aforesaid Work including all materials will cost from Twelve to Fifteen pounds

All of which we submit for the consideration of the Council

(sgd)

Henry Spike

Robert Richardson

when the following Resolution is introduced:-

Resolved that the Board of Firewards advertise for Tenders for having said Work done, and have the same completed under the direction of such of their body as they shall think proper to appoint for the purpose, not to exceed the amount mentioned in their communication

which on being put is passed.

Read following Communication from Fire Department relative to appointment of D. Calder as 1st Lieut and Cha Barnstead 2^d Lieut to No 6 Engine:-

Halifax 27th June 1848

Sir, At a Meeting of the Engine Company held on the 21st inst Mr David Calder was chosen as first, and Mr Charles Barnstead as Second Officer of No 6 Division. These appointments having been sanctioned by the board Firewards are now respectfully submitted to his Worship the Mayor & City Council for their approval

By order of the Road Fire wards

J S Clarke Esq
City Clerk.(sgd) P. C. Brekin
Secy.

when the following Resolution is introduced:-

Resolved That Mr David Calder's appointment as first Lieutenant and Charles Barnstead as 2^d Lieutenant to No 6 Division of Engine Company be confirmed

which on being put is passed.

The various sections of the Act authorising the City Council to call in the Certificates granted for the road service, and to borrow money to pay the same having been read, the following Resolution is introduced:

Resolved That His Worship the Mayor, Aldermen Faubanks, Mignard & Bolton be a Committee to take up clauses No 70 to 75 of the Act of Incorporation and make the necessary arrangements for having the same carried into effect.

which on being put is passed.

The following Resolution is next introduced

Resolved That His Honor the Recorder be requested to prepare a Bye Law or Ordinance relative to regulation of Hackney Carriages so agreeably to the Act of Incorporation.

which on being put is passed.

The following Resolution of Commissioners of Streets recommending a grant of Money for Drain in Proctors Lane is read.

"Halifax June 21st 1848

"On Motion it is Resolved That it be recommended to the City Council to grant to the Commissioners of Ward No 5 one third the amount of Cost of making a Drain in Proctors Lane, Provided the same does not exceed twenty pounds and provided the other two thirds cost of the same be raised by Subscription and from the Ward funds, no part of said Grant by the Council be paid until the work is fully completed and Certified as such by M. Pollock, the overseer, and to his Satisfaction."

A true Copy. (sg'd) James S. Clarke
City Clerk

when the following Resolution is introduced:-

Resolved, That the recommendation of Commissioners of Streets be complied with, so soon as the Commissioner of Ward No 5 certifies that the Subscription money has been paid into his hands

which on being put is passed

Read the following Report of Committee of City Property:

"The Committee of City Property have to report on the subject of Repairs to Meat Market, that on proceeding to fulfil the instructions of the Council Your Committee found on examination of the Building, that the Shingles on western and eastern sides of the roof were so much decayed as to require early attention and on receiving Tenders, ascertained that portion of repairs would absorb all the funds placed at their disposal. It was therefore deemed advisable at a Meeting of the Committee holden 23rd May last to again refer the subject for the further consideration of the Council and to state that the lowest tender for shingling the east & west sides of the roof was £45. That alterations & refitting the inside, repairs to doors and windows, and painting the outside of the building will require an equal amount. On suggestion of Members of Committee the Chairman was instructed to take Tenders and have the inside thoroughly cleaned and ^{white} washed, which work is nearly completed. Your Committee also Report that the repairs to North Fish Market and Hip is in progress and that the building will soon be ready for reletting - and they would suggest the propriety of letting the Fish Stalls free to such parties as may engage to keep a supply of Fish in the Market during the season.

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— June 24th —

The alteration in entrance to the fish Market has not been completed, owing to refusal of Parties holding the Stalls, to give up possession until expiration of their lease.

Your Committee also Report that the Roofing of the Poor Magazine is in progress and when completed will be as safe as the Govt. Magazine in the vicinity

All which is respectfully submitted:

(sgd) Thomas Bolton Chairman
 Robt Richardson
 Henry Mignoury
 Tho^s Saidan ..

Halifax 26 June 1848.

When the following Resolutions are introduced:

Resolved, That the Report of Commissioners of City Property be received, and that they be authorised to proceed with such temporary repairs to the Meat Market as may be necessary to render it tenable till the expiration of present leases

Resolved, That the Committee of City Property after completion of Repairs be authorised to let the Meat Market by Auction or otherwise in such way as they may deem most advantageous.

Resolved That the Committee of City Property after completion of Repairs to North Fish Market let the Shop and Premises at Public Auction, and the Fish Market Stalls in such way as they may deem most advisable

which on being put is passed

Read following Report of Committee relative to lots on Spring Garden Road:

The Committee appointed on the Petition of Proprietors of Lots on Spring Garden Road have to report to His Worship the Mayor and the City Council. That your Committee learn on reference to the City Council Records That a Committee of the Council recommended by Report dated 14th June 1841 That the vacated lots as also Lots in rear of land between Spring Garden lots and Morris Street should be let for a term not less than five years, and that by a Resolution of the Council dated 14 July 1841 The City Clerk was directed to advertise the vacated lots to be let at Auction and in accordance therewith the said vacated lots were let at Public Auction, as also one lot in rear thereof, now in occupation of Messrs W. J. Rogers the auctioneers terms being for the term of four and a half years or until the expiration of the then term of the Act of Incorporation This term your Committee consider has sometime since expired, but Messrs Rogers continue in possession and the rents are received by the City Authorities. That the Commissioners of the Poor's System at a

(Large)

lay expense enclosed a portion of the Common under (as your Committee believes) the sanction of the town authorities prior to 1841 a confirmation of which title was sought by the Commissioners of the Asylum in September 1841 but not granted that your Committee can find any record of that the Commissioners have continued to prosecute improvements thereon to a considerable extent by employing inmates of the Asylum and aiding in support of the Establishment. Your Committee therefore recommend that the Lot be continued in possession of the Commissioners of Poor for years at a rent of five shillings per annum stipulating that the enclosure be kept in cultivation and that an abstract of the receipts, produce and expenditure be furnished to the City Council each year along with the general accounts of the Asylum.

Your Committee further recommend that Messrs W. & J. Rogers be notified and required to give up possession of the lot at present in their occupation at the close of the year now in course (say 1st May 1849 as per Act 10 Geo 4 C 32) and that then the said lot be added to the space already in occupation of Commissioners of the Poor for years the possession of the entire range then reverting to the City when measures can be taken to have the space thrown open to public use as pasture or let in two acre lots for enclosure and cultivation, as appears to be contemplated by the Surveyor General's plan and by the laws as passed in 1818 & 1829, in order to improve the Common by enclosures and the planting of trees, and under this impression your Committee must dissent from the views taken by the Proprietors as to right of entrance in the rear of the Spring garden lots. That an old plan deposited in the Surveyor General's Office shows the Southward space open as Common, without any road or street running parallel with the range of lots but the plan before referred to, of later date, shows the full space between the Spring Garden lots and Morris Street laid out in two acre lots abutting on the whole South boundary of the Spring Gardens lots blocking up the two cross streets rendering them Courts or Avenues, the western space being marked on the plan as reserved for the use of the Town, and is not laid out as a road or thoroughfare.

All which is respectfully submitted

Halifax
26 June 1848

(Sd) Thomas Rolton, Chairman
Robt Richardson
Jno Raylor

When the following Resolution is introduced

(Resolved)

