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November 15 Your maritime interests, and to assure you of my high appreciation of your esteem

Shave the honor to be

Sir
Your obedient servant

His Worship
William Caldwell
Mayor of Halifax

Sir Dundonald
Vice Admiral
Commander in Chief

Read following report of the Committee of Public Accounts of 9th November and 13 November

Halifax Nov 2nd 1850

The following accounts were submitted and examined

- 1 James Scittle for Watering Streets £4.2.6
 - 2 English and Blackadder Rowder .15.
 - 3 Edward Eustace Watering Streets 32.5.
 - 4 Bruce McDonald Supplier for Buidance Sep 8.14.
 - 6 Office of Ordnance two up for Purlidge .5.
- £61.11.6

Report of
Com^{rs} of Public
Accounts
Nov 2nd 1850

The above account being found correct the Committee recommend their payment

The account presented by the Halifax Gas Light Company lighting 80 Lamps with Gas @ 45th from 1st Nov 1849 to 1st Nov 1850 amounting to £400.0.0 the Committee hesitate to pay until an explanation is obtained from the Gas Company why the lights have been so frequently allowed to be extinguished during the time charged for in the account

The Committee request the Chairman to receive a satisfactory explanation in writing on the subject from the Gas Company

Sir William Roche Chairman

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The Committee of Public Accounts met this day The following accounts were presented for examination

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Report of
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1	Peter Grant Gate at the Pound	\$ 3.10
2	Salisbury Water by Bridewell to May 1. 1850	2.0.0
3	do do Police Office	1.0.0
4	do do The City in Streets	386.6.0
5	Watchmen for Services as special Constables	7.8.9
6	Keeper of Cemetery, Salary - balance after deducting 269 interest 118 at 5% ea	3 13.0.0
		<u>\$ 413.11.9</u>

The above accounts are found correct and
the Committee recommend their payment
Sigs W. Roche
Chairman

The Council direct the payment of
following account by checks on City Treasurer

Read following report of Committee on
Subject of John Willis late Collector of Road Taxes

Report of
Com^{rs} on Subject
of Willis's Bonds

The Committee appointed to search
the City Records, in order to ascertain whether more than one
Bond was given by John Willis late Collector of Road Taxes
Report, that they have performed that duty and cannot
discover in the Records any entry of a Bond excepting the one
executed in 1848 upon his reelection to office in that year; nor
does it appear that any of the City Officers were called upon to
give Bonds at the organization of the City Government, except
the Treasurer and the Collector of License Duties. If any Bond
was in existence previously to the year 1848 in all probability it
was one given to the Commissioners of Streets before the Town
was incorporated

Salisbury N.Y.
Nov 15th 1850

Sigs John Matt
John Taylor
William Mundeck

When on Motion said report is received

Resolution to
return money pd
in for Drain
Birmingham St

On Motion it is directed that a check be
drawn in favour of the parties who paid in the amount
subscribed for making Drain in Birmingham Street, so
as to enable them to receive the overplus paid in by
them for building the same

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Read following Memorial of George Glazebrook and James Ham on subject of their pay being reduced

Memorial
Geo Glazebrook
James Ham
for additional
pay

To His Worship the Mayor and City Council
The Memorial of James Ham and George Glazebrook Police Constables Humbly sheweth, That your memorialists have been in the Service of the Police of Malpas for Twenty Four years, and that their pay was £80. a year each besides fees on Warrants which was continued at the first Incorporation of this City that subsequently they were deprived of their fees, and in October 1848 their pay was reduced to sixty pounds

That both of your Memorialists have large families and having no other means of support than their pay, the sudden and unlooked for reduction of their income has subjected themselves and their families to much distress and privation, their pay being inadequate for their maintenance

That from the long and faithful services of your Memorialists, they humbly conceive they are entitled to a favorable consideration from your Worshipful Body they humbly pray that they may be placed at their original allowance as was passed in 1841

And your Petitioners will ever pray
Malpas 14 Nov 1850

Geo George Glazebrook
James Ham

When the following resolution is introduced

Resolution
Granting Glazebrook
& Ham each
£80 per annum

Resolved that the prayer of Petitioners be complied with, and that they for the future be placed at the annual sum of Eighty pounds per annum each which on being put is passed unanimously

Read Memorial of Clarke and others relative to a Fire Plug and Hydrant in Ward 106

Gentlemen

Malpas 14 Oct 25th 1850

We the undersigned residents in Lockman Street and Dock Yard Lane beg to call your attention to the frequent very bad condition of the Pump situated at the corner of said Street and Lane, whereby a very large number of

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Petition of
E. Clarke and others
for Hydrant in
Lockman Street

of Families suffer great inconvenience from the want
of water, we therefore pray that the said pump may be
removed and a Hydrant placed in its stead, this we
think could be done at a very small expence as there
is a Plug and Hydrant at the top of the Lane and
another at the foot the former might be removed to
replace the Pump without the slightest inconvenience
to the inhabitants in its present vicinity, hoping this will meet
a favourable consideration, and the Grievance complained
of finally removed

To the Members
of the City Council

We have the Honor to remain
Respectfully Yours
Sign: E. Clarke
and 34 others

When the following resolution is introduced

Resolution for
an additional
Hydrant in
Ward No 6

Resolved that an additional Hydrant
and Fire Plug combined be placed at the South end of Lockman
Street in Ward No 6. and with permission to remove the other Fire
Plugs to such situations as may be for the more efficient safety
of the Inhabitants which on being put is passed

Read following memorial of John Spuy
Morris Esquire and others for a Fire Plug and Hydrant in
Spring Garden Road Ward No 1

We the owners and occupiers of Property
on the Spring Garden Road, Birmingham Street and Presden
Row, having heard with regret the destruction of a neighbouring
City by Fire

Petition of
John Spuy Morris
for Hydrant in
Spring Garden
Road

Most respectfully petition the Mayor and
City Council to take their case into their most
favorable consideration by granting them a Fire Plug and
Hydrant combined to be placed in Spring Garden Road near
the residence of John Spuy Morris Esquire as in the event of a
Fire in that part of the City they are totally unprotected

The water Company are now laying down
the Main Pipes in the said Street and the same could be
erected immediately

And your petitioners as in duty bound
will ever pray

Made at Birmingham November 14th 1830

Sign: John Spuy Morris
and 33 others
M. Hew

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Resolution for
Additional Hydrant
Spring Garden

When following resolution is introduced

Resolved that the Prayer of Petitioners be
Complied with, which on being put is passed

Mr Anderson
Granted Gravel
from Common

Mr Alderman Anderson having made
application for a few loads of Gravel from the Pit on the
Common. On Motion Permission is given

Mr True granted
Gravel from Common

Mr True having made application for a
few loads of Gravel from the Pit on the Common. On
Motion Permission is given

Alderman Watt
Granted Gravel
from Common

Mr Alderman Watt having made applica-
tion for a few loads of Gravel from the Pit on the Common
On Motion permission is given

W. C. Hooper Mayor

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Board of Health
Sworn

James A. Meren having taken the oath
of Office is this day sworn into Office as one of the Board
of Health for the City. in presence of His Worship the
Mayor

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At a Special Meeting of the City Council
held this day present His Worship the Mayor Aldermen
Davidson Mitchell, W. G. Anderson, Alex. McKeith
Noble, Watt, More, Monsey, Murdoch, Taylor, Egan,
Johns, Roche, Skimmings. J. H. Anderson and
Knight

The City Council were summoned to
receive the report of the Committee on the New Market House
a communication from Board of Fire Wards, and the
transaction of other business

Read over proceedings of 15 November 1850

Read following report of the Committee
of City Council relative to New Meat Market

Committee Room, City Council
November 16th 1850

The Committee of Council appointed to
examine and report upon the Plans, Elevations, Estimates of
Rent and Cost of a Building required for a City Market House
and to give an Opinion as to the General accuracy of the Course
recommended for adoption to the City Council by the Committee
of Public Property

Report of Com^{tee}
of Council rel
to New Meat
Market

Report That said Committee consisting of
Aldermen Alex. McKeith, Johns, Egan and Noble met, and
having been organized by the appointment of Alex. Alderman
Keith as Chairman, Alderman Noble as Secretary, and having
had the assistance of the Chairman and other members of the
Committee of City Property, the various Elevations, Plans and
Estimates laid before them and explained at full length,
as well as in detail, and having given the whole matter full
and mature deliberation, are of Opinion that the report submit-
ted by the Committee of Public Property ought to be received by
the City Council, and adopted inasmuch as it still leaves
open for the future action of the Council to determine, the Site,
its area, the cost of the Building, and the Material of which
it is to be constructed, and as it presents itself in all these
respects to the minds of this Committee which may be considered
in some respects as auxiliary to that of the Committee of Public
Property, they are desirous of adding that with regard to the
first and second of these items of the Report viz. the Site,
and extent of the Building they find themselves constrained
to

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to agree with the report rather than suspend the proceedings
 urgent as a matter of necessity, which after all might
 end in the Council being compelled by circumstances
 to confine the Building to the Ground now occupied by
 the present Market House, as it is a matter of very
 great uncertainty whether the Legislature would grant
 the required permission to occupy the Street on the South
 end, and even if that right was obtained it would
 then be equally doubtful whether in consequence of
 shutting up a Portion of the Custom House Windows, the
 Government would concede the right to the City - to Open
 Windows on the South end of the Market House building
 therefore it appears the most advisable course to leave the
 opening on the South as it now is, and by extending a few
 feet on the Street to the North thus complete the site of the
 building and at once fix its site. The cost of the building
 will of course be governed in a great measure by the kind of
 material of which it is to be constructed, but as the Estimate
 of the Rents to be derived from it seem fair, reasonable and
 such as this Committee think will be realized, thereby
 affording a just and fair inference that it will pay the
 interest on the sum invested in its Erection, this Committee
 would suggest that the Committee of Public Property should
 be instructed to exclude Brick from forming any part
 of the external portion of the Building it being understood by
 this Committee that the difference between the cost of Brick
 and Granite is not so great, as to induce the adoption of the
 former in a Climate so variable as this is, and of course so
 injurious to Brick as to its durability. As cellars for
 fuel and sufficient accommodation in the shape of Water
 Closets are indispensably necessary in Buildings of this
 description this Committee would recommend that special
 notice be taken of what appears rather a deficiency in this
 respect. Lastly this Committee cannot close this report
 expressing their approval of the very able Report submitted by the
 Committee of the Public Property which exhibits on their part a
 strong degree of anxiety to meet a want so long and so generally
 felt in this City, while at the same time it manifests their desire
 to watch over the best interests of the Citizens in this very important
 matter and of arriving at the most correct and approved conclusion
 respecting it, which it is hoped will entitle them to the thanks of the
 Council, as well as meet the approbation of their fellow Citizens

Respectfully Submitted

By A. Keith Chairman
Geo Egan

Wm. Johns
Robt. Nolle

John

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When on Motion said report is received

Read following communication from Board of Fire Wards relative to want of additional Hose, and other matters

Communication
from Board of
Fire Wards
rel to additional
Hose

At a Meeting of Fire Wards held at the Engine House on Tuesday Evening 12 November 1850

Resolved unanimously that application be made to His Worship the Mayor and City Council to provide an additional thousand feet of Hose for the service of the City.

Also to recommend to the Council the granting of some further privileges to the Engine and vice versa to induce young men to enrol themselves in that Service

Also to provide for the clearing of snow from the Fire plugs and Hydrants

Also to request the Council will provide a Fire bell for the south end of the City

By order of the Board

By D. B. Putnam Secy

When on Motion the same is received when the following resolution is introduced

Resolutions appointed
Committee relative
to above Cons

Resolved that that a committee of three be appointed to communicate with the Fire Wards department on the subject of their communication this day submitted and that Aldermen Hurdock, Riche, and Noble be that Committee which on being put is passed

Letter from H. Huming
rel to Engine House

Read Letter from Henry Huming Esquire relative to removal of Engine House at Masonic Hall which on Motion is received and referred to His Worship the Mayor to answer

Report
of Com^{rs} of Street
rel to Gas Lane

Read following Report of the Commissioners of Street relative to encroachments on the Gas Work Lane

The Commissioners of Street Report that in compliance with resolution passed by the City Council on the 16th Instant they examined the lane leading from Pleasant Street to the Gas Works and find that encroachments have been made thereon and they recommend the City Council to order a survey of the same

Attest

20 Nov 1850

By John Watt

Chairman

which

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which on being put is received and adopted

On Motion the Council form themselves into a Committee of the whole proceed with the Business of the day, and take up the subject of the New Market House

On Motion Sen McTeeth is appointed Chairman

The following resolution is now introduced

Resolved that the Designs now submitted to the City Council by the Committee of City Property, and the Special Committee appointed by the Council be adopted and approved of, and that the Building be One Hundred and six feet North and South and Sixty eight feet East and West. That the Committee of City Property be authorized to cause the Party whose Design has been accepted to draw out Plans and Specifications for erecting the same in Granite and so soon as received by them advertisements be issued for taking contracts for the Building and completing the same, and submit the same to the Council to which following amendment is introduced

Resolved that the Designs now submitted to the City Council by the Committee of City Property, and the Special Committee be adopted and approved of, and that the building be One Hundred and six feet North and South and Sixty eight feet East and West. That the Committee of City Property be authorized to cause the Party whose Design has been adopted to draw out the Plans and Specifications for erecting the same, one in Granite and one in Granite for the Basement Story and one in Granite and Free Stone and the Estimate be taken for erecting the said Building either in Granite or in Granite for the Basement Story and the remainder in Free Stone, as so soon as received by them advertisements be issued for taking contracts for Building and completing the same, and submit the same to the Council which amendment being put is carried & voting it and y against it the original is therefore lost

Resolved that the Committee of City Property in advertising for tenders be authorized to take separate tenders for the Masons and Plasters Work, the Carpenters Work and the Painting and Glazing Work, and also Tenders for the whole Work

Resolution
rel to Tenders
for New Market
Lost

Resolution
Amendment of
above
Carried

Resolution
rel to advertising
for Tenders for
Market
Lost

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Amendment
on foregoing Res^t
Carried

Resolved that the Committee of City Property in advertising for Tenders be authorised to advertise for the whole work in one Tender which amendment being put is carried 12 voting for it and 3 against it the original is therefore lost

Foregoing Amend^t
Pap. the Council

On Motion the Committee rise. The Worshipful the Mayor resumes the Chair and the foregoing amendments as having passed having been put from the Chair and the Question being taken the same are passed

W. Caldwell Mayor

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The following Bye Law or Ordinance relative to the Breach of the License Laws having received the assent of the Lieutenant Governor and Council the same is entered

An Ordinance concerning prosecutions for a breach of the License Laws passed November 19th 1850

Ordinance
Concerning breach
of the License
Laws

Be it ordained by the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Halifax in City Council assembled as follows

1st In all suits or prosecutions for breach of the Act of the Province passed in the second year of the reign of his late Majesty King William the fourth entitled an Act concerning persons licensed to keep Public Houses or Shops and the duties thereon, or under any other Act of the Province relating to Licensed Houses, or the License duties or Licenses the Summons to be issued against the person complained of shall be in the form following, that is to say

Halifax J.

Mayors Court
To the Marshalls or His Deputy

Yours

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You are Commanded to summon
 of the City of Halifax to be and appear before
 the Mayors Court at the City Court House in Halifax
 aforesaid on the Tuesday of at Eleven
 O'clock in the forenoon to answer to the Suit of
 Clerk of License for the City of Halifax (or if the
 prosecution is brought by a private person giving his name
 and residence) for a breach of the Act passed in the
 second year of the reign of his late Majesty King William
 the Fourth entitled an "Act Concerning persons licensed"
 "to keep public houses or shops and the duties thereon"
 it having (here briefly state the nature of the offence
 as the case may be) Contrary to the provisions of the
 said Act

Whereof fail not, and make due return
 Witness My hand at Halifax this
 day of in the Year of Her Majesty's
 Reign 1848
 Issued

City Clerk

2nd In case the party summoned shall
 be convicted of the offence complained of such conviction
 shall be reduced to writing in the following form
 and annexed to or endorsed upon the original summons

The within named having been
 duly summoned was this convicted in the Mayors Court of
 Halifax of the offence within mentioned (upon his own
 Confession, or upon default, or upon the oath of 12. a
 credible witness as the case may be, stating the manner of the
 party's conviction and the names of the witnesses who may
 be examined for the Prosecution) and therefore the fine
 of pounds was imposed on said Defendant
 Halifax day of 18 33
 Mayor
 Alderman

Which when signed by the Mayor or
 one of the Alderman who shall have tried the Cause shall
 be the legal record of such conviction.

3rd In case the party so convicted
 shall not forthwith pay the fine and cost of prosecution
 the amount thereof shall be levied by warrants under
 the

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The hands and seals of the Mayor and Aldermen or
Two Aldermen who shall have tried the cause equally
to the provisions of the fifteenth section of the Said Statute
of King William the fourth respecting Licenses

In Council 22nd November 1850

Read and Approved

By W^m A Keating
Deputy C.C.

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Council

adjourned in
consequence of the
Fire

A Special Meeting of the City Council held
this day Present His Worship the Mayor Aldermen
Laidlaw Smithers and Watt.

In consequence of the fire that took place
last night on Motion the Council adjourn until
tomorrow at Two o'clock

W. Colquhoun Mayor

December 12

Samuel Carten
sworn into Office
as Weigher of Flour

Samuel Carten having executed his Bond
to the City as Weigher of Flour and Meal and having
taken the oath of Office as required by Law is this day
sworn into Office as Weigher of Flour and Meal for the
City in the presence of

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An adjourned meeting of the City Council held this day present The Worship the Mayor Aldermen Laidlaw, Mitchell, W. Anderson, A. McKeeth, Snithers, Noble, Watt, Morrison, More, Muddoch, Taylor, John Roche, Stimming, W. Anderson, and Wright.

The City Council were summoned to appoint an additional Weigher of Flour for the City to take into consideration the tender for building a Drain in Morris Street the payment of various accounts and the transaction of other business.

Read over proceedings of 22 November and of the adjourned meeting of Council till today.

Memorial of Maurice White and Patrick Caulfield received

Memorial of Maurice White on Motion is received

Memorial of Patrick Caulfield and others on Motion is received

Report of Committee to confer with Fire Wards on Motion is received

Report of Committee rel to Fire Wards & Gas Company rec:

Report of Committee relative to the account of Gas Company on Motion is received

The City Council proceed to elect an additional Weigher of Flour

Wm Grant app^t Weigher of Flour & meal

Read over the various applications when the names being taken there appeared for Mr Grant 10. for Frederick Sturmy 4. for Henry Wright 2. Mr Grant having received a clear majority of votes is duly elected a Weigher of Flour for the City.

The following resolution is then introduced

Whereas the report of the Committee of Public Accounts, ~~be now read and if adopted copied~~ was received at the last meeting of Council and from prep of business was allowed to remain on the table for discussion at the next meeting thereof

Resolutions rel to Report of Committee of Pub Account

Resolved that the report of Committee on Public Account be now read and if adopted copied into their record book which on being put to paper

Read

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Read report of Committee of Public Account as entered on 15th November. When following resolution is introduced

Resolved that the said report be adopted and acted upon. which on being put is passed

The following resolution is next introduced

Resolution Com^{rs} of Streets &c to be presented to the Com^{tee} of Pub Acc on 1st Nov

Resolved that an annual account of the Expenditure by the Commissioners of Streets and their accounts be presented on or before the 1st day of November to the Committee of Public accounts. which on being put is passed

The following resolution is next introduced

Resolution Authorising the Mayor to Draw Checks for Services performed

Resolved that in future His Worship the Mayor be authorised to draw checks for payment of any accounts for services performed not exceeding Five Pounds upon certificate of the Standing Committee without the necessity of submitting them to the Council, which on being put is passed

Read following letter from Mr. Geo W. Gesner

Halifax Dec 5th 1850

James S. Clarke Esquire

Sir

Letter from Geo W. Gesner

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 3rd instant on behalf of the Commissioners of Streets in which you state that the City Council had come to the determination that they City Council had could not comply with my request to open any Street in the City for the purpose of laying down Gas Pipes. As my object was and is to introduce a cheaper and admittedly superior Gas light to that hitherto in use, and would unquestionably be for the public advantage. I beg through you respectfully to ask of the Commissioners of Streets and City Council the reasons that have prevailed with them in my case to induce ~~them~~ such adverse decision

Office of City Clerk Halifax

I have the honor to be

Sir
Your Obedt Servt
George W. Gesner

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The City Council proceed to elect an additional Weigher of Flour (Nil)

Read following report of His Honor the Recorder relative to Mr Longard's Petition (as entered folio 405)
Halifax 15 November 1850

Sir
Agreeably to the resolution of the City Council which you have notified me of, respecting Mr Longard's Petition I beg leave to transmit through you the following Opinion to be submitted to that honorable body, and remain

James S Clarke
City Clerk

Yours sincerely,
Sig^d Beames Murdock
Recorder

Opinion

I have looked into the Acts of the Province respecting Nuisances with reference to Mr Longard's complaint of the manufacture of Gas near his premises, and I have not been able to find any authority whereby the Health Inspector, the Board of Health or the Corporation (as magistrates) could legally interfere, As I understood that this manufacture was viewed as dangerous, and might be the means of setting fire to the buildings adjacent, I also referred carefully to the laws regarding Fire Wards; but on full consideration I do not see that those laws would justify. All the acts, both as to health and fires, were passed long before the introduction of Gas Light here, and no provision has been made to meet a case like the present.

While I regret that you are without power to give a summary remedy for a mischief like that complained of, there is nevertheless, ample scope in the Common Law to meet the case; as a nuisance, such as this is stated to be, may be indicted by the Grand Jury, or any person aggrieved by it, may bring an action of Damages

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Sig^d Beames Murdock
Recorder

Mr Samuel Carter's Bond as Executed having been submitted as signed is approved of

Opinion of Recorder rel to Mr Longard's Memorial

Know

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Saml Cartens
Bond
Weigher of Flour
Meal

Know all men by these presents that We Samuel Carten of the City of Halifax and Province of Nova Scotia Scotia Trader as principal John Stewart of the same place Merchant and Patrick Mahony of the same place Carpenter are held and firmly bound to the City of Halifax in the sum of Eight Hundred pounds of Lawfull money of Nova Scotia that is to say the said Samuel Carten as Principal in the sum of Four Hundred pounds, and the said John Stewart and Patrick Mahony as Sureties for the said Samuel Carten as Principal in the sum of Four Hundred pounds and the said John Stewart and Patrick Mahony as Sureties for the said Samuel Carten in the sum of Two Hundred pounds each to be paid to the said City of Halifax for which payment to be well and truly made, We bind ourselves, and each of us our Heirs, Executors and administrators and the Heirs, Executors and administrators of each of us jointly and severally firmly by these presents, sealed with our seals and dated this twelfth day of December in the year of our Lord One thousand Eight hundred and fifty

Whereas at a Meeting of the City Council held at Halifax on the fifteenth day of October last past the said Samuel Carten was duly elected and appointed to the Office of Weigher of Flour and Meal for the City of Halifax, and Whereas by an act passed in the 13 Year of Her Majesty Queen Victoria Chapter 7 it is enacted that all Weighers of Flour and Meal appointed by the City Council shall before entering upon the duties of their Office give Security by Bond to the City of Halifax in such penal sum and with two sufficient securities as may be approved of by the City Council conditioned for the faithfull performance of their duties,

Now the condition of this obligation is such that if the said Samuel Carten shall well and faithfully perform execute and discharge all the duties appertaining to the said Office of Weigher of Flour and Meal agreeably to law and such Ordinance or Bye Laws of the said City Council as may be legally made relating thereto, as such Weigher of Flour and Meal then this obligation to be null and void otherwise to be and remain in full force virtue and effect

Signed sealed and delivered in presence of
John L. Cragg

Sig. Saml Carten
John Stewart
Patrick Mahony

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Resolution
rel to Sufferers
by late fire

His Worship the Mayor brings to the notice of the Council the subject of distrop that may arise from the late Fire when the following resolution is introduced

Resolved that a Committee of the City Council be appointed to investigate into the state of the distrop that may have arisen by the late fire and a Public Subscription list be immediately into for their relief, and that the Committee be the Aldermen of the Ward and Aldermen Morrissey and Mimmings - and that His Worship the Mayor be the Treasurer and that an order signed by any two of the Committee be sufficient authority for his paying the same, which on being put is passed

The Committee of Public Accounts having prepared the following accounts and recommended the same for payment on Motion His Worship the Mayor is requested to draw Checks on the City Treasurer for the same

Halifax Dec 9th 1850

The Committee of Public Accounts met this day present Aldermen Noble, Egan, Mitchell, Morrissey and Roche the Chairman

The Account of Special Constable have been presented but not prepared for want of vouchers

City Property

1 Robert Malcolm	not touched	£12.19.0	
2 Peter Grant	City Property		£3.16.0
3 Thomas Rogers	" "		9.1.8
4 John Hall	" "		15.13.8
5 Robert Richardson	" "		3.11.0
6 Robert Davis	" "		12.2.10 1/2
7 Morris Dourney	" "		0.13.7 1/2
8 William Bayfield	" "		16.7.0
			£61.5.11

Fire Department

1 Robert Woodell	35.13.9 1/2
2 Thomas Holloway	31.3.6
3 Robert Mottos	14.9.0
4 John Irwin	0.10.0
5 John Longard	0.12.10 1/2
6 Wm Ormand	2.15.0
7 A Grant	1.16.6

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Not forward

£ 61. 5. 4

December 12	8 J Stephens & Son	0. 3. 6	
	9 E Longard	2. 12. 6	
	10 F Bacon	0. 17. 6	
	11 Matthew Somers	3. 3. 6	
	12 David Calder	2. 9. 0	
	13 James Williamson	0. 9. 0	
	14 Cornelius Phalen	2. 2. 3	
	15 Blanchard & James	1. 8. 11	
	16 James Reid	0. 15. 0	
	17 Sullivan & Bell	0. 15. 0	
	18 John McKay	1. 2. 4	
	19 Robert Richardson	14. 14. 11 1/2	
	20 Alexander Smith	3. 15. 0	
	21 Richard Nugent	1. 14. 0	
	22 Stephen Smith	0. 5. 9	
	23 Waldwell & Son	2. 12. 3	
	24 Thomas H Peters	0. 19. 0	
	25 Matthew Young	0. 10. 0	
	26 English & Blackadar	1. 13. 9	
	27 W Merrick & Son	0. 1. 3	
	28 Smithers & Taylor	0. 15. 0	
	29 John Mitchell	1. 3. 0	£ 131. 2. 6 1/2

30	W McKay Surveyor City Special order 10f	0. 10. 0	
31	Bridewell Account October	12. 16. 6 1/2	
32	J Currie as Superintendent of Comman		
	Approved by the Committee of Comman	146. 11. 6	

£ 352. 5. 11

Bridewell	12. 16. 6 1/2
Common	146. 11. 6
Wm McKay	0. 10. 0
Fre Ward	131. 2. 6 1/2
Public Deputy	61. 5. 4
	£ 352. 5. 11

These accounts amounting to three hundred and fifty two pounds five shillings and eleven pence we find touched approved and correct and recommend their payment

Sig M. Roche Chairman

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The subject of excavating the Drain in Morris Street is next taken up The Tender is read, when following resolution is introduced

Resolution
rel to Drain in
Morris Street

Resolved that the subject of Excavating the Drain in Morris Street be deferred until the next Spring for want of funds, which on being put is passed

Petition
Maurice White

Read Petition of Maurice White which on motion stands over for next meeting

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Petition
P. Caulfield & others
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Read Petition of Patrick Caulfield and others, which on motion stands over for next meeting

Read following report of the Committee of Conference with Fire Ward Department

Halifax December 2nd 1850

Agreeably to Resolution of Council. A Committee consisting of Aldermen Murdoch, Noble and Robb met in conference with Sinclair, E. A. S. Brighten, R. Romans, R. Richardson and T. Mollway Esquires from the Firewardens Department

Report and
Minutes
of Committee of
Conference
with Fire Wardens

1st These Gentlemen state that the quantity of hose available in possession of this department is Two Thousand feet. Their opinion is that the City requires at least one Thousand feet additional to be paid for from the City Funds and which will probably cost with the equipments Two Hundred and fifty pounds. They have money furnished by donations from different Fire Insurance Companies to E. A. S. Brighten Esq. which will purchase four hundred feet of hose, thus Three Thousand four hundred feet will be available and efficient for the use of the City. Less than this quantity they are of opinion would not suffice in the event of fires breaking out simultaneously in the Southern and Northern divisions of the City

2nd The Fire wardens state they consider their Engine Companies at present quite inefficient, the number of effective men not exceeding sixty five, whereas there ought to be Eighty

3rd The Captain of the Fire Company reports that Corps in now a less efficient state than the Engine Company and that it is with the greatest difficulty he can keep up the organization, The number authorized for this branch is thirty. The number enrolled is but Twelve

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4th They strongly urge the Committee to represent the necessity of granting some remuneration for their services to the Council - which will be an inducement to spirited and athletic men, to come forward and complete the number required for the filling up of each Company

5th G. A. S. Brighten Esq called the attention of the Committee to the necessity for a Fire Bell and the Erection of a belfry near to St Georges Church (objections having been made to entering the Church so frequently for this purpose) M^r C. is of opinion that Twenty pounds will be collected in Ward 5 to assist in obtaining an object so much required

6th The Chairman of Fire Wardens represent the present system for regulating the sweeping of Chimneys as one that doth not effect the desired object and recommend that Licenses be issued to persons applying from the Police Office. The present scale of rates to be continued

7th M^r Brighten complains that the Hydrant opposite Hamiltons Wharf is used frequently by a person or persons for filling water casks, which are placed under the spout, and that those who come with buckets for water are prevented from using the Public Hydrant until his cask is filled

8th The Chairman of Fire Wardens states that a Pump was removed from the Court House, under promise that the Water Plug north east corner of the Province building would be removed to the north end of the Engine House on the Parade and that a combined Fire Plug and Hydrant would be placed near the meat market, but which has not yet been done

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Sy W. Riche

William Muddick

Rob Noble

To the application made by the Fire Department first Section of Minutes. Your Committee recommend that the sum required to purchase One thousand feet of Hose be granted, and that an order be sent so soon as practicable by the Chairman of the Fire Wardens to procure the same

Sections 2, 3 and 4 We submit to the consideration of the Council as subjects of importance involving questions which had perhaps better come to their notice first, without an opinion from the Committee

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