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Resignation of that Office would not be accepted by the Council owing to the Law not permitting it & whereas his attendance on foot to the duties of Commissioner will in all probability increase his indisposition

Resolution  
rel. to Mr Knight  
Com of Streets

Resolved that Alderman Knight be authorized to hire a horse to enable him to attend to his duties with greater ease to himself, and that the Council will provide for the expense, which on being put is lost

Read following Letter from His Worship the Mayor to Secretary of Water Company

Mayors Office  
1 July 1852

Sir

I have been instructed by the City Council to hand you the enclosed account being the amount of rent for three years and nine months \$55.57 for a lot of land on the Common granted to the Water Company beginning the 1st day of October 1848 and as the improvements of the Common is now going on it is likewise expected that the Water Company will carry out such improvements as are contemplated by the Act

Letter  
Mayor to Secty  
Water Co

J. L. Shannon

Secy Water Company

For Letter to Boarders Report Libid folio 264

Yours Truly

Your Obedt Servant

Andrew MacMillan  
Mayor

Read following answer from President of Water Company

Malpas 20 July 1852

Sir

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 1 instant enclosing an account against the Malpas Water Company for rent of land on the Common for three years and nine months amounting to \$55.57 which has been duly laid before the Board of Directors. In answer to your communication. I beg to state by the authority of the Board that the Malpas Water Company have never taken possession of the lot on the Common referred to and that it has not

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President of  
Water Co. to His  
Worship the  
Mayor

to the



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to the present time been of the highest use to the Company. The Stockholders at their annual meeting in 1849 prohibited the Board from proceeding in the construction of the Reservoir until there had been a further vote of the Company upon it, and up to the present period no such authority has been given. The land has therefore remained unenclosed. In the year 1851 the site of the Reservoir was altered by Act of the Legislature but no step has been taken in its occupation. The Board do not therefore consider the Company liable for the rent demanded which in their view and by the wording of the law cannot arise until an actual holding of the lot has taken place, and they trust that as it has not yet been of any advantage to the Company the City Authorities will not press the claim in question. I may add that the Directors of themselves have no power to carry out the improvements referred to in the latter clause of your letter without the express authority of the Stockholders, which has not yet been given.

Letter annexed to Recorder Report  
Lib. D folio 2614

Wm. W. W. W.  
The Mayor

I remain Sir  
Your most obt. servant  
J. James B. W. W.  
Pres. of Water Company

When on Motion the same is referred to His Honor the Recorder to report upon

On Motion the Council rise

Andrew M. W. W.  
Mayor



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At a Special Meeting of City Council held  
this day Present His Worship the Mayor Aldermen Mitchell  
, Power, Noble, Scott, Morrissey, Gibson  
, Egan, O'Neil, Roche, Shimmings,  
Wright and King

The City Council were summoned to take  
into consideration several petitions standing over from  
last meeting. Communication from Board of Fire  
Wards relative to insufficiency of Fire Hose and Painting  
of Engine House and the transaction of other business.

Memorial rel:  
to Barrack St

Alderman Egan submits Memorial  
of M. C. Moin and others relative to State of Barrack Street  
when on Motion the same is received

Memorial for  
Hydrant and  
Gas Post in  
Maitland St

Alderman Roche submits Memorial  
of B. C. Brehm and others relative to Fire Plug being made  
into a combined Hydrant and Fire Plug, or for a Hydrant  
and also for a Gas Post in Maitland Street which on  
Motion is received

Memorial of  
John Kennedy  
under Keeper of  
Bridewell

Alderman Wright submits Memorial  
of John Kennedy under Keeper of Bridewell relative to  
his pay and duties which on Motion is received

Memorial rel:  
Road in Ward 6

Alderman Wright submits Memorial  
of Thomas Bayers and others relative to a certain road  
in Ward No. 6. which on Motion is received

Mem: S. Cunaw  
rel to their Taxes

Alderman Shimmings submits  
Memorial of Samuel Cunard & Co relative to their ~~Chapman~~  
which on Motion is received

Mem: Jas. Neville  
rel to Pump in  
Albion Street

Alderman O'Neil submits Memorial  
of James Neville relative to removal of a Pump Corner of  
Duke and Albion Streets

On Motion the Memorial of M. C. Moin  
and others this day submitted to the Council is read

J.



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To the Worshipful the Mayor and Aldermen  
of the City of Halifax in Council Convened

The Petition of the undersigned Citizens  
of Halifax resident on Barrack Street.

Sheweth that this Street is  
and has been considering the amount of Statute Labour  
committed and paid for, or performed in person by  
Petitioners in a most disgraceful state and such as  
ought not to be found in the condition of a thoroughfare  
of a metropolis

Memorial  
rel. to Barrack  
Street

That several of your Petitioners have from  
time to time, for years remonstrated upon this subject with  
Aldermen representatives Wards 3 and 4 and with Comrs.  
of Streets

That they have on such occasions been  
informed that the City Authorities could do nothing without  
the cooperation of the Royal Engineer Department

That consequently Petitioners placed  
between these two independent bodies have been made to  
suffer great and continued inconvenience and wrong

Petitioners therefore pray that your  
Worshipful Body will institute enquiry into the Subject  
matter of their most respectful petition, and take  
such steps as may afford them speedy relief in the  
premises

Petitioners would further represent to  
Your Worshipful Body that after application to respective  
Boards they have learned that neither the Convenience  
of Gas or of Water from the Works of the Companies, can  
be had by them until the necessary repairs and  
alterations as above prayed, be completed

By M. C. Wainwright & Others

When the following resolution is introduced

Resolved that the foregoing Memorial be  
referred to the Commissioners of Streets that they be requested  
to ascertain what extent of Excavation will be necessary,  
the probable amount required for the same, what amount  
of subscriptions can be obtained to carry so desirable an  
object as putting said Street in a proper and efficient state  
of repair, and as the Council have been informed that

it is

Resolution  
rel. to repairs  
to Barrack St



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it is the intention of the present Commanding Officer of Royal Engineers to lay off a side walk of twelve feet on the Western Side of said Street, that the Commissioners of Streets be also requested to put themselves in communication with Colonel Savage ascertain his intentions and report their proceedings to the Council at its first Meeting - which on being put is passed

On Motion the Memorial of Thomas Bayers and others this day submitted to the Council is read

To His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council

The Petition of the undersigned inhabitants residing on the peninsula in Ward No 6

Memorial of Tho<sup>s</sup> Bayers & others rel: to Road in Ward No 6

Respectfully sheweth, that last year part of the ancient road crossing the Peninsula from the shore of the narrows passing the Globe lands and North farm and thence across the Newpt road to the Old Blue Bell road so called, was thrown open for the use of the public, that Your Petitioners are desirous that this road should be opened throughout according to the plan of the City, in order that the public right may not be infringed upon by persons fencing up the road and taking possession of the soil and your petitioners think much benefit and convenience to the inhabitants would result from this road being opened and made passable for carts, if some part of the funds of the Ward could be appropriated to the object

Your petitioners therefore pray that the City Authorities will take such steps to open said road and preserve the public rights as they may deem proper and they will ever pray

Witness my hand this 22<sup>d</sup> July 1852

By Thomas Bayers and 16 others

Resolution Road in Ward No 6

Resolved that the Commissioner of Streets for Ward No 6 be requested to carry out the prayer of Petitioners have said road put in such state of repair as he may deem necessary and if any encroachments have been made on said road that he cause the same to be forthwith prosecuted and that this Council will indemnify and hold him harmless said Commissioner from any action that may be brought against him in carrying out the directions of the Council, passed

Alderman



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Alderman Knight submits Memorial of Inhabitants of Ward No 6 for Special Grant of Money towards their Roads which on motion is received

Read Memorial of C D Hunter and others for a Drain in Albro Street submitted on 23 July last, also receipt of City Treasurer for payment of sixteen pounds paid him towards said drain

To His Worship the Mayor and the City of  
Belfast

The Petition of the undersigned Respectfully sheweth that your Petitioners being resident and owners of Property in Albro Street and Gittingew Street in said City beg respectfully to call the attention of your Worshipful Body to the very bad state and condition of Albro Street that owing to there being no drain on either side of said Street, in Albro the Water overflows and remains stagnant in the gutters to a considerable depth on both sides thereof and after a heavy fall of rain it frequently overflows the Properties on the East or lower side of said Street thereby causing damage

Your Petitioners would therefore respectfully suggest to your Worshipful Body that as the only and effectual means to carry off the Water and remedy the evil a drain be immediately sunk commencing at the mouth of the Steep Woodies drain by the Bridge thence running southward by along the upper side of said Street to a drain leading from Mr P Borden's house thence by said drain across the Street passing by Mr C D Hunter's to the main drain running down the hill, as deemed the most practicable and least expensive route for it.

For the accomplishment of this object your Petitioners have already contributed and raised the means necessary and sufficient to defray one half the amount of the estimated expense of making and completing said drain which will be handed by the Commissioners for that purpose whenever required. And your petitioners as in duty bound will ever pray

Belfast

June 1852

C D Hunter and 4 others

William

Memorial  
C D Hunter and others  
rel: to Drain in  
Albro Street



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Toward the accomplishment of the foregoing object we hereby engage to contribute and pay the respective amounts set opposite our names.

Nulifax 14 June 1852	
William Woodcock	5.0.0
C.D. Hunter	5.0.0
John Tobin	1.0.0
John Maxwell	3.0.0
Howard Steele	1.0.0
J. Gordon	1.0.0
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	£ 16.0.0

Subscription  
for foregoing  
drain

Nulifax 2 August 1852 Received from C.D. Hunter Equine the sum of fifteen pounds being amount subscribed towards making a Drain in Albion Street Ward No 5

By Law Martine  
City Treasurer

£ 15.0.0  
1.0.0  
16.0.0

May 1852 Received a further sum of one pound on account of a Drain in Ward No 5

By L. Martine

When following resolution is introduced

Resolved that the Commissioner of Street for Ward No 5 have the Prayer of Petitioners complied with provided the amount required does not exceed the sum set forth in said Petition, which on being put is passed

Res rel. to  
above Drain

Read Memorial of J.A. Reynolds and others for a Hydrant in Ward No 5 as submitted 23 July last.

To His Worship the Mayor and City Council

The subscribers beg leave on behalf of numerous poor persons daily requiring water at the lower end of Water St. that you would give them a Hydrant as the one now opposite Mr. Dyers is very inconvenient to those living in this part of the neighbourhood, and would here particularly state that if you would order one to be placed in the vicinity of Morris Wharf would be a general benefit

Memorial of  
J.A. Reynolds & others  
for Hydrant in  
Ward No 5

Respectfully Yours

Nulifax July 1. 1852

By J.A. Reynolds and 9 others  
where



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When on Motion the Prayer of Petition  
cannot be complied with

On Motion the Memorial of Industrial  
Exhibition stands over until the Quarterly Meeting

Read following Extract from Minutes of  
Board of Fire Wards of 14 July, also letter from Secretary relative  
to insufficiency of Fire Hose and Painting Engine House

Extract from  
Board of  
Fire Wards  
insuff. of Hose  
& Painting Engine  
House

Extract from Minutes of Board of Fire Wards  
at a Meeting held at the Engine House on Wednesday Evening  
14 July 1852

The Committee in Charge of Engine Houses and  
other property having reported to this Board the insufficient state  
of twenty lengths four inch Hose

also recommended the Painting of the  
Engine House.

The Report having been read it was  
Resolved that the Board Fire Wards respectfully request  
the City Council to provide the required Hose for the service  
of the Fire Department.

The Board also fully concur in the  
recommendation to paint the Engine House

By order of the Chairman

J. B. Pugh

Secy to the Board

Halifax 26 June 1852

To His Worship the Mayor and City Council  
Gentlemen

Communion  
Chairm Board  
Fire Wards  
Same Subject

The Committee in Charge  
of the property belonging to the Fire Department beg leave to  
report to His Worship the Mayor and City Council that  
upon a careful examination of the apparatus they find  
it necessary to have twenty lengths of new four inch  
Hose say 800 feet imported by the first opportunity to  
meet any emergency that may occur during the coming  
Winter.

They find 8 lengths of the Hose belonging  
to the Engine 4 lengths of 3 and 8 lengths of 1 1/4 almost  
useless for hard work and not to be depended upon,  
the former having been in constant use for 25 years.

The probable expense of the above judging from former  
import



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August 16 importations will be about Two hundred and twenty five pounds Currency

Your obedient Servant  
G. H. Freighton Chairman  
Board of the Ward  
Robert Richardson Captain  
See Company  
Thomas McIlwain Captain  
Engine Company

The following Resolution is introduced

Resolution  
rel: to above  
Communeatin  
L. L. C.

Resolved that the Chairman of Board of the Ward be requested to have the necessary quantity of the above immediately imported agreeably to their report, which on being put is passed

Read Letter from Supervisor of Salt and Grain

Albany June 7<sup>th</sup> 1852

Letter from  
John Kelly  
Sup of Grain

Mr John Kelly Supervisor of Weighers and Measurers of Salt and Grain, takes this opportunity of informing His Worship the Mayor and the City Council that he considers the Department to which he was elected by the City Council, not in an efficient state - that complaints are made from the majority of the incompetency of John McMay who from age and infirmity cannot be depended on, to perform his duty while at the same time he receives the same compensation as any other member of the Department your Officer submits this statement to your Honourable Council in order to prevent blame attaching to him for not remedying a known defect and is desirous of receiving your instructions on this Subject

By John Kelly Supervisor

The following resolution is introduced

Resolution  
rel: to John McMay  
Sup of Grain

It having been brought to the notice of the Council not only from report of Supervisor of Measurers of Salt and Grain but also from other circumstances brought to the knowledge of the Council that from the advanced state of



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of life and other circumstances of John McKay, that he is totally unfit to discharge the duties of Office absolutely required for a Public Officer, that said John McKay be forthwith removed from the duties of said Office, which on being put is passed

Return of  
Soo's Asylum

Submitted return of inmates of Soo's Asylum on Motion is received

Com: Sec: Fin  
Wards Srest: of  
Water Co. and  
Answer

Read Letter from Secretary of Board of  
Two Wards of 27<sup>th</sup> July Official Letter of 28<sup>th</sup> July, and the  
President of Water Company, answer thereto of 31<sup>st</sup> July 1832  
(see sept file)

The following resolution is next introduced

Resolution  
Rel: to Road  
Leading to  
Catholic Cemetery

Whereas it has been brought to the notice of the  
notice of the Council that a portion of the road leading to the  
Roman Catholic Cemetery at Fort Massey is in a very  
unsafe state from want of proper flagging, Resolved  
that the Commissioners of Streets for Ward No one have  
the same put in an immediate state of repair out of the  
fund of the Ward

On Motion the Council Pass

Andrew McVicker  
Mayor



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September 3

At a Special Meeting of the City Council  
held this day present His Worship the Mayor Aldermen  
Mitchell, W. G. Anderson, Power, Noble, Scott,  
Essex, O'neil, Roche,  
Nugent, J. H. Anderson, Knight and King

The City Council were summoned to  
appoint Presiding Officers and Inspectors of Elections for  
ensuing year, to take into consideration various matters  
standing over from last meeting, a letter from Hon.  
Provincial Secretary relative to Meat Market, also  
for part of the Common for a race course, and the  
transaction of other business

Read over proceedings of 16 August

Memorial  
W. B. Hamilton re: then  
Dunack & Engine  
Ward 5

Alderman Roche submits Memorial  
of W. B. Hamilton and others relative to erection of a Furnace  
and Steam Engine in Ward No. 5. On Motion same is received

Memorial  
Ann Devine  
apptment

Alderman Nugent submits Memorial of  
Ann Devine relative to her Apptment. On Motion same  
is received

Comm of Streets  
rel: to Excavation  
Dunack St

Alderman Roche Chairman of Commissioners  
of Streets on subject of Excavation of Dunack Street. Submits  
the report of the two Overseers Streets, also, plans of Excavation  
when on Motion, City Council proceed to the business  
of the day

The City Council next proceed to appoint  
Presiding Officers for the next annual elections, and  
likewise Inspectors of Elections for ensuing Year

Presiding Officers  
&  
Inspectors  
for Elections  
appointed

The following Gentlemen are next  
appointed for the various Wards attached to their names

Ward No 1  
Alderman King. Presiding Officer  
John Whitman  
Messrs J. Ritchie & Patrick Mahony Inspectors

Ward



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Ward No 2

Alderman M. S. Anderson Presiding Officer  
John S. Archibald  
David Calder Inspectors  
Patrick John

Ward No 3

Alderman O'Neil Presiding Officer  
William A. McAlvy  
Richard A. Hare Inspectors  
Adam Reid

Ward No 4

Alderman Nugent Presiding Officer  
George John Sims  
Thomas Walsh Inspectors  
Philip Thompson

Ward No 5

Alderman Noble Presiding Officer  
William Ackhurst  
Patrick Moore Inspectors  
George G. Gray

Ward No 6

Alderman Gibson Presiding Officer  
William L. Black  
William H. Marwin Inspectors  
Joseph Wayne

Read Memorial of N. C. DeLam and others  
submitted 16 August relative to a Combined Fire Plug  
and Hydrant in Ward No 5

To His Worship the Mayor and City Council  
The Citizens of Ward No 5 beg respectfully  
to bring to the notice of the City Council the scarcity of  
Water in Mountain Street. And most urgently request  
that the Council will be pleased to alter the present  
Fire Plug in that Street into a combined Fire Plug  
and Hydrant for the convenience of the Public  
They also beg the Council will be  
pleased to give them a Gas Lamp in that Street which  
would

Memorial  
of N. C. DeLam & others  
for Hydrant  
and Gas  
Lamp



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would be considered a further convenience to the public  
and the subscribers

Salafas  
11 August 1852

L. B. Pichon and 244 others

When following resolution is introduced

Resolution  
rel: to above  
Memorial

Resolved that the Prayers of Petition of L. B. Pichon and others for a combined Hydrant and Fire Plug and also a Gas Lamp in Ward No. 5 be complied with. which on being put is passed

Read Memorial of Inhabitants of Ward No. 6 for Special Grant.

Salafas 30 July 1852

To His Worship the Mayor & City Council  
Gentlemen

Memorial  
Inhabitants of  
Ward 6  
for Special Grant

We the undersigned Freeholders and residents in Ward No. 6. Having repeatedly applied to the Road Commissioners for repairs to certain parts of said Ward find that the sum expended by the City, say Two Hundred pounds and the small sum granted by the Legislature for improving the Roads, Streets &c have been expended, which amount has been found totally inadequate for the purpose Ward No. 6 being the largest Ward in the City, containing from thirty to forty miles of Roads &c all of which are complete thoroughfares to and from the City, we may name a few of the Roads North West Arm Road to Mayors, and several Roads in that direction. Blue Bell Road, Payers Road, Nempt Road, Forsythe Road, Young Street, Gottingen Street North, Gottingen Street South, Lady Hammond and New Road, Piers Street, Granils Street, Campbell Road and Water Street North Dock Yard Lane Gerrish Street, Lockman Street, Brunswick Street, Bridge 3 mile House, Brunswick Street wants a sewer the whole length on the West side, Dock Yard Lane requires a main sewer besides many other improvements which will cost a hundred pounds, other roads more or less requiring a large expenditure. We therefore humbly petition Your Worship and the Members of the City Council to grant a sum of money to satisfy the above requirements. It is our opinion that at least one hundred and fifty pounds will be wanted for this purpose, Trusting You will give the matter Your earliest attention, we are &c &c. Dennis Burns and 68 others  
When



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When following resolution is introduced

Resolved that said Memorial stand over until Quarterly Meeting, to which following amendment is introduced

Resolutions  
Special Grant  
for Ward No 6

Resolved that the sum of one hundred and fifty pounds be granted for the repairs of Roads for Ward No. 6. One hundred pounds to be expended in Brunswick Street, twenty five pounds in Dock Yard Lane, and the Balance on such By Roads as the Commissioners of said Wards may deem most advantageous, which amendment being put is lost. 5 Voting for it and 7 Against it

On Motion the Council Rise

Andrew Mackenzie  
Mayor

September 9

The following Gentlemen having taken the oath of office as prescribed by law are this day sworn into office in presence of His Worship the Mayor as Inspectors for holding elections for ensuing year for the respective Wards affixed to their names

Inspectors  
Sworn

Alexander Pitches	Ward No 1	Thomas Walsh	Ward No 11
Patrick Mahony	Ward No 2	Philip Thompson	Ward No 14
John S. Archibald	Ward No 3		
Patrick Tobin	Ward No 4		
William A. McEly	Ward No 5	William A. Shaw	Ward No 6
Adam Reid	Ward No 7	Joseph Kaye	Ward No 8

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David Calder	Ward No 9	William L. Black	Ward No 10
William Dickhurst			
Patrick McGrew	Ward No 15		
George G. Gray			

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John Whitman Ward No 1.

Andrew Mackenzie  
Mayor



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At a Special Meeting of the City Council held this day Present His Worship the Mayor. Aldermen Mitchell, Power, Noble, Lott, Moore, Gibson, Egan, Neil, Roche, Stimmings, Nugent, J. H. Anderson, Knight.

The City Council were summoned as Inspector for holding Elections for Ward No 3

Mr Edgar Dodson Inspector for Ward No 3  
Via Richard F. Mear

Mr Henry McNeil Inspector for Ward No 4  
Via George Isles Junr

Alderman Roche lays on the table report of the Committee on Subject of Barrack Street

Alderman Egan submits Memorial of a number of Citizens for a public Holiday on Wednesday the day of the Monday Regatta, as also resolution of Committee, which following resolution is introduced

Resolution re:  
Public Holiday on  
Regatta day

Resolved that the said Petition do lie on the table, to which the following amendment is introduced

Resolved that the Prayer of Petition be granted, which amendment on being put is lost 3 Voting For it and 10 against it.

The Original is therefore put and Carried 11 Voting For it and 2 against it

It having been stated to the Council that W. A. Hendry belonging to Surveyor General's Office has obtained a Grant of part of a Public road at the North End of the City

Resolution  
Encroachment  
on Road in  
Ward 6. by  
W. A. Hendry

Resolved that a Committee consisting of Aldermen Knight, J. H. Anderson and King together with His Honor the Recorder to make enquiry into the facts and report thereon at the next meeting



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September 13

Inspectors  
Sworn

The following Gentlemen having taken the oath of Office prescribed by law on this day sworn into Office in the presence of His Worship the Mayor as Inspectors for holding Elections for ensuing year for the respective Wards affixed to their names

Edgar Dodson Ward No 3. Henry McNeil Ward No 4

Andrew McWhorter  
Mayor



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At a Quarterly Meeting of the City Council held this day Present His Worship the Mayor. Aldermen Mitchell, Power, Noble, Scott, Moore, Morrissey, Gibson, Naylor, O'Neil, Roche, Shimmings, Nugent, J. H. Anderson, Knight and Wray.

Read over proceedings of 3 and 11 September

Petition of  
P. Murphy Drain  
in Water St

Alderman Scott presents Petition of P. Murphy and John I Cummings relative to Drain in Water Street on Motion same is received

Petition of  
James Johnston  
Hydrant  
Maitland St

Alderman Nugent submits Petition of James Johnston and William Pau relative to a Hydrant placed at the Corner of Prince William and Maitland Streets on Motion the same is received

Memorial  
Sureties of  
Mr. Jas. Scott

Alderman Knight submits Memorial of Sureties of Mr. James Scott, late Collector of Road Taxes, when on Motion the same is received

2nd Report  
Subject of Mr. Jas.  
Scotts accounts

Alderman Naylor Chairman of Committee on Subject of Mr. James Scotts accounts hands in the second report on Motion the same is received, as also Balances reported due each Ward

On Motion said report is directed to be read the same is accordingly read

The Committee appointed by the City Council to examine the accounts of Mr. James Scott late Collector of Road Taxes present this their second report

In conformity with the resolution of the Council passed on the 23 day of July Mr. Craigew was authorized to collect the outstanding amounts due to the City in commutation of Statute Labour The sum of Seven Pounds Seven Shillings has been collected and paid over to the City Treasurer

While thus engaged in collecting he called on several persons who produced receipts from Mr. Scott, a list of names with the respective amounts has been handed into the Committee and upon the evidence thus furnished, they report that Mr. James Scott is liable to the City in addition to the amount formerly submitted to the Council for the further sum of Eighty