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At a special meeting of the City Council held this day present His Worship the Mayor Aldermen Anderson, Power, Adams, Noble, Scott, Falter, Morrissey, Gibbon, Primrose, Egan, Davie, Knight, King, and Longard.

The City Council were summoned to take into consideration the business standing over from last meeting, also the Act relative to Streets, the Act relative to borrowing the sum of Two thousand pounds, the Act relative to borrowing funds to build a new Market House, and the Act relative to Special Constables and the transaction of other business.

Read over proceedings of 29 & 30 March

Report of Committee  
rel. to Mr. Shields's  
house for Hospital

Alderman Shimmings submits report of Special Committee relative to hiring of Mr. Shields property for a Hospital. On Motion same is received.

Report of Committee  
rel. to Hacks.

Alderman Primrose (Chairman) submits report of Committee relative to Hackney Carriages. A motion on Motion same is received.

Report of Committee  
rel. to additional  
Gas Posts

Alderman Adams submits report of Special Committee relative to placing of Gas Posts. On Motion same is received.

Report of Committee  
of Common

Alderman Scott Chairman submits report of Committee of Common on Motion same is received.

Memorial of  
Ed. Jost rel. to  
Fire Tax

Alderman Nugent submits Memorial of Edward Jost relative to his claim for Fire tax. On Motion same is received.

Consideration  
of Acts

On Motion City Council proceed to take up the various Acts passed during the last Session of the Legislature

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The following letter just received from the Honorable the Provincial Secretary of 12 April in answer to application to assist the City for £2000 beyond the £5000 is read

Provincial Secretarys Office  
April 12<sup>th</sup> 1853

Sir,

Letter from  
Provincial Secretary  
rel: to additional  
Assessment

Having laid before the Lieutenant Governor your letter of the 4<sup>th</sup> April I have been commanded to request that you will furnish me for His Excellency's information with a statement of the reasons which render it necessary to assess the Citizens in the sum of two thousand pounds ~~necessary~~

I have the honor to be

Sir,

James Stewart Clarke Esq.,

Your obedient Servant  
Signed Joseph Howe

Read Letter of 4 April 1853 of City Clerk addressed to the Honorable the Provincial Secretary,

Office of City Clerk  
Halifax 4 April 1853

Sir,

Letter to  
Provincial Secretary  
rel: to additional  
Assessment

The accompanying resolutions having passed at a Meeting of the City Council at which there was present twelve members of the City Council exclusive of His Worship the Mayor, and which resolutions were passed unanimously, I am directed by the City Council to transmit the same and to request that you will be pleased as early as you conveniently can, submit said resolutions for the sanction and approval of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor and Council

I have the honor to be

Sir,  
Joseph Howe  
Provincial Secretary  
(See letter see letter book)

Sir,  
Your most obedient Servant  
Signed James S Clarke  
City Clerk

The City Council next take up the Act respecting Streets and Highways in the City of Halifax.

Allderman

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Alderman Power comes in

Read the said Act, Council next take the same up Section by Section

Read the first Section, when the following Resolution is introduced

Resolution rel:  
appointment of  
One Superintendent  
of Streets

Resolved that there be two Superintendants of Streets for the City one for the South and one for the North by Wards 1, 2 & 3 and Wards 4, 5 & 6. to which following Amendments is introduced

Resolved that there be one Superintendent of Streets appointed for the whole City, under the recent Act of Assembly, which Amendment being put is passed 10 Voting for it and 4 against it. The original is therefore lost, and the names being called for they stood thus

In the Amendment

Alderman Gibson, Longard,  
Morrissey, King,  
Adams, Egan  
Brimrose, Power  
Scott, Nugent, 10

Against it

Alderman Anderson  
Knight  
Darey  
Thomings  
Woodill  
Noble  
Falter 4

Act relative  
to Streets and  
Highways read

Read Section Number, Two, Three, Four, Five, Six, Seven, Eight, Nine and Ten

The following resolutions are next introduced

Resolution  
Committee to make  
Bylaws rel: to  
Highway Act

Resolved that a Committee be appointed to take up the Act respecting Streets and Highways in the City of Halifax and draw up such By Law and regulations as will enable the City Council to carry out in an efficient manner the powers now vested in the City Council by the said Act and that Aldermen Scott, Nugent and Egan be that Committee, which on being put is passed,

Resolution  
Clerk to Sub<sup>t</sup> of  
Streets

Resolved that a Clerk be appointed to assist the Superintendent of Streets, and perform such other services as may be directed by any By Laws of the Council

Resolved

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*By the Council  
at a meeting of the 12th/1853*

Resolution  
Temporary  
Sup<sup>s</sup> of Streets

Resolved that James Jones and James Pollock be appointed temporary Superintendants of Streets for the same districts they hitherto supervised, until a Superintendent for the City shall be appointed as already resolved, passed

Resolution  
Applicants for  
Superintendant &  
Clerk of Streets

Resolved that notifications be published requesting applicants for the Office of Superintendent of Streets for the City and a Clerk for Streets be given in by Saturday the twenty third day of April inst, to which following Amendment is introduced

Resolved that applications for said situations be received until 1 May next, which amendment being put is passed 10 voting for it and 7 against it, the original is therefore lost,

Resolutions re:  
Expenditure on  
Streets and  
Unfinished  
Work

Resolved that the labor bills now unpaid and which have been passed by the late Commissioners of Streets amounting to \$6,200 be provided for immediately and His Worship the Mayor be authorized to draw Checks for the same which on being put is passed,

Whereas there is at present some unfinished work in the various Wards of the City and which it is absolutely necessary to complete for the safety of the Citizens

Therefore Resolved that the parties appointed to act temporary Superintendants of the City as by resolution this day passed be empowered and authorized to complete the same under the direction and authority of His Worship the Mayor, and that they be requested without delay to furnish His Worship the Mayor with a statement of said repairs that no unnecessary amount should be expended, passed

Resolution re:  
to act to borrow  
£2000  
now repaid

The City Council next state up the Act to borrow the sum of two thousand pounds and the same having been read the following resolution is introduced,

Resolved that advertisements be published by the City Treasurer requesting persons to tender for the loan of the £2000 authorized by the Act of Assembly to be borrowed by the City, and the lowest rate of interest the lenders are willing to take seven hundred and fifty pounds payable on the 31<sup>st</sup> December 1854 Seven hundred and fifty

*By the Council  
at a meeting of the 13th/1853*

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on 31<sup>st</sup> December 1856, which on being put is passed

A. H.  
Keith Mayor

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An adjourned meeting of the City Council held this day present His Worship the Mayor Aldermen Anderson, Adams, Noble, Scott, Fuller, Morrissey, Gibson, Pimrose, Egan, Davay, Woodill, Knight, King and Longard,

Read over proceedings of yesterday

Letter from Keeper of Powder Magazine

Alderman Noble acting Chairman of Committee of City Property submits a letter from the Keeper of the Powder magazine relative to the state of the wharf. On Motion the same is read,

Act to borrow funds to build a Market House read

The City Council next take up the Act to enable the City of Halifax to borrow funds for building a Market House the same is read over section by section when following resolution is introduced

Resolution to borrow funds to build Market

Resolved that the City Treasurer be authorized to publish Advertisements for loaning £5000 for building a Market House pursuant to the act recently passed for that purpose in such sums as may from time to time be required, passed

Act relative to Special Constables read

The Council next take up the Act respecting Special Constables the same is read over section by section when following resolution is introduced,

Resolved that an Alderman from each Ward be appointed to prepare a list of such persons as they may consider eligible to act as Special Constables Ten to Fifteen to each Ward, and report the same to His Worship the Mayor; and that Aldermen Adams, Scott, Pimrose, Davay, Knight and Longard be that Committee which on being put is passed,

Resolution rel. to Letter from Pro: Secty relative to additional equipment

The City Council next take up the Letter of the Honorable the Provincial Secretary as read yesterday when following resolution is introduced,

Resolved that to afford His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor and Executive Council the fullest information as the necessity of Two thousand pounds being

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being requisite to be aspeped on the Citizens for the year 1853 beyond the amount limited by the Act, that a copy of the Statement of amounts together with the report of the Committee of Public Accounts be transmitted to the Honorable the Provincial Secretary, and that the City Clerk be authorized to state why the Five hundred pounds beyond the amount due viz \$6500 is required, viz that it must be used to arise on the amount aspeped, and also to carry out improvements contemplated to be made on the City Property and which has not been provided for in the Estimate

The following resolutions are next introduced

Resolution re:  
Superintendent  
of Streets Salary  
£200

Resolved that the Salary of Superintendent of Streets be not less than Two hundred pounds per Annum, which on being put is passed,

Resolved that the Salary of the Clerk be not less than One Hundred pounds per Annum to which amendment on being put is passed. ~~Following~~ following amendment is introduced

Resolution re:  
Salary of  
Clerk of Streets  
£100

Resolved that the Salary of the Clerk be not more than One Hundred pounds per Annum which amendment on being put is passed 10 voting for it and 4 against it. The original is therefore lost,

Alderman Noble brings to the notice of Council the letting of City Property. Read following letter from Mr E. G. Fuller on behalf of Odd Fellows

Minute of Comtee  
City Property re:  
to Odd Fellows  
Room

Also Minutes of Committee of City Property.  
Extract from Minutes of Committee of City Property 15 March 1853

Read letter from E. G. Fuller relative to continuance of lease of Room over Police Office

Resolved that the lease for the above room be continued to the independant Order of Odd Fellows for two years, provided the City Council do not require the same for City purposes. True Copy by Rob Noble Chairman  
When

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Resolution rel:  
to letting of  
City Property

When in Session it was resolved that the Committee of City Property be requested to let at Public Auction on the 25 April instant, all the City Property with the exception of the Rooms in the Court House, which the tenants are required to leave as the City will require possession of the same, which on being put is passed,

Alderman Noble brings to the notice of the Council the state of the Powder Magazine wharf,

And following letter of Keeper of Powder Magazine of 11 April

Letter from  
Keeper of Powder  
Magazine rel:  
to state of wharf.

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Alderman Noble Esq.  
Chairman of Committee of City Property  
Sirs

I beg respectfully to acquaint you that the wharf at the Powder Magazine is in want of immediate repairs

I am Sirs

Your humble and obedt Servt  
Signed, Samuel Marshall Jr  
Keeper of Powder Magazine

When following resolution is introduced,

Resolution to  
repair Magazine  
Wharf

Resolved that the Committee of City Property advertise for tenders for putting the Powder Magazine wharf in a proper state of repair, which on being put is passed,

The following Bond of Samuel Carten as one of the Weighers of Flour is approved of,

Bond of  
Saml Carten  
Weigher of Flour

Know all men that We Samuel Carten of the City of Halifax Cordwainer as principal and John Stewart of the same place Shopkeeper and Patrick Mahony of the same place Carpenter as sureties, are held and firmly bound to the said City of Halifax in the Sum of Eight Hundred pounds lawful 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 each in the Sum of Two Hundred pounds



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pounds to be paid to the said City of Halifax for which payment well and truly to be made, we bind ourselves and any two of us, and each one of us, and the Heirs, Executors and Administrators of us, and of any two of us, and if each of us jointly and severally firmly by these presents sealed with our seals and dated the thirtieth day of March, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty three,

Whereas the said Samuel Cartou was duly elected a Weigher of Flour and Meal for the City of Halifax by the Mayor and Common Council on the fifteenth day of October in the present year,

Now the condition of this obligation is such that if the said Samuel Cartou do and shall well and faithfully discharge perform and execute all the duties of a Weigher of Flour and Meal for the said City of Halifax according to the provisions of the laws of the Province, and the By Laws or ordinances of the said City, and resolutions or directions of the City Council now in force or that may be made relating thereto, then this obligation to be void otherwise to remain in full force and virtue

Signed Sealed and

delivered in presence of

J. S. Clarke

Signed Samuel Cartou

John Stewart

Patrick Mahony

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The City Council next proceed to elect Six Watchmen for the City

The names are taken when there appeared for Jeremiah Donovan 14 votes he is therefore elected one of the Watchmen for the City,

The names are again taken when there appeared for Jeremiah Connolly 14 votes he is therefore unanimously elected one of the Watchmen for the City,

The names are again taken when there appeared for Edward McPade 14, Barry 2, and John Sheehan & John Sheehan having received a clear majority of votes of members present is elected one of the Watchmen of the City

The names are again taken when there appeared for Maurice Power 14 votes, he is therefore unanimously elected one of the Watchmen of the City,

The names are again taken when there

appeared

Watchmen appointed to

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imously elected one of the watchmen of the City,

The names are again taken when there  
appeared for Thomas Mulcahy 14 votes he is therefore unan-  
imously elected one of the watchmen of the City,

Constable  
Appointed  
John Campbell

On Motion John Campbell is proposed  
as one of the Constables in the place of William Horton who  
declines acting, when the names are taken and there  
appeared for John Campbell 14 votes he is therefore unan-  
imously elected one of the Constables of the City,

On Motion the four Constables to enter  
on duty on 1<sup>st</sup> May next

Memorial of  
Butchers rel:  
to Shed on Parade

Read Memorial of Jeremiah Sullivan  
and others Butchers of the City,  
To the Honorable the Mayor and City  
Council of the City of Halifax

We the undersigned Butchers being the  
present occupiers of the Meat Market, and being notified  
to give up the same on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of May next, do hope  
your Worship and the Honorable Council will erect a  
shed for us on the parade for which we will pay all expenses

The Honorable Council by so doing  
will confer a favor on your humble Citizens and C<sup>ts</sup> Payers  
Signed Jeremiah Sullivan  
and 6 others

Read report of Special Committee  
relative to application for use of Grand Parade,

Report of Special  
Committee rel:  
to Parade for  
Market people

The Committee appointed by the City  
Council to ascertain whether the Southern part of the Parade  
could be obtained for the use of the Market people during  
the erection of the new City Market beg to report, that on  
their first meeting they placed themselves in communication  
with His Honor the Recorder whose opinion in writing with  
reference to the ownership of the Parade is attached, Your  
Committee then addressed the Governors of the College, a copy  
of which communication is now submitted, after some delay  
they received a reply from J Thompson Esq<sup>r</sup> to that body, also  
Submitted

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Submitted from which it will be seen that our request has been refused for reasons therein stated, it therefore remains with the Council to take any or such steps with reference thereto as they may deem proper

Signed D. M. Salter Chairman  
Thomas Adams

A. Kimrose

Read following opinion of His Honor the Recorder  
Recorders Office 11 March 1853

To Messrs Salter, Adams and Kimrose

Committee respecting Grand Parade  
Gentlemen

In reply to Your Note of 2<sup>nd</sup> Instant I have to report to you that I find that the Grand Parade was granted by Patent under the Great Seal of the Province dated 18 December 1818 signed by Lord Dalhousie then Governor the Grant is made to the Governor, Chief Justice Bishop, Treasurer, Minister of the Scotch Church and the Speaker, and their successors in Office for the use of a College &c. By a Provincial Act of 1820-1821 the College was established. This Act calls the Parade "the property of His Majesty" in the preamble. The first clause authorises the establishment of a College on the land in question. Under these circumstances the title to the place as I should suppose cannot be in the City Corporation it having been appropriated for the use of the College before the first Act of Incorporation (1841) of the City.

I remain respectfully &c

Samuel Mordick, Recorder

Read letter to and answer from Secretary of  
Governors of Dalhousie College

Committee Room 4 March 1853

Sir

As Chairman of a Committee of the City Council appointed to ascertain whether the Country people and Hacksters can be accommodated with the use of the Parade during the temporary and unavoidable occupancy of the ground appropriated to their use in consequence of the erection of a New City Market House, it being the opinion of the City Council that the use of the use of the Parade for this purpose would prove a great public convenience, and understanding that the Governors of Dalhousie College have the present use thereof

I beg

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I beg to enquire whether they will have any objection to its being so occupied for the period before mentioned. Should the City Council obtain this accommodation, it is probable that they may wish to have a temporary wooden building erected, the removal of which at the expiration of the time named, as well as the attention requisite to prevent any unnecessary obstruction in the way of access to the College will receive their prompt consideration

James Thompson Esq  
Secretary to the  
Governors of Dalhousie College

I am Sir  
Your obedient servant  
Signed D. W. Salter Chairman

Halifax 18<sup>th</sup> March 1853

Sir

In reply to your communications of the 11<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup> Instant I am requested to state that the Governors of Dalhousie College, deem it inadvisable to accede to the request of the City Council Committee, they think it would materially injure the school whose interests it is their duty to protect, they regret that this is the conclusion to which they are forced to come

D. W. Salter Esq  
Chairman &c

I am Sir  
Your obedient servant  
Signed James Thompson Secy

Resolution re.  
Parade for Market  
people

When on Motion it is Resolved that the Committee be requested to call on the Members of the County and Township of Halifax, and with them call on the Trustees of Dalhousie College, and ascertain if it is not practicable to obtain a portion of the Parade for the accommodation of persons bringing articles from Dartmouth and the Peninsula to Market for sale, as likewise for the accommodation of the Trustees of the Market

Suspension  
of Mr. Gault  
Grain Measure

Council next take up report of Special Committee relative to incompetency of William Gault entered 28 March

A Motion is made that William Gault be continued in office

A Motion is made in amendment that he be suspended which amendment being put is carried 8 voting for it and 6 against it, the original is therefore lost

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On Motion George P. Dehnm is appointed  
Captain and Superintendent of the Watch

Capt of Watch  
appointed

The following resolution is next introduced

Resolution re.  
Insurance  
Companies not  
filing their Statements

Resolved that those insurance Companies  
and other Joint Stock Companies who have failed either  
by their Board of Directors Secretaries or agents to comply  
with the provisions of the Law, in regard to filing their  
Statements, be immediately called on by His Worship  
the Mayor, through the proper officer for the penalties  
incurred, which on being put is passed;

A. K. A. K. Witt Mayor

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The Apepers elected by the several wards having been duly notified to assemble at the Mayor's Office to select by Ballot or otherwise one apeper for each Ward, and it having been decided that the same should be done by Ballot, the following Gentlemen in the presence of the Mayor, were selected Ward apepers for the wards affixed to their respective names,

Ward Apepers  
Balloted for  
and sworn

Ward No 2 Henry Thomas  
Ward No 3 John McKay  
Ward No 4 John S Deponett  
Ward No 5 John A Bauer  
Ward No 6 Alex<sup>r</sup> McDonald

John McKay, John S Deponett and John A Bauer having been duly elected Ward apepers for the wards affixed to their respective names, the oath of Office prescribed by law to make a fair and impartial apepment of their respective wards is administered to them in the presence of His Worship the Mayor.

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Alexander McDonald having been duly elected Ward Apeper for Ward No 6 on the 15<sup>th</sup> Instant the oath of Office prescribed by law to make a fair and impartial apepment of said Ward is administered to him in the presence of his Worship the Mayor,

Keith Mayor

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At a Special meeting of the City Council held this day present His Worship the Mayor Aldermen Adams, Noble, Scott, Morrissey, Gibson, Pimrose, Egan, Davy, Nugent, Woodill, Knight, King and Longard,

The City Council were summoned to proceed with the business standing over from last meeting to make an order for the expenditure for the present year to consider the several reports of committees relative to hiring Mr Shields property, the Hackney Carriage Stands, the Gas posts, the Common, Memorial of Edward Ast, and the transaction of other business.

Read over proceedings of 13 April

Alderman Noble in his place reports that the Committee of City Property, at present do not deem it advisable to take tenders for repairs of Powder Magazine,

Report of City Property re: repairs to Powder Magazine

Alderman Egan submits Memorial of Martin G Black Ins Agent of Star Life Insurance Company On Motion same is received

Memorial of M. G. Black Ins Agent of Star Life Insurance Co

Council next take up Alderman Nugent's notice for reconsidering resolution passed 28 March relative to granting lots in the Cemetery to North British Society, when Alderman Nugent states that if His Honor the Recorder is of opinion that the Council can give such a grant he has no objection to the same passing

Secind Ald. Nugent's motion disposed of re: to Cemetery

Read following report of Committee relative to placing of the Gas Posts (vistew)

Committee Room

8 April 1853

The Committee appointed by the City Council to meet the manager of Gas Company, respecting the erection of the additional Gas Posts, beg to report that having had a conference with Mr Duist relative thereto they have decided to recommend for the approval of the City Council that the Gas Posts be erected on the following sites, &c.

Report of Comtee relative to addl Gas Posts

Wait.

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## Ward No 1.

One Post Corner of Buckingham & Nottingham Streets,  
 One do West end of Morris Street. Lessons,  
 One do South end of Crafton Street. Spring Garden Road,

## Ward No 2

One Post Granville Street opposite Baptist Chapel,  
 One do Birmingham St. near South entrance Artillery Park,  
 One do Hollis Street, near the residence of His Worship the Mayor,

## Ward No 3

One Post Corner of Duke and Albemarle Streets,

## Ward No 4

One Post near Ordnance Gate,  
 One do Corner of Craggs & South Streets,

## Ward No 5

One Post Hudders Lane near Universalist Church,  
 One do Cornwallis Street near John's,  
 One do Maitham Street. Beckons,  
 One do Gerrish, Cornwallis & Lockman Streets (to be painted out),  
 One do Alho Street near Deports,

## Ward No 6

One Post Dock Yard Lane,  
 One do Centre of Gottingen Street,

The Committee also recommend that the Gas Post at Austins Corner be removed to the opposite side of the Street, Post Office Corner, and that the lantern have the words Post Office painted thereon.

Signed Thomas Adams Chairman

John King

William Davey

Peter Morrissey

Arch. Scott

Richard Nugent

When on Motion same is adopted and a Copy directed to be sent to Mr. Buis the Manager of the Gas Works,

Read following opinion of His Honor the Recorder relative to Sgt. Sheehan selling things at Auction

Although