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Had following answer of His Worship
The Mayor
Majors Office
Halifax 19 May 1853

Gentlemen

In answer to your communication of
17th instant, relative to naming a person to meet Mr
Mertle to determine on the value of the strip of ground
leading from Water Street to the Fish Market I beg leave
to state that I have named Mr Henry Yemans who
will be ready at any time it may suit your convenience

The Respective
Officers of Her
Majestys Board of Ordnance

I have the honor to be
Gentlemen
Your Obedt Servant
Signed A. West Mayor

Letter His
Worship the Mayor
to Board of Ordnance

Had following valuation of Mr Mertle
and Yemans,

Halifax 23rd May 1853

Gentlemen

Having been requested on behalf
of Her Majestys Gov^t and the City of Halifax to value
a strip of Ground leading from Water Street to the
Fish Market, We have accordingly viewed the same
and consider it to be worth the sum of Eighty pounds
Sterling

The Mayor &
Corporation of the
City of Halifax

We have the honor to be
Gentlemen
Your most Obedt Servants
Signed A. W. Mertle
H. Yemans

Had following communication
from Board of Ordnance of 26th May

The respective Officers of the Ordnance
present their Compliments to His Worship the Mayor
and request to be informed whether the City will
be willing to give £80 Sterling the sum decided upon
by Messrs Mertle and Yemans for the strip of ground
belonging to the Ordnance leading from Water Street
to the Fish Market provided it meets the approval of
the Honorable the Board of Ordnance
Office of Ordnance, Halifax 26 May 1853

Valuation of
Messrs Mertle & Yemans
strip of land leading
to Fish Market

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When following resolution is introduced

Resolution re:
to strip of Ground
leading to Fish
Market

The respective Officers of Her Majesty's Board of Ordnance by letter of 14th May last intimated to His Worship the Mayor that they had appointed Mr James Martle to value the strip of land and His Worship the Mayor having appointed Mr Henry Yennans on the part of the City, and the Board of Ordnance having by a further communication of 26th May last informed the Mayor that these Gentlemen had valued the same at eighty pounds sterling and requesting to be informed whether the City will be willing to give said amount for said strip of land, Therefore Resolved that it be communicated to the Honorable the Board of Ordnance that the City of Halifax are willing to take said strip of land for said amount of Eighty pounds sterling, which being put is passed unanimously,

By Law re:
to Common

Read By law relative to Common as amended by Governor and Council

By Law re:
to Cattle going at
large

Read By law relative to Cattle going at large as amended by Governor and Council

Supt. Streets Bond
Amount of

The Council direct that James Sims as Superintendent of Streets execute a Bond to the City, himself in Two Hundred pounds and two Sureties each in the sum of One Hundred pounds each,

Clerk of Streets Bond
Amount of

The Council direct that John C Craigew as Clerk of Streets execute a Bond to the City, himself in the sum of One Hundred pounds and two Sureties each in the sum of Fifty pounds

Memorial re of
Geo. C. Whidden
re: to Abatement
Astoria No 3

The City Council next take up the Memorial of George C Whidden Esq Agent of Astor Mutual Insurance, as also statement as to the amount of business done in the City, the same are read, (For petition see June file)

Statement of the Real and Personal Property of the Astor Mutual Insurance Company, doing business within the City of Halifax liable to Abatement in Ward No 3.

Real

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Real Estate none \$. . .
 Furniture of Office none . . .
 Goods and Chattels none . . .
 City Stock Certificates none . . .
 Provincial Stock none . . .
 Net profits or income derived
 from the business done within
 the City during the year ending
 31 December 1852 \$400.00

Malaga 5 May 1853

Signed Geo. C Whiddow

Agent Astor Mutual Ins Comp^y

When on Motion it is agreed that the
 amount of fine prescribed by law be remitted, and that
 the statement be received handed to the City Clerks
 of Malaga for it and C against it and the names being
 called for they stood thus

For the Motion		Against the Motion	
Alderman Knight	Mudell	Alderman Dacey	
Shimmings	Egan	Scott	
Gibson	Power	Longard	
Morrissey	August	Falter	
Pumrose	9	Soble	
		Adams	6

Had following letter from B Gray Esquire
 Agent of Professional Life Assurance Company, as also
 statement of business done in the city (for letter see line file)

Letter and statement
 of B Gray re:
 appointment of
 Prof. Life Assur^y Comp^y

Statement of the Real and Personal
 property of the Professional Life Assurance Company Agency,
 doing business within the City of Malaga liable to assessment
 in Ward No 2.

Real Estate value \$0.00
 Personal property Furniture of Office 0.00
 Goods and Chattels 0.00
 City Stock Certificates 0.00
 Provincial Stock 0.00
 Net profits or income derived
 from the business done within
 the City during the year ending
 31 Dec last 0.00

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Benjamin G Gray of the City of Halifax Barrister
maketh oath and saith that the above statement is in all respects
just and true and that to the best of his own information and
belief the sum of no pounds is the full value of the real and personal
estate of the said Company liable to taxation in Ward No 2 in
this City (Exclusive of the net profits or income derived from
the business done within the City during the year ending 31st
December last and that such net profits or income are truly
set forth above)

Sworn to this seventh day of May A.D. 1853 before me
Signed B.G. Gray
Signed A. Primrose Alderman

When on Motion same is received and
directed to be handed to the City Clerks,

Read following letter from P. C. Hill Esquire Agent
of National Loan fund life Assurance Society of London

Halifax N.S.
May 4th 1853

Sir,
I beg to acknowledge the receipt of Your
note of the 6th Instant. As the premiums received by the
Life Assurance Companies are not their own, being in fact the
property of the Policy Holders to whom they are eventually to
be paid, it is evident that the Gross amount of such premiums
is not profit. I am therefore unable to make any return of
the Net profit of the business of this Agency for the past year
not knowing how much, if any part of the receipts can
be so considered

I have the honor to be

Sir,
Your most obed^t Serv^t
Signed P. C. Hill. Agent
When on Motion the same is received

Read Memorial of William Papp and
others relative to road East side of North West Arm, when on
Motion the same is referred to the Superintendent of Streets
to report upon

Letter from
P. C. Hill. Agent
National Loan fund
Life Assn^y Comp^y

Memorial of
W. Papp & others
road East side
N.W. Arm

Read

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Read following letters from Henry C D
Swining and George Fraser Provincial Grand Secretaries of
of English and Scotch lodges,

Halifax 16 May 1853

Sir

I beg leave to acknowledge the receipt of
your letter of the 12 Instant enclosing a resolution of the City
Council, and in reply I have to inform you that the
Right Worshipful the Provincial Grand Master will have
much pleasure in laying the Corner Stone of the City Market
with Masonic Honors in accordance with the request of
the Corporation contained in such resolution

I have the honor to be

Sir

Your obed^t Servant

Signed Henry C D Swining
Provincial Grand Secretary

To
James Clarke Esq
City Clerk
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Halifax Nova Scotia

21st May 1853

The Worshipful the Mayor
and Aldermen of the City of Halifax

I am instructed by the Right
Worshipful the Provincial Grand Master to acknowledge
copy of resolution adopted by the City Council on the 6 Inst
and to say that the Rth Wth Provincial Grand Master will be happy to
avail himself of the honor of laying the Corner Stone of the
New City Market, some time during next month, with
Masonic Honors

In order of the
Rth Wth Provincial Grand Master
Signed Geo. Fraser
Pro. Grand Secy within jurisdiction

The subject of the City providing a Silver
Trowel to be presented to the Right Worshipful the Grand
Master of Masons at the laying of the Corner Stone of City
Market is next brought to the notice of the City Council,
when on Motion it is

Resolved that the Chairman of the
Committee for building the City Market be requested to procure
a Silver trowel with a suitable inscription to be presented to the
Right Worshipful the Grand Master of Masons on behalf
of

Letters from
H. C. D. Swining
Geo. Fraser
Pro. Grand Secretaries
rel: laying,
Corner Stone

Resolution re:
Silver trowel

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of the City on laying of the Corner Stone of City Market, which on being put is passed,

Read Letter from A.G. Fraser Esq Secretary
of Horticultural Society,

Sir,

Aulfae 11 May 1833

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt
of your letter of 6th Inst calling my attention to an Extract
from the report of the Committee of Common and requiring
the Horticultural Society to plant trees around the garden
agreeably to the terms of their lease

Letter from
A.G. Fraser Esq
Horticultural Society

In reply they respectfully to state that
the terms of the several leases of Common lots held and
occupied by the Horticultural Society appear to be complied
with, inasmuch as Trees, far exceeding the number
conditioned for in the several leases, have been planted
"within the boundaries of said lots"

Respectfully begging reference to said
leases, I have the honor to be

Yours
James Clarke Esq
City Clerk
v. v.

Sir,
Your very obedient servant
Signed Alex^r G Fraser
Recording Secy to the Horticultural Society

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

Read following report of His Honor the
Recorder relative to proceedings in the Cause of the Queen vs William
a Hendry,

Report of
Recorder rel: to
Case Queen vs
W.A. Hendry

Recorders Office 6th May 1833
To His Worship the Mayor and
The Common Council re
In the Cause, The Queen

William A Hendry } For a Nuisance in
Stopping up a Public Road in Ward No 6
Having by direction of the Council prosecu-
ted this suit on behalf of the City it came to trial in Michaelmas
Term last when the Jury found the Defendant guilty.

During the same term on the application
of Defendants Council, the Supreme Court granted a rule to shew
Cause

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Prase why the verdict should not be set aside, and a new trial granted, on certain points of law. During the recent term of Easter 1853. the Defendants Council proposed to me that they should abandon their rule and allow judgment to be recorded in favour of the Crown, on condition that the defendant should have four months allowed him for the removal of his barn off the road. This offer I reported verbally to your Honorable Body in Full Council when you were pleased to refer the whole matter to my full discretion, thus authorized I accepted the terms proposed by the other side, considering it as a very satisfactory conclusion for the interest of the City. Accordingly a rule was filed by consent discharging the Rule nisi for a new trial and on the last day of term the defendant Mr Henry being present in Court for that purpose moved for judgment in favor of the Queen, which the Court granted imposing a nominal fine of one shilling on the defendant and adjudging that he should remove the Barn within four months from that time (say 18th April) which will expire on the 18th August next. As this was a Queens suit no costs can be taxed or claimed on either side

All of which I have the honor to submit
Signed James Murdoch
Recorder

Submitted account of George A. Murdoch Esquire late Recorder for services performed by him in Suit City of Halifax v John Willis and John Willis v Andrew Mackinday and others, when on Motion same are referred to a Committee to examine and report upon the same and that Aldermen Argent, Falter and Adams be that Committee which being put is passed

And letter from William Crawford and others of 20 May and resolution of Council of 3 January when on Motion same are referred to Superintendent of Streets to report upon

His Worship the Mayor submits to the Council the propriety of erecting a temporary shed at the Grand parade for accommodation of market people, when on motion it is decided that no shed be erected

The

Account of
Late Recorder
Suits City of Halifax
Willis v

Letter
W Crawford
and others submitted
to Sup^r of Streets

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The City Council next take up the Report of Special Committee relative to drain in Dresden Row. same is read

Report of
Committee rel.
Drain in Dresden
Row

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The Committee appointed on 11 May to take up the Memorial of Maurice McSheath and others relative to the Drain in Dresden Row and report thereon their proceedings to the Council, have carefully examined into the matter referred to them, as well as a personal examination of the Drain, and are unanimously of opinion that the Drain should be completed extending three rods north until it reaches the south east corner of W B Fairbank's fence, and that when finished to that point the sum of eighty nine pounds and ten shillings the amount per contract should be paid to the Contractor

Respectfully Submitted
Signed Arch. Bell
B. O'Neil
Peter Murray

When Mr. Weston's said report is adopted

Memorial re
Mr. Johnston in
Appelment of Merchant
& Tradesman's Life
Assurance Society

Read Memorial of J. W. Johnston Junr Agent of the Merchants and Tradesman's Mutual Life Assurance Society, also Statement filed by him. (for Memorial see same file)

Statement of the Real and Personal Property of the Merchants and Tradesman's Mutual Life Assurance Society, doing business within the City of Halifax liable to Appelment in Ward No 3

Real Estate Value	£ 0.0.0
Personal Estate viz	
Furniture of Office	0.0.0
Goods and Chattels	0.0.0
City Stocks Certificates	0.0.0
Provincial Stock	0.0.0
Net profits or Income derived from the business done within the City during the year ending 31 Dec last	0.0.0
	<u>£ 0.0.0</u>

Halifax City, N.S.

James W. Johnston Junr of the City of Halifax Agent of the Merchants and Tradesman's Mutual Life Assurance Society
made

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make oath and that the above statement is in all respects
 just and true, and to the best of Deponents information and
 belief, there is no sum or amount on which the said Society
 is liable to taxation in respect of real or personal estate in
 Ward No 3 in this City, exclusive of the net profits or income
 derived from the business done within the City during the
 year ending 31 December last, and that such net profits or
 income are truly set forth as above. And the Deponent
 further saith that the above office being a Mutual Society
 they are no net profits or income derived from the business
 done by the said Society

Sworn to this 19th day of

May AD 1853 before me

A. Keith Mayor

James W. Johnston Junr.

When on Motion the Same are
 received, directed to be handed to the City Clerks, and
 the Fine prescribed by Law remitted,

By Law rel:
 to Lime Kilns
 read 1st time

Read by Law or City Ordinance
 relative to Lime Kilns First time

A. Keith Mayor

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At a Quarterly meeting of the City Council
held this day present His Worship the Mayor
Aldermen, Power, Williams, Noble, Scott,
Morrisey, Primrose, Egan, O'Neil,
Woodill, Wright, King and Longard

Read over proceedings of 7 June

Memorial of
Mrs Heffernan
Post on the Street

Alderman Woodill submits memorial
of Mrs Heffernan relative to a post on the Street on Motion
same is received.

Alderman Woodill submits Memorial
of Patrick Forristall relative to his Apartment, On Motion the
same is received and read.

Memorial of
Patrick Forristall
rel: his Apartment

To His Worship the Mayor and City Council
Memorial of Patrick Forristall of this
City Shopkeeper

That in consequence of the illness of
his wife and the absence of the Party who has the principal
charge of his business he neglected handing in his affidavit
to the City Clerks, within the time prescribed by law, by a
few days that hereto annexed is the affidavit which he
handed to the City Clerks, which they stated they could
not receive it being too late, Your Memorialist therefore
respectfully requests that under the circumstances, as the
Apartment Book is not yet made up, that said affi-
davit may be received and the City Clerks authorized
to appt your memorialist accordingly, And your
Memorialist as in duty bound is &c (left in June 1853)
Halifax 24 June 1853, Signed Patrick Forristall

The following resolution is introduced

Resolved that the Affidavit of Patrick
Forristall this day submitted be received and that the
City Clerks be directed to make up their Apartment
on Mr Forristall in accordance with his Affidavit,
which being put is passed

The

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The City Council next take up the Valuation Books of the City and Ward Assessors of the different Wards for the present year, when following resolution is introduced

Resolution rel.
to Valuation Books

Resolved that Aldermen Adams, Noble, Pinnose, O'Neil, Woodill and King, be a Committee to take up the various Valuation Books and report to the Council, which being put is passed,

The Committee withdraw, return into Council and hand in the following report

Report of Comtee
rel: Valuation Books

The Committee having examined the Ward Assessment Books agreeably to the directions of the City Council find that the whole amount of Real and Personal Estate contained therein for the year 1853 upon which a rate is to be made is \$2,625,643. 0. 0.

The form of the Books is as the law prescribes, the additions are correct and they are signed by the Assessors.

Respectfully submitted

July 27th June 1853

Signed Thomas Adams

" Rob: Noble

" A. Pinnose

" B. O'Neil

" Wm. J. Woodill

" John King

When on Motion the Same is received

The following resolution is next introduced

Resolution rel.
making one General
Book of Assessment

The Valuation Books of the various Wards relative to the Assessment to be made on the City for the present year having been submitted to the City Council and the same having been seen and approved by the City Council the same are directed to be handed back to the City Assessors and they be directed without delay to make up one General Book of Assessment for the City, showing distinctly the amount of rate upon each individual or Company, distinguishing the portion assessed for City, County and poor rates respectively, in separate columns made up by the City Assessors in duplicate and signed by

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The City Assessors, and that they return the same to the Office of the City Clerk and to the Clerk of the Peace within fourteen days from the date hereof, which being put is passed

The following Official Letter from the City Clerk addressed to the City Assessors having been read the same on Motion is approved of.

Gentlemen
Office of City Clerk
Halifax 24 June 1833.

Official letter to City Assessors

The Valuation Books for the various Wards relative to the Assessment to be made on the City for the present year, having been this day seen and approved by the City Council with the exception of certain alterations to be made in accordance with a resolution of this date and herewith transmitted, I am directed by the City Council to hand the said Books back to you, and to direct that you will without delay make one General Book of Assessment for the City, distinctly showing the amount of the rate upon each individual or Company distinguishing the portions assessed for City County and Poor rates respectively in separate Columns made in duplicate and being signed by you, you will return the same to the Office of the City Clerk and the Clerk of the Peace within fourteen days from this date.

I am Gentlemen
Your obedient Servant
Signed James J Clarke
City Clerk
Messrs William McMay
William Roche City Assessors

Alderman Scott submits Quarterly return of Superintendent of Streets. when on Motion the same is received

Report of Super^r of Streets Special Expenditures

Alderman Scott submits following Special report of Superintendent of Streets relative to certain expenditures and improvements connected with Street Service and requiring Special Expenditures, the same is received and on Motion is directed to be read,

Report of necessary Improvements connected with the Street Service requiring Special expenditures
An Application from John Williams Esq
and

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and others for a drain in the Street leading from the North Parack to the Common opposite the Ball Court 15 Rods in length, will require to be 5 feet deep with an Eye of 2 feet by 20 in. Having to be excavated through solid rock will cost about 30^s. per Rod or £37.10.0 the half of which sum the applicants are prepared to subscribe according to the usual practice,

A requisition from Charles D Hunter and others to be relieved from the street water overflowing their cellars opposite the old Haymarket, this is a private drain now become public property in consequence of three public gratings discharging street water into it, the Drain formerly vented its water into the Ordnance Yard, this being now prevented and the mouth of the drain stopped the water floods the cellars, the only remedy being to make a drain from the front of De Blois & Marles Sales room north to the Ordnance wall 11 Rods at a cost of about 15^s. the half of which the applicants are ready to subscribe,

Also an application from Mr^s Smith for the extension of a Drain lately made in Creighton Street Ward No 5 near John's Foundry, this drain to reach Mr^s Smith's premises requires to be cut 3 Rods chiefly through rock 4 1/2 feet deep with an Eye of 20 inches square, will cost about 5^s. 10.0 the half of which amount Mr^s Smith is now prepared to pay in the usual form,

Also to finish the excavation and grading of Argyle Street Ward No 4 according to levels adopted, excavating and removing about 300 cubic yards of rock and earth making the Street fit for paving may cost about £25. The dangerous and unsightly state of this street renders the finishing of it imperative,

His Excellency the Lieut Governor having complained of the dangerous condition of the Old Wooden Bridge at Wards 3 mile House, and the same having been previously represented by Alderman Langard while Commissioner of Streets in Ward No 6. His Worship the Mayor instructed me to make a survey and report of the Bridge, with a plan and specification for its improvement this being done and the concurrence of the Government obtained (that being necessary in consequence of the Legislature having granted Fifty pounds for the purpose of building a good substantial Stone bridge) I believe that the plan submitted may be carried out in its integrity at a cost not exceeding Sixty five pounds the Chief part of the material

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material being obtainable in the immediate vicinity of the work. Advertisements for tenders agreeable to the plan and Specification are open till the 8 day of July

Jykes Bridge has been and now is in a dangerous condition the walls built last year never having passed inspection now require to be partly rebuilt the level way flagged with good sound flag stones at least 8 feet long and 6 inches thick and close jointed, and to build a parapet wall above the flags 4 feet high and 30 feet in length 2 feet through, well laid in lime mortar and capped with good stone on edge. the work including materials may cost £20.

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Signed James Irons

Superintendent of Streets

When following resolution is introduced

Resolved that the report of the Superintendent of Streets relative to necessary improvements connected with the Street Service requiring special Expenditure the day submitted to the City Council be adopted and that the Superintendent be required under the direction of the Committee to have such works and improvements completed, so soon as the amounts therein mentioned towards the payment thereof by the various parties are paid into the hands of the City Treasurer and there are funds in the hands of the City Treasurer to complete the same, which being put is passed,

The following resolution is next introduced

Resolved that the City Treasurers attention be called to the section of the Act requiring parties to pay on the amounts due for City Poor and County rates within thirty days after Service of notice, and that he be requested without any loss of time after the expiration of that period to enforce the payment thereof by Warrants of distress &c. and and that the City Council respect that the City Treasurer will not neglect carrying out this resolution. When a motion is made that said resolution be deferred, which amendment being put is lost 3 Voting for and 9 against it, the resolution is then put and carried 9 Voting for it and 3 against it and the names being called for they stood thus,

For

Resolution rel:
to Special report of
Super^r of Streets

Resolution rel:
to punctual
payment of Taxes

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For the Resolution	Against the Resolution
Alderman Adams	Alderman Knight
" Morrissey	" King
" Primrose	" Woodill
" Tetter	
" Egan	
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The following resolution is next introduced

Resolved that the Committee of City Property be authorized to take tenders for the erection of a temporary shed of wood on the parade for the protection of the market people during the time the City Market is building, which on being put is passed of voting for it and 5 against it, and the names being called for they stood thus.

For the Resolution	Against the Resolution
Alderman Adams	Alderman Knight
" Morrissey	" King
" Primrose	" Woodill
" Egan	" Scott
	" Tetter
	" Langard
	" Able
	" Power
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The following letter from Mr Robert Davis having been submitted to the City Council relative to covering the Fish Market Stalls with Marble Slabs, having been read,

Thelias Wf.
27 June 1853

Gentlemen

Having been called upon by His Excellency Sir Gaspard Le Marchant and also by His Worship the Mayor to know the cost of laying the Fish Market Stalls with Slabs and having done one tier, I beg to inform you the cost including all work will be thirty shillings each

I am Sir
Your respectfully
Signed Robert Davis

The Mayor and
City Council

The following resolution is introduced,

Resolved

Resolution
rel: to Building
Shed on Parade

Letter from
Robt Davis
rel: to Cost of
Covering Stalls
with Slabs

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Resolution rel:
Covering Market
Stalls with Slabs

Resolved that the Committee of City Property, be authorized to have the Fish Market Stalls, in the North Fish Market, completed with marble Slabs (the same having been furnished to the City free of expense,) in accordance with a letter this day submitted by Mr Robert Davis, and that any other repairs or improvements they may deem necessary they have likewise completed, and that the Council will provide for the same, which on being put is passed.

The Council rise

Keith Mayor

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July 15

At a Special Meeting of the City Council
 held this day, Present His Worship the Mayor,
 Aldermen Anderson, Power, Adams, Noll, Lott,
 Morrissey, Gibson, Primrose, Egan, O'Neil
 Nugent, Knight, and Langard.

The City Council were summoned to
 accept and approve of the Apportionment Book, to
 consider the report of Superintendent of Streets relative
 to tenders for building Dudge at Three Mile House, a
 Drain in Barrington Street his quarterly report, a
 communication from Secretary of The Boards relative
 to Saut in Aquile Street, and the contingent etc, letter
 to Board of Ordnance and answer from Col Saxe
 relative to right of property near Fish Market Slip
 report from Committee of City Property and the
 transaction of other business

Read over proceedings of 24 June last

Memorial of
 John McGuire rel.
 Cutting Barrack St

Alderman Morrissey submits Memorial
 of John McGuire for extension of time to finish cutting
 down Barrack Street also application for money in account
 of his Contract. On Motion the same is received

Application
 Water Company to
 Open Street

Alderman Knight submits application
 from Water Company to open street near Naval Hospital
 On Motion same is received

Report of Comtee
 City Property

Alderman O'Neil Chairman
 submits report of Committee of City Property. On Motion
 the same is received

Memorial of
 S. Leonard & Co rel.
 their Apportionment

Alderman Nugent submits
 Memorial of S. Leonard & Co. relative to their Apportionment
 On Motion the same is received

Memorial of
 H. G. Hill rel: to
 opening a Road

Alderman Adams submits
 Memorial of H. G. Hill relative to opening of a
 Road, On Motion the same is received,

Alderman