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At an adjourned Meeting of the City Council
held this Day present His Worship the Mayor Aldermen
Anderson, Power, Adams, Noble, Selter, Scott, Morrey, Gibson
Primrose, Gun, Emil. Davey, , Sugant, Woodie,
, and Longard,

And over proceedings of 26 and 27 Sept.

Read following account of John Mc
Guire for cutting down Barrack as also Certificate of
Superintendent of Streets annexed.

Account of
John McGuire for
cutting down
Barrack Street
Certificate annexed

Malpas Wf
City of Malpas
To John McGuire Dr
1853. Sept 20 Re-excavating of Barrack Street L 90.0.0

This is to certify that John McGuire has
finished the excavation of Barrack Street agreeably to Specification
Signed James Jones
Superintendent of Streets
Malpas 20 Sept 1853.

Read following Memorial of John McGuire
with a statement of expense, on same Subject

Memorial of
John McGuire rel:
expense of cutting
down Barrack St

To the Worshipful the Mayor of the City
of Malpas and City Council Convened
The Petition of John McGuire
Humbly Sheweth
That Petitioner tendered for the excavation
of Barrack Street to the extent of 45 feet in width for the sum
of £650

That it being subsequently discovered
that the width specified was narrow by three feet, Petitioner
contracted to complete the work forty eight feet in width
together with the excavation of the Cross Street for the sum
of £700 being an addition to the original tender of only
£50

That in perfecting these excavations
owing to imperfect lines, Petitioner at various points did
exceed the Contract as to width, thereby incurring additional
expenditure of money to a considerable amount

That

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That on the Completion of the Contract, Petitioner finds himself ruined in pecuniary Circumstances, while the City has the benefit of a work most faithfully performed according to Contract, together with materials for the improvement of the City Common, at a very low price,

Petitioner therefore humbly prays the favourable Consideration of your Worshipful body in the premises, relying on your liberality for such relief as your wisdom may suggest. And as in duty bound will ever pray, adding that he has confident Hope that the annexed Certificate of expenditure verified upon oath, will be found correct and have its due weight in determining your judgment.

Malpas September 26th 1853 Signed John Maguire

This is to Certify that I have expended in the excavation of Barrack Street during the time I was employed at it the following amount viz.

For Horses and Carts and labouring men	£ 1315. 14. 9
For labor of crew and incidental expenses	90. 0. 0
For Black Smiths account	30. 0. 0
	<u>£ 1435. 14. 9</u>

For my own Labor and the use of Horses & Carts furnished to me by my friends free of Charge not included

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Sworn to before me this
26th day of September
AD 1853,
By Thomas King J.P.

Signed John Maguire

And following Memorial of Messrs
Jas. Equine and others on same subject

To His Worship the Mayor and the Aldermen
of the City of Malpas in Council assembled
The Petition of the Citizens of the City of
Malpas,
Humbly Sheweth

That John Maguire the Contractor for
excavation of Barrack Street is well known to your Petitioners
that he has completed the said Contract and that they believe
him to be an honest poor and industrious man, and that he will
probably be ruined in consequence of the over expenditure by him

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Jas. Equine and others
rel: to John Maguire

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in leveling the said Street and removing the earth therefrom to the Common, that the Contract price was far too low to allow him any thing like a suitable recompense for his labor and expediture. That your Petitioners are of opinion that an immense benefit will hereafter be derived from the work already performed by the said Contractor, and in consideration thereof trust your Honorable body will make good the loss sustained by the said Contractor, and not allow the burthen to be sustained by one individual

And your Petitioners Considering the extreme Hardship it will be to the said Contractor, if he be deprived of the benefit of his labor pray that your Honorable body will take his case into your most favorable Consideration and grant him such relief as the emergency of his case requires and Petitioners as in duty bound will ever pray

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Signed Henry Poyer and about 1000 others

on Same Subject
of the City of Halifax

Read following Memorial of W.C. Moir

To His Worship the Mayor and Aldermen

The Memorial of William C. Moir
Shumbly Sheweth

That your Memorialist is the proprietor of a dwelling House and Bakery situate in Barrack St in this City which is now undergoing an alteration that he willing and desirous that the Street should be cut down, as he believed it might be done in such a way as materiallly to improve that part of the City without injury to the proprietors of Houses on the Street, but when it was ascertained that a plan and survey had been made in the first instance for the alteration the effect of which would have been if acted on, to have ruined the property of your memorialist and to have materiallly injured that of others in the neighbourhood, a remonstrance was made to your Honorable Board and after a lengthened investigation the City Council acquiesced in the justice of the objection taken by to the proposed plan which was rejected and a new one made and Confirmed, upon which last mentioned plan a Contract was entered into for the proposed work and by it the Street in front of memorialists property was to be cut down seven feet and a quarter instead of four feet nine inches as specified by the first plan

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W.C. Moir relative
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plan, that the work has progressed considerably, but from the level now struck it is apparent that it is not the intention of the Contractor to cut the Street to the extent specified in the plan and the Contract and hardly more than was specified in the plan which the City Council rejected and the effect of this will be to render the Bakery useless to him and his dwelling house and shop inaccessible from the Street, this he would have remedied if the Street were lowered to the extent required by the Contract as he could have built a story under his present buildings but he has no remedy if the Contractor carries out his present intentions as no space will be affected for the building of a new story and your Memorialist estimates that the actual damage this will occasion him will be at least three Hundred pounds.

Your Memorialist therefore prays Your Worship and Honorable Board not to sanction any alteration in the Contract but to require its fulfilment according to the plan which was approved of after a careful investigation and thus protect him from the loss and damage which will otherwise be entailed upon him, And as in duty bound so

Halifax 29th Sep. 1853 Signed W. C. McVie

Read following letter from Mr Ritchie Esq
addressed to His Worship the Mayor on same subject

Halifax 30th Sep 1853

The Honorable
Alexander Muir
Mayor &c &c

I have been requested by Mr McVie to call your attention to the course which Mr Jones is pursuing in cutting down Barrack Street, disregarding the agreement entered into with the Contractor and accepting a level entirely different from the plan Mr McVie was led to believe by the City Council would be acted upon, and one differing very little if at all, from that which he was informed had been rejected by the Council on his remonstrance.

Mr Jones has pursued towards Mr McVie the extraordinary course of preventing surveyors from taking the actual level of the work in order that he might show to you and the City Council the extent of Mr Jones deviation from the plan before the work is taken off the Contractors hands, and I am on behalf of Mr McVie call your attention to the subject in the hope that you will bring it under the notice of the City Council or cause

Letter from
Mr Ritchie Esq
to the Mayor re:
to Barrack Street

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an investigation to be made in order that if Mr Jones is deviating from the plan approved by the Council he may be set right and cautioned against accepting the Work from the Contractor till the terms of the Contract are complied,

Mr Wain has embodied his grounds of Complaint in a petition to the City Council which if not now before them will I presume be shortly presented and he therein shows that the damages he will sustain by the alteration of the plan will not be less than Three hundred pounds,

In the hope that the present application will be successful and render any subsequent recourse upon the City unnecessary

I have the honor to be
Your obedient Servant
Signed J. W. Ritchie.

Read following Answer from His Worship the Mayor addressed to J. W. Ritchie Esquire

Mayor's Office 22 Sept 1833

Dear Sir

I have just received your letter dated 20th Instant respecting Mr Wain's Complaint against Mr Jones the Superintendent of Streets. I shall immediately refer to the Committee of City Council appointed to assist and advise with the Superintendent, and they no doubt will put it in my power as early as possible to give you a more specific reply

I have the honor to be

J. W. Ritchie Esq
Counselor at Law

Yours &c
Signed A. Wain Mayor

Read following Resolution of the Committee of Streets on same subject-

Office of Superintendent of Streets
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Extract from Minutes of Committee appointed to assist the Superintendent of Streets

Read a letter from J. W. Ritchie addressed to His Worship the Mayor relative to Barrack Street dated 20th Sept and the Mayor's answer dated 22nd Sept

Resolved that Mr William McKay be requested to attend with the Superintendent of Streets and make

Letter from the Mayor in answer to above

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make a joint report on Barrack Street to the Committee, as to the completion of the Excavation of that Street, whether it is in accordance with the Contract or not, and to have the same completed and handed in by Monday the 26th

This Work is True Copy
The Mayor's Office
Signed Mc Craigen Clerk of Streets

Read following report of William McKay and James Irons Superintendent of that on same subject

The Superintendent of Streets agreeable to a report resolution of the Street Committee has made a joint Survey of Barrack Street with Mr William McKay and submit the following report

They find in various places the present level is higher than the depths specified in the Contract as the subjoined plan will show at the same time the Street would be nothing improved by adhering to the strict letter of the specified depths and the adjoining Street below would suffer an injury inasmuch as the cutting down of George Street to suit the upper level would involve the cutting across Albernair Street,

From the head of George Street to within respect of Depons corner the level may be reduced to the difference marked in the Plan without injury to the other Street levels. These difficulties have arisen from the original maximum cut having been fixed at 12 feet a depth too low for the plan of George and Albernair Street

The Superintendent being bound on the one hand to see the Contract strictly adhered to whether right or wrong and on the other hand to see that the work was completed in a workmanlike manner, conceived that this duty would be most fully effected by making all the levels of the Streets to correspond which they will not do if the original depths are adhered to

Signed William Mackay C.S.
James Irons, Supt of Streets

I always considered that the maximum cut as given by the Authorities was too deep by several feet nevertheless I strictly adhered to my instructions

Signed William Mackay C.S.

Report of Jno Irons and Wm Mackay rel: to Barrack Street

Alderman

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Alderman Morrissey submits Memorial of James Neville and others on subject of cutting down Barrack Street, when on Motion the same is received and ordered to be read,

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

The Petition of the undersigned Humbly Sheweth

That the present Excavation of Barrack Street and the Streets leading therefrom is such as to give in general Satisfaction, and are of opinion that any further alteration in the Cuttings thereof would not in any wise benefit the Streets or the property thereon, but on the contrary would much injure our property and put us to much inconvenience and additional expense

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Signed James Neville
and others

The following resolution is introduced

Resolved that the sum of £400 being the amount of John Macquires contract for the Excavation of Barrack Street be paid to him, and that His Worship be authorized to draw a Check for the money, to which following amendment is introduced

Resolved that when John Macquire complies with recommendation contained in the joint Report of James Irons and William MacRay of the 26th Instant by cutting down the Street from the head of George Street to within 200 feet of Popsons Corner as mentioned in said Report that then £400 the amount of his Contract be paid which amendment being put is carried 11 voting for it and 4 against it, the original is therefore lost,

The following accounts having been duly vouched and approved of His Worship the Mayor is requested to draw Checks on the City Treasurer for the same,

Forbes Black for Work done at Slips	£254. 3. 6
Rich McLaughlan Building wall near Fresh Water Bridge	13. 19. 10
Joseph Weisler balance of Salary	21. 0. 0
	£289. 2. 4

Read

Petition of James Neville & others re: to Barrack Street

Resolutions re: to Barrack Street

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Read following report of Superintendent of Streets
relative to Queen Pool road,

Report of
Supt of Streets rel:
to Queen Pool
Road

The Superintendent of Streets begs to report to the City Council that in accordance with his instructions he has maturely considered the subject of opening the new line of Road from the head of the North West Arm to the Queen Pool road, and finds that the project is one of much importance to the Public and perfectly practicable at comparatively small cost. The subjoined rough sketch shows that the distance from the head of the Arm to the point of the Queen Pool road now open is 176 Perches, the grades and curves are easy, and materials for making a good road are abundant on the spot. To avoid the embankment of Creeks it would be advisable to adopt a line altogether clear of high water mark (a course to which Thomas Astorinan Esq through whose property the road would chiefly pass) has no objections nor would he require the erection of fences on the sides of the road. The principle obstacle which occurs in the line is at the South West Corner of Mr Laurence Roach's field where the water of the Arm comes so close to the field wall that it would be necessary to bring the road partly through the enclosure, if Mr Roach accedes to this the difficulty will be obviated. The reserve space for the width of the road would require to be 60 feet though the first portion of the grading would sufficiently accommodate the travelers at 32 feet wide at this width a good road might be constructed at a probable cost of 30/- per Rod or £264 for the line projected. On good data it is supposed that $\frac{2}{3}$ of this sum may be realized by subscription and labor.

Respectfully Submitted

Signed James Irons

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Superintendent of Streets

When in Motion same is received and
ordered to lie on the Table,

Read following Quarterly Report of
Superintendent of Streets

The Superintendent of Streets begs to submit to His Worship the Mayor and the City Council the second Quarterly Report of Streets service briefly reviewing what has been effected and giving an outline of such works as may still be accomplished within the working season.

The Statute Labour Law has been strictly
adhered

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adhered to in all its bearings, substitute work in every form rejected, all money payments for forfeitures has been made to the City Treasurer whose returns will shew a decided improvement in the system of collecting these monies.

2nd
Quarterly Report of
Supt of Streets

The ward books will shew that the expenditure both in statute labor and money have been strictly appropriated within their own limits as far as gone, and the prospective statement of work to be accomplished will demonstrate that the claims of the Poorer wards upon the General Fund will not be neglected, all hired labor with Horses and Carts has been confined first to the five persons who tendered and contracted for the same at reduced rates viz 4. 43. 3/4 per day & 1/2 per Day all extra hire being confined to such persons as had duly performed their Statute Labor and proved themselves worthy of such encouragement, dividing the time as proportionably among them as possible,

The repairs and improvements have been made in such parts of the City as the Superintendent and the Committee deemed them most necessary and indispensable, The Annexed statement of these separate improvements and repairs will shew how they have been apportioned

In Ward No 1 The repairs have been chiefly made in Dresden Row, Spring Garden Road, Lower Water Street Lower end of Morris Street, Nellis St, Wallace St, Phasant and Victoria Streets, with the out roads belonging to this ward, Pyles Bridge has also been finished by Contract.

The Paving in this Ward amounts to 357 yards, a portion of Spring garden road formerly curbed with planks is now finished, also a part of lower water Street, The repairs yet required in this Ward are chiefly in Morris Street, the street leading from Pyles Bridge to the Roman Catholic Cemetery and Spring Garden Road west of Pyles Bridge,

In Ward No 2. the repairs are chiefly in have extended over a portion of Water Street, Nellis Street, Salters St, Barrington Street, by Government House, Grafton Street and a part of Dresden Row. The amount of paving performed in the Ward is 653 yards and the out Roads of the Ward completed, the repairs still anticipated in the Ward is the repairing and paving a portion of side walk and gutter at the lower Country Market, The Sidewalk South of Lovelands Corner Nellis Street part of Granville Street Barrington Street the Road beyond Pyles bridge and side walk around the Horticultural Gardens,

In Ward No 3 The curbing and paving has

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Has been completed around Mars Building from Hamiltons Corner to Yumans and Frasers Office around the entire block within Hollis Street Prince Street Suffolk row and Tacterville Street also around the block from Mearns Corner to opposite St Andrews Church reducing the Crown of Granville Street upper side of Prince Building also from the Corner of the Block opposite Epus to Bolton from Cross Corner to the front of the Golden Fleece, and a part of Prince Street below Mearns Corner below the Statute tower. A new public drain has been made in Barrington Street 15th Rods in length by day work for the sum of \$29.1.8 or \$29.8.11 below the lowest tender, in this Ward there has been 655 yards of paving, The repairs anticipated is the forming of side walks in Barrack Street and Croft Street connected with it, Side Walks near the Market Slip, side walks upper side of Hollis Street south of St. Matthews Church Repairs of part of Duke Street and Water Street.

In Ward 104. The repairs have been made in Almerston Street, paving and side walks completed from North to Bopems Corner, also on lower side and the Crown of the Street cut down and made up at Cropping of Buckingham Street, the paving of Grafton Street is in progress on both sides with the side walks, also Argyle Street on one side with side walk, The excavation of this Street has been finished by contract the amount of paving in this Ward is 311 yards, The repairs anticipated are side walks in Barrack Street, repairs of Water Street, Duke and Buckingham Streets, 11 Rods of Public drain in the Ward fronting Abbeys Merbles has been contracted for.

The repairs in Ward 105 consist of grading Hamilton Street throughout making side walks and paving gutters on both sides, which required the carting in of a great amount of material, The side walks in Brunswick St. have also been new graveled, Gottingen Street and all side walks West of the African Church, A new Public drain has been made by contract 15 Rods in length West of the Bull Court, also one in Maynard Street opposite 16th Smiths property 3 Rods in length the Streets have in various parts been repaired, the amount of paving in the Ward is 725 yards, the out roads of this Ward have also been repaired. The anticipated repairs in this Ward are the repairing of Lockman Albo and City Streets, Young Street and the road on North side of Common with sundry repairs on Water Street and Cornwallis Street.

The repairs in progress in Ward 106 consist of grading and paving Brunswick Street and making
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Side Walks throughout. Repairs of Cottingen to Fort Needham the Fort Needham and Haupt Roads are in course of thorough repair together with Cross Roads leading into them, this Ward being comparatively poor and encumbered with a great extent of Cut Roads, requires an extra appropriation of the Contingent funds, its own funds apart from the Statute Labour does not exceed \$50 while \$100 would hardly meet its annual wants, good materials for constructing and repairing Roads cannot be obtained in the vicinity without much labour, even the upper streets especially Cottingen Street requires Man Sewers - without which all attempts at improvement are quite abortive, to specify the most necessary repairs and improvements would be futile, they can only be remedied by an extra participation in the General fund, or Special Grants, wherever the foregoing specified repairs have gone the Side walks have been top dressed with Sea gravel 473 loads of which have been used together with a large quantity of Course gravel for the streets, this has been supplied at 11 per Cart-load of 12 Bus. the proportions used in the various wards are as follows 1st. 58 loads, 2. 79 loads, 3. 75 loads, 4. 24 loads 5. 194 loads 6. 43 loads, of the large quantity of paving Stones used some were purchased the surplus stones of the old double gutters have been used in the new work, The greatest number of men employed was 311. these are now reduced to 23. The largest number of Carts employed was 12 these are now reduced to 2 Contract Carts one of which is constantly employed Carting off Clearings from two Scavengers daily employed the Clearing has occupied a considerable portion of the weekly time of other men besides the 2 regular Cleaners lifting, repairing and cleaning chains also daily contingencies not enumerated,

The Superintendent and Committee having disapproved of the plan's binding the Contractor agreed to discontinue the supply and part of the stock on hand was sold to the Fire ward Department for covering Tanks, Mess Luard agreeing to take the balance at Contract price, The paving costs 6 per yard including all labor except excavation,

The Statute labor book for the year is not yet completed the gross amount will be about \$1400. the labour performed from \$325 to \$350 being about \$150 less labor performed than in 1832, The Forfeiture paid amounts to \$43.8.4 being \$27.15.0 more than was collected at the same date last year, the probable balance after deducting labor performed \$350 from which \$60 to \$80 may be deducted for exemptions and \$20 to \$30 for bad debt say in all \$400.0.0 which would leave about \$250 due and to become due all of which

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which under the present system will be collected by the middle of November

Signed James Irons
Superintendent of Streets

When our Motion the same is received and ordered to be published

Read following Report of Committee of Streets

The Committee appointed under the 12th Section of By Law relative to the Office of Superintendent of Streets

That a Committee of Aldermen shall be appointed until the first day of October who shall assist the Superintendent in perfecting the duties and management of the Office,

Respectfully submit that they have attended to the duty comprehended in the above resolution, that they have closely examined the accounts and time tables, and are pleased with the result of monies collected on account of road money, and that it is their opinion the new system is a very decided improvement upon the old, and one that the Committee feel confident must eventually recommend itself to the approval of every Citizen

The duties of the Committee will terminate on Friday the 30th Inst. All of which is respectfully Submitted

Signed Arch^d Scott
Richard August
John Egan

Albany 26th Sep 1833.

Read following Memorial of Richard Neil

Albany 1st Sept 1833

To the Worship the Mayor and City Council of

Albany New York

The Petition of R. Neil most humbly and respectfully sheweth

That your Petitioner having lately applied to the Council for liberty to pass a drain under his cellar into the main drain in Spring Gardens and the amount required for that service being considered by your Petitioner as enormously high he most earnestly and respectfully solicits that you will reconsider this matter and give a more favorable answer to your Petitioner. for which he will

Yed

Report of Comtee of Streets relative to Sup^t of Streets

Petition of Rich^d Neil Drain: Spring Gardens

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Feel forever grateful and begs to show you that he does not want to avoid any reasonable expense and is willing to pay the cost of this 110 feet of the main Drain (front) which is respectfully submitted for the favorable consideration of His Worship and Council

Signed R. Neil

When on Motion it is resolved that the Prayer of Petitioner cannot be complied with

Resolution re: Vacancy of Offices

Whereas the Office of Recorder, City Clerk, Assistant City Clerk, City Treasurer, City Marshal, Clerk of House, Two Constables for each ward, Two Clerks of Market, Two or more Weighers of Flour and meal, a Superintendent of Streets, a Clerk of Street, Keeper of Cemetery, Keeper of Powder Magazine, Health Inspector and Keeper of Market, Under Keeper of Fish Market, Surgeon to the Bridewell, and a Keeper of the Bridewell and one or more pound keepers, become vacant on the 15th day of October agreeably to the 53 of the Act concerning the City of Halifax

Therefore Resolved that the City Clerk give notice that all applicants for any or either of said situations, file their applications at his Office in or before Friday the 11th October,

Memorial of Mich. Toole re: Apartment

Read Memorial of Michael Toohill relative to his Apartment, when on Motion same is referred to same Committee as Mr. Cogswells

Read following Memorial of M. A. Hendry

To His Worship the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Halifax in Council assembled

The Petition of William A. Hendry Respectfully sheweth

Petition of M. A. Hendry relative to his barn on the Road

That your Petitioners barn is now standing on part of the Public road leading across the Peninsula from the narrows to Prayers pasture, that the same was placed there by your Petitioner under the impression that the land belonged to him that the question having been decided otherwise your Petitioner has consented that a judgment of the Supreme Court pass confirming the Property to the City, and engaged to move the barn when called on, that the foundation wall and floor of this building having cost your Petitioner a large sum of money and there being considerable expense attending its removal and the City not intending its removal, and the City not intending immediately

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immediately to lay out money in opening up the Road, in question. Your Petitioner most respectfully request that your Worshipful Body will be pleased to permit him to occupy the site of the Barn for the present at the Discretion of City. In signing any such engagement as may be required to take the same away when called on

Your Petitioner is induced to make this request from a desire to save a considerable outlay to himself in the removal of the Building and your Petitioner will at his own expense give a piece of land for the temporary accommodation of the public as a road south of the Barn subject to the approval of the Commissioners of Roads.

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Signes W. A. Hendry

When on Motion it is resolved that the Prayer of Petitioner cannot be granted and that the City Clerk keep the Petition

Resolution. Committee relative to Night Carts

Resolved that a Committee be appointed to obtain Estimates for Building two night Carts and other information and report, and that Aldermen Fott, Cecil, and Gilson be that Committee

Read following Report of His Honor the Recorder relative to notice of Action of George Turnbull against His Worship the Mayor

Recorder Office 24th Sep 1833

I beg leave to report to the Council that having been instructed by the resolution of Council of 2nd Septh inst. to defend or arrange the action threatened by Mr George Turnbull against His Worship the Mayor, it being in my opinion necessary to tender the Costs which Mr Turnbull has been actually put to to obtain his release from custody, I ascertained that those Costs amounted to £15. I therefore requested Mr Alderman Noble to furnish me with £15.5.0 from the City Treasury which he did by check for that sum, and I accordingly tendered and paid £15.5.0 to Charles Twining by the attorney of Turnbull on the 17th inst. viz £15. for Cost out of pocket and five Shillings as nominal damages for the arrest and five days imprisonment, which was actually accepted by Turnbull whose attorney sent me to day the accompanying receipt, all of which is respectfully submitted

Signes Beaman Murdoch Recorder

Received

Report of Recorder rel: to notice of Action Turnbull vs Mayor

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Received from Messrs. Alexander Keith
Mayor the sum of Fifteen pounds and Five Shillings tendered
as arrest on the notice of action by me against them, which
I agree to receive and abate any further legal proceedings in
the matter

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Geo. George Turnbull

By Law relative
to Lime Kilns
read at this time

Read By Law relative to Lime Kilns
at this time, which is directed to be fairly engrossed and
transmitted to the Honorable Provincial Secretary for
the approval of His Excellency and Council

The Council rise

A. Keith Mayor

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October 3

At a special meeting of the City Council held this day present His Worship the Mayor, Aldermen Power, Adams, Scott, Keller, Gibson, Primrose, Neil, Dewey, Nugent, Woodill, King and Longard.

The City Council were summoned to receive the return of Electors for the various Wards, to appoint two City Auditors and the transaction of other business

Read His Worship the Mayor's proclamation of 6th September 1853 for holding the Elections

Return of Elections for various Wards Aldermen

The Return for the Election of Mayor, Aldermen and Ward Clerks for the various Wards for ensuing year, held on Saturday last agreeably to proclamation of His Worship the Mayor for Wards Nos. 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 having been read and the following gentlemen having been returned for the respective Wards assented to their names, and being in attendance and having taken and subscribed the Oath of Allegiance, the Oath of Office prescribed by law, as well as that of a Justice of the Peace for the City, sign the Roll and take their seats accordingly.

- Ward No 1 William Pugsley Esquire
- Ward No 2 Hugh Martshorne
- Ward No 3 Peter Morrissey "
- Ward No 4 William Evans "
- Ward No 5 William Holman.

The various returns for the election of Mayor having been read in public and the votes for each Candidate summed up and there appearing for Henry Pypor Esquire 556 and Daniel Cramer 508 and Henry Pypor Esquire having a greater number of votes in his favour by 57. His Worship the Mayor declares Henry Pypor Esquire duly elected Mayor for the ensuing year.

The following resolutions are next introduced

Resolved that His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor be respectfully requested to swear him into Office agreeably to the act concerning the City of Melbourn which being put is passed

Resolved

Return of Election for Mayor Henry Pypor Esqr

Resolutions re. Swearing Mayor into office