

1856
April 17

Returns of Lumber be Surveyed by W. Henderson
from 1st January 1855 to the 1st January 1856

Pine 427,918 feet, Spruce 106,711, Hemlock 33,581 Hardwood
1856 Timber 2,450, 1,9331 ft Hewed Timber shipped to
Newfoundland

In April file

Returns of Lumber
Surveyed

Returns of Lumber Surveyed by John. W. Pherson
for the year 1855

Pine	500,000	
Hemlock	300,000	
Spruce	140,000	
	<u>1,240,000</u>	Total

The following resolution is next
introduced

Resol. - rel. to City
Clock.

Whereas the lighting of the City Clock
is at an extreme cost. Resolved that the City Clock
be not lighted, until a new arrangement be made with
the Gas Company referring the arrangement to the
Committee of City Property, and altering the
Machinery of the Buirch. Moved by Alderman
Stains seconded by Alderman W. Heath, passed

Resol. - rel. to
employment of
Bridwell. Move

Moved by Alderman Pugsby seconded
by Alderman King) that the Council do now take
Alderman Pugsby's resolution of 11 February relative
to employment of Bridwell since as entered this day
amendment moved by Alderman Evans seconded
by Alderman Longard that the Council proceed with
the business of the day which amendment being
put is lost 3 voting for it and 10 against it

Read said resolution of Alderman
Pugsby which on being put is passed 10 voting for it
and 2 against it

The following resolution is next
introduced

Resol. - rel. to City
Prison

Resolved that the Contractors for
the erection of City Prison at Rock Head Farm, W. S.
Barnstead & F. Linn have permission to Quarry from the
Stone at Rock Head during the pleasure of this Council
such stone as they may require for said building
Moved by Ald. Longard seconded by Ald. King
passed.

The following

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The following resolution is next introduced

On reading the Letter from Nelson Marvin refusing to build an Engine House in Orange Street in accordance with his tender, and whereas for the interest of the Citizens it is advisable to have the Building erected without delay, the City paying a rent therefore and receiving no benefit,

Resol. rel to Tenders for building New Engine House

Be it therefore Resolved that Tenders be again advertised for to build an Engine House on said lot of ground in Orange Street now under lease to the City. Tenders to be received until 30 April at Noon and building to be finished by 30 June. It being understood that no contract from said Nelson Marvin or in which he is in any way interested be accepted. Moved by Alderman Wells seconded by Alderman Young, passed.

The Mayor's notice of State of City Records

His Worship the Mayor again brings to the notice of City Council the state of City Records no entries having been made since 1st October last

On Motion Council adjourn until Monday next at 2 o'clock

Shepley May

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Measures of Lumber
Sworn

William Henderson and John McPherson sworn into office as Measurers and Surveyors of Lumber in presence of His Worship the Mayor.

Shepley May

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At an adjourned meeting of City Council held this day present His Worship the Mayor, Alderman Pugsley, Anderson, McShane, Honisley, Bell, Cochran, Evans, Wells, Harver, Pollock, Conway, Sutherland King and Longard.

Read over proceedings of 17th April

Communication
Samuel Marshall
Keeper of Powder
Magazine.

Alderman Pollocks submits a communication of Samuel Marshall Keeper of Powder Magazine, received and on Motion same is read

(See April file)

On Motion report of Special Committee of Powder Magazine of 23rd Nov^r 1855 is next taken up and read when on Motion said report is received and adopted

Califas, November 23 1855

Report of Committee on Powder Magazine

Report of Com
mittee on Powder
Magazine.

The Committee on the Powder Magazine beg leave to report that they have visited the Magazine which they found in general good order - have to notice a Plate or two required on the roof and a few composition nails wanted to secure the copper sheathing on the outside of the shutter on the west side of the Building

They inspected the wharf or landing place the wood work of which was found to have almost entire ly disappeared. The removal of the Magazine being probable they do not recommend the renewing of the wharf - but do recommend that a few planks be provided to form a temporary stage or pathway - to be given into the charge of the Keeper of the Magazine and also that such labour be employed as will be sufficient to level the Stone Ballast remaining on the site of the wharf. Anticipating the removal of the Magazine at some future day in consequence of the approach of the Railway. Your Committee visited the City Water Lots fronting on Bedford Basin with a view to their eligibility as a site for the Magazine - Your Committee also visited the Globe Land on the shore of the Basin a piece of which lying nearest to ground inclosed by the Commissioners of the Railway, they consider and recommend as in their opinion the most suitable site and if such land can be obtained on reasonable terms they think it should be secured. - - - Respecting the management of the Magazine they have to recommend that the Council prescribe the following rules.

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April 21st Rule 1st That for the Receipt of Gunpowder the
 continued keeper of the Magazine be in attendance at any
 hour he may be called upon - between the hours of six
 A.M. and sunrise when such occurs after that hour
 and until sunset

Rule 2nd That for the delivery of Gunpowder the
 keeper of the Magazine - be in attendance all working
 days of the year from the hour of seven until one
 o'clock, P.M.

Rules rel-to
 Powder Magazine

Rule 3rd That for the better security of the City
 no greater quantity of Gunpowder than 400 lbs shall be
 conveyed from the Magazine - into the City in any
 one vehicle and that unless such vehicle shall be
 a closed cart or closed conveyance - the Packages of
 Powder shall be fully enveloped or covered with
 woolen or Horse Hair Cloths or contained in a closed
 Box or Chest - the keeper of the Magazine having
 instructions to see to the carrying out of this Rule,
 the nonobservance of which he shall report to the
 Police Authorities,

Rule 4th That the keeper of the Magazine
 shall report the Receipt of all Powder within the
 Magazine to the City Treasurer immediately
 on such receipt being complete and he shall
 keep a Book of Entry (provided by the City) of
 all such receipts and also of all deliveries with
 the respective dates thereof in such form as shall
 be to the satisfaction of His Worship the Mayor

Rule 5th That the keeper of the Magazine may
 exercise his judgment in not opening or visiting
 the Magazine when the state of the atmosphere may
 make such a course dangerous

Your Committee having reference to the Petition
 of W. Marshall the present Keeper of the Magazine
 beg leave to name - Thirty Pounds per annum as the
 sum they would recommend as the amount of his
 Salary

All of which they respectfully submit

Signed

W. S. Stairs Chairman
 William Luthersland
 Peter Morrissey
 Harry C. Harway
 Peter Ross.

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Read Letter from Mr. Henry G. Hill
Architect for Building City Prison for copy of Specifications
and Contract of said Building

Moved by Alderman Pugsley
seconded by Alderman Anderson that his Worship the
Mayor be empowered to have copies made thereof and
transmitted to Mr. Hill

His Honor the Recorder submits
Draft a Bye Law relative to employment of Bridewell
men, read first time.

Alderman Sutherland on Motion
has leave to withdraw his resolution relative to Streets
in Ward 4. 5th 6

Alderman Pugsley on Motion has
leave to withdraw his resolution relative to City Prison
Committee

Council next take up Alderman
Krans resolution of 26th October 1855 relative to 19 clause
of Act of Incorporation the same is read and not
seconded is withdrawn

Report of Committee
of Common

Read report of Committee of
Common of 28 September and on Motion same is read
adopted and handed over to be presented to the present
Committee of Common

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while

Take up communication from
Lt Col. Stoddard commanding Royal Engineers relative
the side walk West side of Barrack Street of 19th Nov 1855
the same is read.

Royal Engineers Office
Calcutta 19th November 1855

Communication
from Lt Col. Stoddard
rel to side walk in
Barrack Street.

Sir
In reference to your letter dated 15th ultimo on
the subject of the side walk 12 feet in width proposed to be
formed at the foot of the Glacis of the Citadel, adjoining
the western side of Barrack Street. I beg to inform you that
it is my full intention to form the foot path as proposed,
and to finish the Glacis in conformity with the Street and
side walk. The object of the sidewalk is, as stated by my
Predecessor, the comfort of the Troops quartered in the
Artillery, Sappers and Miners, and South Barracks especi-
ally in Winter when going to and returning from the Barracks
Chapel and for that purpose it is essential that it be

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21st kept clean neat and clear. The object of the proposed fence is to mark and define the Ordnance boundary for which purpose if placed otherwise than on the exact line of the Ordnance boundary, it would be useless. if placed on that line, it will insure the footpaths being kept clean, free from nuisance, and subject to the control of the Ordnance Authorities, Openings being left at the heads of each Street as proposed, will make the foot path accessible and beneficial to the public and with a row of Trees planted on the edge of the glacis, it will have a handsome effect, and at a future period make Barrack Street one of the best Streets in Halifax.

These my views I submitted to Henry Poyer Esqr. Mayor of Halifax at his Office, who, in concurrence with Alderman Hartshorn, fully agreed with me, and assured me that it was quite discretionary with me, and assured me that it was quite his intention to which side of the foot path the fence was to be placed, and arrangements were accordingly made, when the ground should be cleared, to put the fence on the boundary line.

Having submitted your letter to the Respective Officers of Ordnance at this Station, they entirely concurred with me in opinion with respect to the placing of the fence, and that were it otherwise placed, it would in every respect be highly objectionable.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your very obedient Servant
R. S. Hodder Lt Col
Commanding Royal Engineers
and Artillery

Report of Super of
Streets rel to Sewer
in Morris Street

Read report of Superintendent of
Streets relative to Sewer in Morris Street, submitted
16. November 1855 (See April file)

Report of Special
Committee rel. to
Balance due W^m
Jamieson

Read report of Special Committee
relative to Balance due W^m Jamieson submitted
15. Nov^r relative to Balance due him on Fire
Assessment, when resolution No 1 is introduced

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Resolved that said report be received and adopted and that His Worship the Mayor be authorised to draw a check for said amount Moved by Alderman Conway seconded by Alderman Anderson to which following amendment is introduced

On reading the report of the Committee recommending the payment of \$618.44 being the balance remaining unpaid (Edward Cost) since the fire in Barrack Street 1848.

Resolved that the same be not paid this Council having no authority by Law so to dispose of the City Funds for such purposes. Moved by Alderman Evans seconded by Alderman Longard which amendment being put is lost 3 voting for it and 9 against it, and the names being called for they appeared thus.

For Amendment	Against Amendment
Alderman Longard	Alderman Pugsley
Evans	Bell
Guthrie	Cochran
	Pillock
	Wills
	King
	Conway
	Harvey
	Mr. Heath

The original is then put and carried 9 voting for it and 3 against it

On taking up report of Special Committee relative to Storage of Drains passing through Messrs Smith & Harbers premises On motion same stands over for present

The Council next take up Memorial of John Hersterman and others for a new line of Road east side North West arm which is moved by Alderman Guthrie seconded by Alderman Longard that the same be referred to a Special Committee to report upon, passed. Committee Alderman Guthrie, Pillock & Evans Council

Memo. of John Hersterman and others re. to New line of Road east side of N.W. Arm index show

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Council next take up Alderman Evans notice to amend 7th clause of Act of Incorporation. Motion same stands over for present.

Council next take up Memorial of Charles. Burdock and others for additional Gas. Post on. Motion same stands over for present.

On taking into consideration the report of Special Committee relative to Water Company the following resolution is introduced.

Resolved that the report of the Committee on the subject of the Water Company be received and adopted, and that this Council, accept the proposition of the Water Company, and obtain the additional 7th Plug and pay the Company the sum of Two Hundred pounds which they require for the same. Moved by Ald. Sutcliff seconded by Alderman Evans. Which on. Motion lies over. Motion to be taken up at next Meeting of City Council absent. Members to be notified of the Subject.

Motion for adjournment until Friday, amendment Council adjourn until Monday next at Two O'clock carried by voting for and 3 against it

Wm. May

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April 28th

At an adjourned Meeting of City Council held this day present His Worship the Mayor Alderman Anderson, Stairs, Cochran, Wills, Harvey, Conway, Sutherland, King and Longard.

There not being a quorum to do business Council stands adjourned until tomorrow at Ten o'clock.

Shepley May

April 29th

At an adjourned Meeting of City Council held this day present His Worship the Mayor and Alderman Harvey

There not being a quorum to do Business

Council Diss.

Shepley May

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At a Special Meeting of City Council held this day present His Worship the Mayor Alderman Pugsley, Anderson, Stairs, Morrissey, Murray, Mr. Smith, Young, Cochran, Cross, Hills, Harvey, Conway, Sutherland King and Longard.

Read over proceedings of 21, 28 and 29 April last

Report Committee of Sunders re to City Prison

Alderman Longard (acting Chairman) Submits report of Committee of Sunders relative to excavation of Foundation for City Prison. on Motion same is received and ordered to be read

At a Meeting of Sunders held this 28th day of April Present Alderman Longard (as Chairman) Morrissey, Conway, Anderson Young on opening Tender for the excavation of City Prison it was unanimously Resolved that the same be referred to City Council

John Longard
Chairman

Read Tender of Messrs Barnstead and Mann when resolution No. 11 is introduced

Halifax April 23rd 1856

Gentlemen

Tender of Messrs Barnstead & Mann for Foundation of City Prison

We do hereby agree to excavate for the foundation of the City Prison and Build the extra walls for foundation for the sum of four hundred and fifty Pounds providing you allow us the sum of five hundred pounds as a remuneration for detention and loss of time as it will be late in the season before we can commence operations and will throw us into another year which will be very disadvantageous and against our Interest

Barnstead & Mann

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Resolution rel to
accepting Tenders
Messrs Barnstead &
Thyssen

Resolved that the Tenders of
Messrs. Barnstead & Thyssen for excavating the
Foundation of City Prison amounting to Four
Hundred and Fifty pounds be accepted but that
the Council cannot recognise any claim as by
them set forth for damages, and that a copy of
this resolution be forwarded to Barnstead & Thyssen
and that they be requested to transmit an answer
over before Thursday next at 12 o'clock. Moved
by Alderman Sutherland seconded by Alderman
King, passed.

Report Com^{rs} on
Tenders rel to build
ing New Engine
House.

Alderman Longard Chairman
Submits report of Committee on Tenders relative
to building of a New Engine House in Argyle Street
on Motion same is received and ordered to be read

- Mathew Lownds £84.0.0
- Robert Graham 97.10.0
- James R. Graham 89.17.6

To be referred to the City Council
agreeable to the decision of the Committee

acting Chairman. Alderman Longard
Peter Morrissey
Samiah Conway
W.G. Anderson

when following resolution is
introduced

On reading the Tenders for the
excavation of an Engine House in Argyle Street

Resolved that the tender of
James R. Graham being the lowest agreeable to
advertisement in City Papers viz £89.17.6 be
accepted and that the Securities James Coppin
and George Isles be appointed. Moved by Alderman
Evans seconded by Alderman Morrissey, passed

Resol. rel to accep
ting Tender from
J.R. Graham for
building New Engine
House

Memorial of
Benjamin Langley
and others

Alderman Hawley submits
Memorial of Benjamin Langley and others Hackney
Carriage Drivers, received and ordered to be read
when following resolution is introduced.

Resolved that the Memorial
of Benjamin Langley and be referred to the Committee
on Hacks. Moved by Alderman Evans seconded

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by Alderman Longard, to which following amend-
ment is introduced

Resolved that the Memorial of Benjamin Langley and others do lie on the Table until this day three months. Moved by Alderman Pugsley seconded by Alderman Morrissey which amendment being put is carried 13 voting for it and 2 against it

The following resolution is next introduced

Resolved that the Truckman of the City of Halifax be allowed to charge for the next six months twenty five per cent addition to the present printed rates of charges for Truckage in the City of Halifax. Moved by Alderman Pugsley seconded by Alderman Stairs, passed

Resolution rel to Truckmen being allowed an additional twenty five percent

His Worship the Mayor submits a Communication from W. H. Sapplesq's Assistant Store Keeper General relative to landing of Powder at Merchants Magazine the same is read when it is moved by Alderman Sutherland seconded by Alderman Morrissey that His Worship the Mayor be authorised to comply with the purport of the said communication. Amendment moved by Alderman Pugsley seconded by Alderman Conway that said communication do lie on the table to be placed on the list. which amendment being put there appeared for the same against it 6 and there being an equality of votes His Worship the Mayor gives his casting vote in favour of amendment. amendment carried.

Communication from W. H. Sapplesq's rel to landing Powder at Merchants Magazine

His Worship the Mayor submits a Communication from R. G. Haliburton Esq's of 1st May 1856 relative to Windsor Pauper

Communication from R. G. Haliburton rel to Windsor Pauper

Council next take up application for Superintendent of Streets.

Read applications of William Conway Robert Clutter and James Pollock

His Honor the Recorder is request ed to give his opinion whether this Council can elect any Alderman to fill any City Office while holding the office of Alderman.

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His Honor the Recorder gives his opinion that the Council are at liberty to elect any of their body to any City office to which a Salary is attached, but the party accepting the same, ceases to hold the office of Alderman and is not liable to any fine.

The names are then taken when there appeared for

- James Pollock
- Alderman Anderson " Cochrane " Mr. Heath
- Pugsley " Young " Morrissey
- Wills " Stairs " Bell
- Conway " Murray " Sutherland
- Harvey " King " " 14

Alderman Evans asks permission not to vote, when the question being put there appeared for the same 11 against it 3 and the names being called for they appeared thus

For Permission	Against it
Alderman Anderson	Morrissey
Wills	King
Harvey	Murray
Cochrane	Bell
Young	Sutherland
Stairs	"
	11
	Ald. Pugsley
	Conway
	Mr. Heath 3

Mr. James Pollock is therefore elected Superintendent of Streets for the City.

Alderman Sutherland asks leave to withdraw his resolution of 21st April relative to Water Company which being seconded by Alderman Conway is granted and the following is introduced in lieu thereof

Whereas in the opinion of the Council it would largely conduce to the Health and comfort of the Inhabitants and to the security of Property in the City of Halifax if the Works of the Water Company were enlarged and Pipes of sufficient capacity laid to afford at all times, a constant and abundant supply of Water, sufficient for the general requirements of the community or if new works embracing the design were established. And whereas it is the belief of the Council that were the Water Works owned by the Citizens and under the management of their respective officers a cheaper more

Resol. rel to -
purchase of Water
Works by the
City

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Continued more abundant and less interrupted supply of Water could be furnished with a view therefore to the possession and establishing of "City Water Works"

Be it resolved That a Committee be appointed consisting of a member from each Ward to communicate with the Directors of the present Water Company, to ascertain if the Company will part with the right of the existing "Water Works and if so at what price, and upon what terms.

Resol. - ed to purchase of Water Works from Present Co. by the City.

To investigate if there be necessity to furnish Pipes of greater and of which capacity in the stead of those now in use, and if so to what extent and in what localities and to what extent it will be requisite to lay New Pipes and to add to the present Work. And to estimate the expenses likely to be thus incurred And if the same Company deliver or part with the works then to look out such Lakes as are likely to afford a sufficient head of Water, and to furnish and abundant supply to the City, and to calculate the probable cost of introducing the Water from them. And to collect such other information on the subject as will enable the Members of this body to judge of about how much money will have to be expended in order to complete the proposed Works.

And that the said Committee do report as soon as probable to this council.

Moved by Alderman Guthrie and Seconded by Alderman Pugsley, which resolution being put there appeared for the same 10 against it 4 Resolution carried. Committee Alderman Anderson, M^r. Shuath, Cochran, Wills, Harvey and Guthrie.

Resolution N^o. 1 this day introduced relative to Mess^{rs}. Barnstead & J. Lynns Tender is now before this Council and the same being put there appeared for the resolution 11 against it 2 Resolution carried the names being called for they appeared thus

Resol. - ed to Mess^{rs} Barnstead & J. Lynns Tender

For Resolution	Against Resolution
Alderman M ^r . Shuath	Ald. Pugsley
Wells	Young
Conway & Evans	
Harvey	
Cochran	
Morrissey	

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Mr. John C. Kraiger
selected Clerk of Streets

On Motion City Council next
proceed to elect a City Clerk of Streets. Moved by
Alderman Sutherland seconded by Alderman
Mr. Heath that Mr. John Kraiger be selected which
on being put is passed. And the names being taken
they appeared thus.

- Mr. John C. Kraiger
- Alderman Pugstaff, Morrissey
- Wells " Longard
- Conway " Mr. Heath
- Harvey " Sutherland
- Cochran " Bell
- Young

Alderman Evans gives notice
of reconsideration

The following resolution is next
introduced

Resolved that Alderman Evans
have leave to bring in two Bye Laws on the subject
of the Common and of Cattle &c and that for the
purpose of passing the same Rule 25 and 28 be
suspended. Moved by Alderman Evans
seconded by Alderman Bell.

Resol. rel. to Bye
Laws on the subject
of Common

Alderman Evans gives notice of
bringing in the above at next meeting of Council

The following resolution is
next introduced

Resolved that the time named
in the act passed at the last session of the Legislat
ure relating to the road Tax for a classified list
of persons liable for road Tax to be laid before the
Council by the City Clerk of Streets be extended
in the present year to the 1st July instead of
1st May. Moved by Alderman Bell seconded
by Alderman Mr. Heath, passed

Resol. rel. to list
of persons liable
to Road Tax.

8^o of next introduced

Resolved that the City Treasurer
be authorized to open a Special Cash account with
one of the City Banks to the extent of \$500. for
Street Service the same to be charged to Street Fund
. Moved by Alderman Sutherland seconded by
Alderman Morrissey, passed

Resol. rel. to City
Treasurer opening a
Special account
with one of the City
Banks

Council adjourn until Monday at 2 o'clock

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James Pollock sworn into office as
Superintendent of Streets by His Worship the Mayor.

Respectfully
Wm. J. May

May 7th

At an adjourned Meeting of the
City Council held this day present His Worship
the Mayor, Alderman Pugsley, Anderson, Stearns
Morrisey, Conway and Longard.

There not being a quorum to do
business
Council rise.

Respectfully
Wm. J. May

May 14th

At an adjourned Meeting of
City Council held this day present His Worship
the Mayor Alderman Murray, Morrisey, Bell,
Cochran, Wills, Conway, Sutherland and Longard.

The City Council were summoned
to take into consideration the acceptance of Mr
Pollock as Superintendent of Streets, to appoint a
Presiding Officer for election of Alderman for Ward 5
and likewise to take up answer from Messrs. Burns
tead & Johnson, Contractors for Building City Prison
and other transaction of other Business.

There not being a quorum to do business
Council adjourn until tomorrow at two o'clock.

Respectfully
Wm. J. May

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May 15th

At an adjourned Meeting of City Council held this day present His Worship the Mayor, Alderman Anderson Stairs, Morrissey, Young, Murray, Cochran, Evans, Rofs, Wills, Harvey, Conway, Sutherland and Longard.

Read over proceedings of 2 and 7 & 14 May.

Alderman Stairs, Chairman submits a report of Committee of Public Accounts relative to Estimate of amount recommended to be assessed on the City for year 1856 on Motion same is received and ordered to be read

Report of Committee of Public Accounts

Committee Room

15th May 1856

The Committee of Public Accounts met this day Present Alderman Cochran, Murray Longard, Rofs, Conway and the Chairman.

The assessed Annual estimate being duly considered the Committee concur in recommending its adoption

Balance due the Bank of Nova Scotia Account being overdrawn } . . . £235 1 2
Less

The following sums paid out of the above and herein provided for over expenditures

Fire Department . . . £143 1 2
Streets & Drains . . . 451 15 11
Bridewell . . . 175 15 0 820 12 1

£1436 9 1

Fire Department
Amount of accounts passed £1145 1 2
" assessed for 1855 952 " "
To be provided for 143 1 2

Amount expended in cleaning Streets &c &c } £751 15 11
Amount assessed for 300 0 0
To be provided for 451 15 11

Amount expended for Bridewell £525 15 11
Amount assessed for 350 0 0 175 15 0
£2257 1 2