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January 26<sup>th</sup>

Alderman Caldwell submits a Memorial of Sophia Hawkins relative to pulling down her House at the Fire on 1<sup>st</sup> January 1857 Received.

Alderman Jennings asks leave to introduce a resolution. Leave granted, when following resolution is introduced

Resolution relative to vote of thanks to Fire Comp<sup>y</sup>

Having good and sufficient reason to believe that the Conflagration on the 1<sup>st</sup> Inst was stayed in a great measure by the United efforts courage, skill and perseverance of the Union Engine Company, Gas Fire Company and other connected with the Fire Department at the risk of personal injury and in some instances at the risk of their lives.

Be it therefore Resolved that the thanks of this Council be tendered to the Union Engine Company, Gas Fire Company and others connected with the Fire Department as an approval of their United and praiseworthy exertions in staying the conflagration on that day. Moved by Alderman Jennings seconded by Alderman Conway "passed"

Alderman Donohue submits report Half yearly inspection of Bridewell

Letter Messrs Barnstead & Fisher relative to City Prison

His Worship the Mayor submits an answer from Messrs Barnstead & Fisher of 15 Jan 1857 Contractors for Building of City Prison in answer to a communication sent them on 8 January

His Worship the Mayor submits answer from Manager of Gas Company of 17 January 1857 relative to a Gas Post.

His Worship the Mayor submits communication from Mr Geo H. Starr of 19 January relative to state of South Street offering to contribute £60.

His Worship the Mayor submits communication from Secretary Halifax Water Company 19 January as to the obligation of the Company to concentrate the Water at the Time of Fires.

His Worship the Mayor submits a communication from the Major General Commanding the Forces relative to Sum voted the Troops.

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His Worship the Mayor submits a  
Communication from Edgcumb Chevillier Esq<sup>r</sup> on  
behalf of Dock Yard Engine Company.

Council next proceed to fill up  
vacancies in the office of Five Wards and Five Constables  
when following appointments are made

Five Wards  
Appointed

James Reeves Five Ward No 2 Ward  
Daniel O'Brien " " " 4 "

Five Constables  
Appointed

Edward Starnes Five Constable Ward No 1  
Alfred Keith Esq<sup>r</sup>, Robert Brander, William Holland  
Five Constables for Ward 2  
Daniel Thom Esq<sup>r</sup>, George Jackson Five Constables  
for Ward No 3  
Thomas Cunningham Esq<sup>r</sup>, John Chartrey Five Const-  
ables for Ward No 5  
Edward Brown Esq<sup>r</sup>, Cornelius Phelan Five  
Constables for Ward No 6

Notice of recon-  
sideration rel-  
to amount voted  
Garrison

Council next take up Alderman  
Conways Notice of reconsideration relative to amount  
voted to the Garrison and Dock yard Engine when it  
is moved by Alderman McKean seconded by Alderman  
Conway that the same be now reconsidered which  
motion on being put is lost 3 voting for it and 11  
against it and the names being called for they -  
appeared thus

For the Motion  
Alderman Conway  
MacKay  
Donohue

Against it  
Alderman Anderson, Stairs  
Caldwell, Morrissey  
Wills, Jennings  
Lounds, King  
Barry, Longard  
Cochrane

Report. Comis<sup>s</sup>  
of Poor

Read Report of Commissioners of  
Poor of 1 December 1856 claiming a Balance of £1272. 12. 0. See Side

Memo. P. Lynch  
rel. to a Gas Post

Read Memorial of Peter Lynch  
and others for a Gas Post on Motion same stands over  
for the present. See Side

Memo. D. O'Brien  
rel. to Sewer

Read Memorial of Daniel O'Brien  
relative to a Sewer See Side  
Moved by Alderman Wills seconded  
by Alderman Conway that same be referred to  
Superintendent of Streets to report upon. Motion carried.

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Alderman Mackay asks leave of Council to introduce a resolution relative to a vote of Money recently voted by the Council. Moved by Alderman Mackay seconded by Alderman Conway that leave be granted. Motion carried. when following resolution is introduced

Resolution relative to Money voted and paid under resolution or reconsideration

Resolved that for the future any money granted made by a majority of this Council shall not be paid by the Mayor, if a notice of reconsideration is made at the proper time until such matter is again brought before the Council and reconsidered. Moved by Alderman Mackay seconded by Alderman Conway which on being put is lost 2 Ayeing for and 11 against it

Return of James Dechman. Surveyor of Lumber

Read Return of James Dechman of Lumber surveyed by him. The Undersigned quantity of Lumber has been Surveyed by me for the Year 1856

50,000 Pine Lumber  
28,000 Spruce  
150,000 Hemlock  
208,000 Feet

Signed James Dechman  
Halifax Dec<sup>r</sup> 31/56

To His Worship  
the Mayor and  
City Council

On Motion James Dechman re-elected one of the Surveyors of Lumber for the City.

Alderman Jennings gives notice that at the next Meeting of Council he will move for a more specific return from Surveyors of Lumber

Motion relative to advertising for Ox Roads and feet

Moved by Alderman Jennings seconded by Alderman King that further advertisements be published for Ox Roads and feet for Bridewell which motion being put then appeared for the same 7 against it 7 and there being an equality of votes. His Worship the Mayor gives his casting vote in favour of publication

Memorial Patrick Moore relative to Road

On Motion the Memorial Patrick Moore submitted by Alderman Barry of 11 December 1856 is next submitted the same is read when following resolution is introduced

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Resolved that the Prayer of Petition of P. Moran be complied with and the Plan be referred to the Superintendent of Streets Moved by Alderman Barry seconded by Alderman Morrissey to which the following amendment is introduced

Resol. rel to  
Petition of Pat<sup>l</sup>  
Moran et al.

Resolved that the Petition of P. Moran and others be deferred to this day three months Moved by Alderman Jennings seconded by Alderman Caldwell which amount being put is carried 8 voting for it and 4 against it the original is therefore lost

Council next take up Mess<sup>rs</sup> Barnstead & Shinn's Contractors for Building of City Prisons Letter of 15<sup>th</sup> January this day submitted the same is read

Califax 15<sup>th</sup> January 1857

Sir

Letter Mess<sup>rs</sup>  
Barnstead & Shinn  
rel. to Building  
City Prisons

In reply to your letter of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Instant addressed to us severally and enquiring on the part of the City Council whether we were prepared to prosecute under our Contract the building of the proposed City Prisons. we have to state that so long a time having now elapsed since our entering into that Contract in which time the price of labour and material is very much enhanced we cannot undertake to complete the work for the sum then specified unless indeed the Council are prepared to pay us the sum we have demanded as compensation for time lost *De viz* £500. in which case we would be willing to complete the work at the sum originally named, and we may here mention that we have given Mr. James Shinn a Power of Attorney to represent our interests at your Board, and in case the City Council be not prepared to allow us this extra sum, then to claim from them compensation for our loss of time labour and material in preparing for the work under our Contract, which not through any neglect or fault of ours was not prosecuted at the time contemplated, and we trust our claims will receive at your hands a fair and impartial consideration and the proposed compensation be such as to render ulterior measures unnecessary

We are your obedient Servants

Signed John Shinn  
David Barnstead

It is moved

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It is moved and seconded that Alderman Caldwell have leave to introduce a resolution relative to the Union Engine Company. Submits a Plate for obtaining Certificates for the retired Members of the Company and accounts amounting to £45. 2. 3 to procure the same when following resolution is introduced.

Resol. rel. to  
Plate for Union  
Engine Company

Resolved that the sum of £45 2. 3 be paid to the Union Engine Company to enable that Company to pay bills of cost for preparing Plate for making Certificate for said Company. Moved by Alderman Mackay seconded by Alderman Jennings which resolution being put is carried 12 voting for it and 1 against it.

Letter of Messrs  
Barnstead and  
Minn

The Letter of Messrs Barnstead & Minn this day submitted is again read when following resolution is introduced.

Whereas upon reading the Letter of Messrs Barnstead & Minn dated January 15<sup>th</sup> wherein Messrs Barnstead & Minn set forth that they cannot undertake to complete the work for the sum specified.

Resol. rel. to  
Barnstead & Minn

Resolved that the Council direct His Worship the Mayor to write to the said Messrs Barnstead & Minn to the effect that the Council consider the Contract respecting said City Prison to be now abandoned and terminated.

Moved by Alderman Stairs seconded by Alderman Barry, passed unanimously.

The following resolution is next introduced.

Resol. rel. to a  
Stone Wharf  
Wall at South  
Wich Market

Resolved that a Stone Wharf Wall be built in deep Water at the Ferry Dock and that Piers be erected thereon for the convenience of the Public, the neighbourhood being in a state of nuisance. The work to be done in accordance with plan and Specification which will be prepared. Moved by Alderman Mackay seconded by Alderman Towns, passed.

Communication  
Secretary Water  
Company

Read communication from Secretary of Water Company of 17 January 1857 on Motion same stands over for consideration of next meeting.

Council next take up report of Committee on Appeals relative to Assessment of 22 December same is read when on Motion of Alderman Mackay seconded by Alderman Donohue said report is adopted.

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Committee Room, December 22 1856

At a Meeting of the Committee on appeals from Assessment present The Chairman & Alderman King, Caldwell & Stairs.

Report Comilla  
on Appeals from  
Assessment

The Petition of W<sup>m</sup>. M. Harrington was duly considered. W<sup>m</sup>. Harrington shewed the Committee that in the year 1855 he had paid under protest an excess of taxation to the extent of £6.2.8 being 1/4 percent upon £1600. Petitioner made his appeal in due time and form excepting however that his affidavit was made before a Justice of the Peace, not an Alderman. W<sup>m</sup>. Harrington's petition also set forth that in the present year he had duly appealed in form, date an order shewing that in Ward N<sup>o</sup> 3 his property was at the value of £3320 against the assessed value of £4850 an error having occurred in his having substituted the word Ward N<sup>o</sup> 5 for N<sup>o</sup> 3 the relief the petitioner asks for this year to the extent of £5.12.2 or 1/4 percent upon £1550. The Committee viewing these as accidents which are entitled to consideration I would recommend that W<sup>m</sup>. Harrington pay the amount of the present years assessment less the sum of £11.14.10 being the amendments of each year added together.

The Petition of Mathew Mooney praying amendment of his assessed rates to the extent of £1.10.14.8. The Committee are of opinion should be granted.

The Petition of Edward Leguire shewing by appeal misdated but otherwise correct that his tax should be upon £150 of Real Estate only amounting to £11.0 say eleven shillings.

The Committee would recommend that this sum should be received from him, as the amount of his assessed Taxes.

William Mackay  
Chairman

On Motion Council rise

Wm Mackay

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James Reeves and Daniel Brian sworn  
into Office as Fire Wards

Fire Constables  
Sworn.

Edward Starnes Robert Brander William  
Holland, Daniel Thom, George Jackson,  
Edward Brown, Cornelius Phelan Thomas Curri-  
ngham, John Chearsley sworn into Office as  
Fire Constables.

*Robert Mearns*

February 4<sup>th</sup>

At a Special Meeting of City Council  
held this day present His Worship the Mayor  
Aldermen Stairs, Lownds, Caldwell, Bell,  
Cochran, Morrissey, Wills, Mackay, Conway, Barry  
King, Longard and Jennings.

The City Council were summoned  
to take up the act relative to the height of Wooden  
Buildings and the transaction of other Business

Read over proceedings of 26 January

Alderman Stairs Chairman of  
Committee on Tenders submits a report of the  
Committee relative to supplying of the Woods and  
put up to 31<sup>st</sup> December inst "received"

Alderman Barry submits report  
of Special Committee relative to Road Apportionment the  
same is received

On Motion Alderman Jennings  
has leave to introduce a resolution

Alderman Mackay submits  
a resolution relative to the duties of Mr George  
Glazebrook as Super of the Building

The following resolution is introduced

Resolved that the sum of fifteen  
pounds voted by this Council on a former debt for the  
purpose of making a Well at Marshatown, that the  
Alderman of the Ward be authorised to expend the

Resol. rel to vote  
of 15£ for a Well  
at Marshatown

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February 4<sup>th</sup> sum for the purpose there named, Moved by Alderman Jennings seconded by Alderman King, passed

His Worship the Mayor submits Communication from Secretary of Water Company 31<sup>st</sup> January relative to reservoir on Common.

On Motion the report of the Committee of Tenders this day submitted relative to supply of Bridewell Establishment with Ox heads and feet is read taken up and read

Committee Room Feb 11 1857

Committee of Tenders met this day and opened Tenders for Ox Heads and feet. The Tender of W<sup>m</sup> Evans namely to supply Heads at 5s 6d per cwt being the lowest is recommended by the Committee for the acceptance of the Council.

The Committee opened Tenders for building a Stone Wall at the North end and found the Tender of Duncan Waddell to do the work required for £220-0-0 and the tender of Andrew Mowbray for the work as per plan and Specification for £338-10-0. The Committee recommended the consideration of the Tender of Duncan Waddell to the Council.

W<sup>m</sup> J. Stairs  
Chairman

Moved by Alderman Jennings seconded by Alderman King that W<sup>m</sup> William Evans being the lowest tender the same be accepted put and passed.

The Council next take up that portion of the Report of Committee of Tenders relative to Building of Stone Wall at North Fish Market Property. The same is read, when following resolution is introduced

Resolved that the Tender of Duncan Waddell to build a Stone Wall at the North end be referred to the Committee of City Property to which following amendment is introduced Moved by Alderman Stairs seconded by Alderman Mills

Resolved that the specification before this Council be read for their information previous to the tender being referred to Committee of

Report Committee Tenders rel. to Ox Heads and Feet.

Resol. rel. to Tender of Duncan Waddell to build Stone Wall at Upper Fish Markt



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February 4<sup>th</sup> City Reports Moved by Alderman Jennings seconded  
continued by Alderman Bell.

The Specification is read. The amendment  
is then put and carried.

Read Copy of Grant bearing date  
22 Sept. 1855 signed by H. Westbrook relative to  
Water Lot north end of City.

Resolution No 3 is next  
introduced Moved by Alderman Mackay seconded  
by Alderman Cochran.

A Motion is made that Alder-  
man Mackay have leave to withdraw said resolution.  
leave granted. resolution withdrawn.

On Motion Council rise.

Shepley Mayor

February 7<sup>th</sup> At a Special Meeting of  
City Council held this day present His Worship the  
Mayor Alderman Stalis, Towns, Young, Bell,  
Rags, Mackay, Barry, King.

Council were summoned to take  
up business standing over from last meeting and  
transaction of other business.

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

Shepley Mayor

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At an adjourned Meeting of City Council present His Worship the Mayor Aldermen Stairs, Lownds, Caldwell, Cochran, Ring, Mackay, Barry, King, Longard and Jennings.

There not being a quorum to do business Council rise.

Wm. Peppitt Mayor

February 15<sup>th</sup>

At a Special Meeting of City Council held this day present His Worship the Mayor Aldermen Ross, Anderson, Stairs, Donohue, Lownds, Caldwell, Bell, Cochran, Morrissey, Ross, Wells, Mackay, Barry, Longard and Jennings.

Read over proceedings of 4<sup>th</sup> 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> February

Alderman Mackay Chairman submits a resolution of Committee of City Property of 7<sup>th</sup> February.

Alderman Ross Chairman submits a report of Committee of Public Accounts of 11<sup>th</sup> February.

Alderman Ross submits a resolution relative to employment of Persons at Fines

Alderman Lownds submits a Memorial of John Stratton relative to his apartment.

Alderman Mackay having at last Meeting of City Council called for a copy of the resolution relative to the duties of George Glazebrook Keeper of the City Building a copy of the same is laid on the Table.

His Worship the Mayor submits report of Superintendent of Streets of 8<sup>th</sup> February relative to construction of Drain in Gottinger Street and list Contributions uncollected

Recd. of to -  
Geo. Glazebrook  
Keeper of Building

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Council next take up the Act relative to erection of Wooden Buildings in the City

Act rel. to the Erection of Wooden Buildings

On Motion the whole Act is read  
1<sup>st</sup> Clause read to which is added a Proviso  
Moved by Alderman Mackay seconded by Ald. Jennings. When an amendment is introduced seconded by Alderman Concho which amendment being put is passed 11 voting for it and 3 against it and the names being called for they appeared thus.

For Amendment	Against Amendment
Alderman Caldwell, Mackay	Alderman Anderson
Lounds " Stairs	Insgard
Wills " Morrissey	Bill
Cochran " Ross	
Barr " Jennings	
" " Concho	

2<sup>nd</sup> Clause read - amendment moved by Alderman Stairs seconded by Alderman Jennings the Clause as amended is put and passed.

3<sup>rd</sup> Clause read amendment added put and passed

4 Clause . read and passed

5 " " " " "

6 Clause read - the words "of 16 feet post or upwards" being added the same is passed.

8<sup>th</sup> Clause passed

9 Clause passed

10 Clause passed

11 Clause passed

12 Clause passed

13 Clause passed

14 Clause passed

15 Clause passed

Moved by Alderman Jennings seconded by Alderman Morrissey that said Bill do now pass which on being put is carried 9 voting for it and 4 against it

Moved by Alderman Mackay seconded by Alderman Jennings that said Bill be fairly engrossed and that His Worship the Mayor call on the town and County Members and request their influence to have the same passed by the House of Assembly

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A Motion is made that a Committee be appointed to look into the matter of the 10 against it

Council next take up report of Committee appointed to confer with Water Company the same is read.

Council next take up Memorial of S. Selden relative to his building being pulled down at the fire on 1<sup>st</sup> January last as also an application for loss on Furniture and Wearing apparel Said Memorial is read

(Copy) Halifax January 21<sup>st</sup> 1857

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

May it please your Worship and Gentlemen

I beg permission to be allowed to lay before your Worship and Gentlemen the accompanying documents.

First A statement of facts concerning the fire which took place on the afternoon of Thursday the first of January instant as I believe they occurred in connection with the pulling down of my late residence in Granville Street.

Second. The Certificate of Daniel Odrien late one of the Sheriffs of the City and John L Barry and W. Mackay Esquires Alderman, who believed the authority vested in them as Alderman equivalent to that of Sheriffs, and who concurred in the opinion of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, that my residence should be pulled down for the purpose of preventing the further progress of the fire Southward in Granville Street and in the exercise of that opinion consented to His Excellency giving orders to that effect which orders were immediately carried into execution without giving me or my friends the least intimation of the same but compelling us to leave the premises although the fire had not then reached the house next adjoining my residence.

Third. The estimate of Messrs Jonathan Elliot W. H. Wisdom and D. Calder master builders of the sum required to repair the injury done to the said house by pulling it down.

Fourth

Memorial of Stephen Selden re- to his building being pulled down on first of Jan<sup>y</sup>

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Fourth, A Memorial sustained by a number of Magistrates and other Citizens of Halifax setting forth the injury sustained by me in addition to the destruction of my residence, in the loss of property occasioned by the haste with which the order to pull down my house was carried into execution together with the certificate of Mr David Buchanan, John Whitman and Daniel H. Neil Parker Esqrs.

I trust your Honors and Gentlemen will be pleased to give your most favourable consideration to these my just claims on the City and will, with as little delay as possible afford me the compensation therein demanded so as to enable me to repair the losses. I have been called to suffer for the purpose of saving the City from further destruction.

I have the honor to be  
Your Honors and Gentlemen's  
Most obedient Servant

Signed, S. Seldon

Halifax N.S.

Stephen Seldon of Halifax in the County of Halifax, Gentleman & the Proprietor and Publisher of the weekly paper called the Christian Messenger, deposes that his dwelling house and Printing Office was until the late fire situate at No. 49 on the east side of Granville Street in this City - That on the afternoon of the first day of January instant a fire broke out in the Street situate on the Corner of Prince and Hollis Streets in the adjoining block, that it immediately connected with St. Matthews Church and extended into the block in which deponent resides - that the fire ran from St. Matthews Church across the block to the corner of it in Granville St. and then extended rapidly Southwardly into the block -

That the fire was stayed for some time by the North end of a house which was of brick and the second house to the Northward from deponents the intervening house having been a double one that deponents house stood the third from the south end of the block, that while the fire was so situate and before it caught the said double house, it was deemed prudent in order to prevent the further -

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spreading of the fire to the Southward to have the dwelling house and Shop of deponent pulled down and accordingly an order was given by his Excellency the Lieutenant Governor to pull down deponent house with the sanction and concurrence of Mr. David Brown a Fire Ward and Mr. John G. Barker and William Mackay two of the Aldermen of the City - who at that time acted under the impression and in the full belief that they as Aldermen were clothed with all the powers of Firewards and were authorised as such in case of and at Fires as may more fully appear from a certificate of these Gentlemen hereto annexed - to which they are willing to testify in oath - That deponent's house was accordingly in pursuance of such order immediately pulled down as far as practicable or was deemed necessary and wholly destroyed before the fire reached it and the pulling down of the house was the means of staying the further progress of the fire to the Southward - and of preserving the remainder of the block.

That when the order to pull down the house was given it was not on fire - nor did the fire catch it while it was partially pulled down -

That the first deponent saw of the order to pull down the house was while he and his friends were engaged in removing his furniture the house was filled with soldiers who excluded them from it and immediately proceeded to pull it down and prevented deponent from saving his furniture or a great part - which was consequently destroyed to the great loss of deponent - the said furniture being wholly uninsured - That the loss sustained by this deponent by the destruction of his house and Shop as before mentioned which exceed the sum of Seven hundred pounds - the sum of Six hundred and forty four pounds being required to replace the building alone as will more fully appear by reference to a certificate of three Carpenters hereto annexed -

And deponent saith that in addition to said loss he has been deprived of his place of business and been put to much other loss and inconvenience besides

And that he has a just claim on the City to be indemnified for the loss of his dwelling house and Shop which was destroyed without his assent in order to stay the progress of the fire as before mentioned and for which it proved effectual.

I was before me at Halifax N.S.  
this 13 day of January 1857

Signed Stephen Golden

Signed Andrew McMillan  
J.P.

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We the subscribers Daniel O'Brien of Halifax  
 continued lately one of the Firewards of the City and William  
 Mackay and John L. Barry two of the Aldermen  
 of the City. Do hereby certify that on the afternoon  
 of the first of January instant when the fire was  
 raging in Granville Street, His Excellency the  
 Lieutenant Governor Being then present and actu-  
 ally engaged in stopping the progress of the fire  
 that Daniel O'Brien above mentioned applied to  
 John L. Barry, and William Mackay also named  
 above, to say that the Governor wanted competent  
 persons to give orders to pull down a house, which  
 house on going there had the sign of the Christian  
 Messenger, placed up against the wall, the Governor  
 said do you <sup>think</sup> this House should be pulled down  
 we three concurred in the propriety and also the  
 expediency of taking it down and further said  
 if you give the order we will back you we are one  
 fireward and two Alderman of the City which  
 is the same as Firewards, We then believed that  
 our powers were equal and we still think and  
 believe that if it is not it certainly should be,  
 upon this order being given by us the Governor  
 conveyed the same to a Military Party who at once  
 proceeded to execute the same.

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Signed Daniel O'Brien  
 William Mackay  
 John L. Barry

4<sup>th</sup> January 1857 Halifax N.S.

We the Subscribers having been called upon  
 by Mr. Seldon to examine and report upon a  
 Building in Granville Street taking down in  
 consequence of the late fire, and have come to the  
 conclusion that it will take Six hundred and  
 forty four pounds to replace it and put it equal  
 to its former state

Signed Jonathan Elliott  
 W. A. Wisdom  
 G. Calder

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

May it please your Worship and Gentlemen,

I beg leave to state to your  
Worship and the other members of the City Council  
that whilst the fire was raging in Granville St.  
on Thursday the first day of January last, an  
order was given to pull down the house in which  
I was then residing, for the purpose of preventing the  
fire from making further progress, which object  
was by that means effectually accomplished.

This order was executed with such promptness  
that my friends were prevented from saving much  
of my furniture and effects, and were actually  
forced from the premises whilst in the act of  
rescuing what might otherwise have been saved  
considerably involving me in a loss of upwards  
of one hundred Pounds.

I beg to request that your  
Worship and Gentlemen, will be pleased to take  
into your benevolent and serious consideration,  
that this loss to me has been occasioned by efforts  
to save the City from further destruction which  
efforts were eminently successful, the fire having  
thereby thus prevented from proceeding further in  
that direction but to me most disastrous, in  
depriving me of much which cannot be replaced  
besides my residence and business.

I trust that your Worship and Gentlemen in  
the administration of Justice, committed to your  
hands, will be pleased to admit my claim, to  
be reimbursed for this loss, and will take such  
steps as will put me into possession of such  
necessary household furniture and wearing apparel  
and as that of which I have been thus deprived.

Your most obedient Servant,  
Signed Stephen Selden.

We the undersigned Citizens of Halifax consider  
the destruction of Mr. Selden's house and property  
in Granville Street had the effect of stopping the  
further progress of the fire in that direction and  
respectfully commend the above application to the  
favourable attention of your Worship and the  
other members of the City Council.

Signed Andrew McHenry & 2 brothers,



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We David Freeman Minister  
of the Gospel, John Whitman, Merchant and  
Oscar McNeil Parker Physician of Halifax  
do certify that we were by holden that Mr. Stephen  
Selden was sustained by the fire in Halifax on the  
first day of January last, the damage by him  
in his affidavit and memorial herewith stated  
we having been present and assisting in saving  
his property from the house, were interrupted and  
turned out by the parties engaged in pulling  
the front of the house down, and that we witness-  
ed the pulling down and destruction of the same  
mentioned in the said affidavit and memorial

Signed David Freeman  
John Whitman  
O. McNeil Parker

Halifax January  
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Resolution re to  
Memorial of S.  
Selden

The following resolution is now  
introduced

Resolved that the Memorial  
of S. Selden now before this Council be referred  
to a Special Committee to report thereon.

Moved by Alderman Bell seconded by Alderman  
Longard passed.

Committee Alderman Bell, Stairs, Jennings  
Conway and Morrissey.

Memorial of S.  
Hankins re to  
her building being  
pulled down.

Read Memorial of Sophia  
Hankins relative to her building being pulled down  
at the fire on 1<sup>st</sup> January last.

In their Honors the Mayor and  
Aldermen Comprising the City Council  
of Halifax.

The Petition of Sophia Hankins

Respectfully Sheweth

That your Petitioner is the owner  
of several Houses in Hollis Street in the City of  
Halifax that on the night of Thursday the first  
of January last one of the said houses belonging  
to your Petitioner situate on the east side of  
Hollis Street aforesaid was directed by three of the  
Firewards to be pulled down in order to prevent  
the further spreading of the Fire which was then  
raging to a fearful extent.

That the pulling