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That the pulling down of the said House had the effect of stopping the fire in that quarter  
Your Petitioner therefore prays that an order for the valuation of the damages sustained by her may be made agreeably to the Sixth Section of Chapter ninety nine of the Revised Statutes  
And your Petitioner as in duty bound will ever pray &c

Signed Sophia Hawkins  
by her attorney  
S. W. Merrill  
W. Tatipae  
January 14<sup>th</sup> 1857

An Motion said Petition is referred to same Committee as on Memorial of S. Selden

An Motion the report this day submitted by Committee of City Property relative to survey of South West Market is next taken up the same is read Moved by Alderman Bills seconded by Alderman Caldwell that said report be adopted passed

For Report  
See file

The following resolution is next introduced

Resolved that the plan and Specification for improving said property be again remitted back to the Committee of City Property for the purpose of having suitable Stone Stairs introduced in the South Wall for the accommodation of the Publick and also for the purpose of extending said Walls if the Survey will show that any of the ground has not been taken up Moved by Alderman H. May seconded by Ald. Caldwell passed

Resol. rel to Report of Committee of City Property

Memorial of W. Thos Rhind second assistant clerk is next taken up when following resolution is introduced

Memo. of Rhind Asst. City Clerk

Resolved that the Salary of Assistant City Clerk W. Thos Rhind for the present year be one hundred and twenty pounds Moved by Ald. Morrissey seconded by Alderman Caldwell

Resol. rel to Salary Second Asst. Clerk

Call of Council is made at 11 minutes before 7 o'clock.

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Council next takes up report of  
Committee of Public Accounts of 11<sup>th</sup> Feb<sup>r</sup> 1854  
same is read when Mr. Holden of Alderman  
Wills seconded by Alderman Jennings said  
report is adopted and His Worship the Mayor  
requested to draw Checks for following amounts

Refers Commit  
to Public  
Accounts

City Property	David Calder		\$	2	2	10	"	"	"
	W. S. Harris			10	4	4	"	"	"
	Humay B Co			9	4	10	"	"	"
	The Caldwell's			"	8	0	"	"	"
	W. Jennings			1	11	3			
	John Donald Ho			15	4	8			
	Thomas Walsh			"	14	1			
	Patrick Walsh			"	9	6			
	William H Star			6	7	2			
	James Jackson			2	0	0			
	John Hogan			2	5	9			
	W. G. Anderson			24	12	3	675	5	4
Bridewell	James Adams			2	10	3			
	John Mills			"	18	7			
	John Stave			24	7	6			
	Bill G Anderson			2	18	8			
	Thomas Boggs Co			2	19	9			
	John Taylor			9	15	8			
	John Stairs			"	8	0			
	Joseph Jennings			"	11	5			
	William Pugh			21	15	8			
	Co Co			2	15	6			
	James Hume			30	0	0			
	Wm McDonald	Dep <sup>t</sup>		6	17	8 1/2			
	Co Co	Sec <sup>y</sup>		9	11	2 1/2			
	Co Co	Clk <sup>y</sup>		9	5	9			
Co Co	Sur <sup>y</sup>		7	8	10				
	Wm Accounts			29	11	2	161	14	10
City	English Blackadar			22	15	0			
	John Taylor			15	13	10			
	William Grant			38	5	1/2			
	Co Co			5	8	3/2			
	Alvin Grant			27	15	5			
	Gazette Office			1	0	0			
	Richard Nugent			5	19	4			
	Wm Murray			8	5	6			
	Thomas Anhand			23	6	5			
	Wm Gossip			2	15	4	149	6	11

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£ 237 0 3

John Taylor	1	19	5	149	6	11
J. R. De Wolf	1	2	6			
W. A. Penney	54	10	0			
Qualifax Water Co	55	15	0			
Co. Co. Co.	7	11	10	£ 178	5	8
Wm. Gossip	5	0	0			
Co. Co.	3	0	0			
Co. Co.	3	0	0			
Co. Co.	3	0	0			
Co. Co.	3	0	0			
Co. Co.	3	13	9	24	13	9

City Depart

A. S. Bacon	11	1	6			
James Brown Son	2	12	0			
Thomas Anward	5	11	3			
James Barnes	0	9	0			
Wm. Merrick Son	1	13	0			
Wm. Murray	1	16	6			
John Taylor	7	16	0			
Thomas H. Peters	60	8	0			
Robert Lewis	5	2	6			
Thomas Hottaway	10	0	0			
B. Smithers	1	7	6			
J. G. Longard	8	9	0			
Robert Story	8	8	9			
Daniel H. Pherson	1	11	3			
Abner Robinson	0	16	3			
Wm. Humphrey	7	10	0			
John Wain	37	6	8			
Wm. W. Kally	9	1	3			
James Reid	1	0	0			
The Caldwell	10	10	0			
Wm. Sturmer	6	18	9			
Robert Woodills	15	9	0			
English & Blackhad	2	17	6			
Michael Poyer	2	15	0			
Donald Hear	5	2	8 1/2			
Robert Hottan	7	0	3	£ 338	13	1 1/2

£ 1378 12 2 1/2

Amounting to Thirteen hundred and Seventy eight pounds twelve shillings and 2 1/2 which being found correct are recommended to be paid

Signed Peter Kiss  
Chairman

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Alderman Wilts gives notice that at next meeting of Council he will move that the resolution relative to work beyond five pounds be not entered into unless by Contract be rescinded.

The Hour having expired since the Call of the Council was made and there not being a quorum to do business.

Council rise

Wm. H. May

February 16<sup>th</sup>

At a Special Meeting of City Council held this day present His Worship the Mayor Aldermen Anderson, Stairs, Lowndes, Bell, Cochran, Morrison, Ross, Mackay, Conway, Barry King, Longard and Jennings.

Read over proceedings of 15<sup>th</sup> February 1857

Alderman Stairs submits Memorial of C. Major relative to his Road Tax

Alderman Mackay submits report of Committee on Assessment By-Law.

On Motion Alderman Stairs has leave to introduce a resolution relative to the Memorial of C. Major this day submitted leave granted, where following resolution is introduced

Resolved that His Worship the Mayor instruct the City Treasurer not to collect the Road Tax of C. Major. Moved by Alderman Stairs seconded by Ald. Jennings passed.

His Honor the Recorder submits draft of an Act for repairs and maintenance of Streets in the City of Halifax.

Memo of C. Major  
rel to his Road  
Tax.

Resol = rel to C.  
Major's Memorial

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His Honor the Recorder submits  
Draft of a By Law relative to erection of Gates in  
the City

Council next take up the resolution  
of City Council of last meeting relative to increase  
of Salary of Mr. Thomas Rhind second Assistant  
Clerk.

Resolution is read, when following  
resolution is introduced in amendment.

Resolved that Mr. Rhind be paid  
at the rate of £120 per annum commencing on the  
15<sup>th</sup> April next. Moved by Alderman Barry  
seconded by Alderman Mackay which on being  
put is carried 7 voting for it and 6 against it and  
the names being called for they appeared thus

For Amendment		Against it	
Ald. Anderson	Barry	Ald. Mackay	King
Conway	Stairs	Sennings	Bell
Cochran	Morrissey	Longard	Ross
Lownds			

Alderman Mackay gives notice of reconsideration

Council next take up the Act  
in Amendment of the Act concerning the City of  
Halifax

The same is read a first time

Moved by Alderman King seconded  
by Alderman Morrissey that said Act be now read  
a second time. Motion carried.

Read 1<sup>st</sup> Clause. Moved by Alderman  
Conway seconded by Alderman King that said  
Clause do pass to which the following amendment  
is introduced.

Resolved that the 1<sup>st</sup> Section of  
the Act respecting assessment in the City of Halifax  
passed 31<sup>st</sup> day of March 1854 be the first clause  
of the Bill. Moved by Alderman Stairs seconded  
by Alderman Bell which amendment being put  
is lost 11 voting for and 12 against it and the  
names being called appeared thus.

For Amendment		Against it	
Alderman Barry	Stairs	Ald. Mackay	Morrissey
Bell	Sennings	Longard	Lownds
		Cochran	King
		Conway	Ross

Resolution re  
Salary Asst.  
Clerk.

Act in Amend-  
ment of Act  
concerning the  
City of Halifax

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continued.

The original is now before the Council  
Motion of adjournment is made. Moved by Alder  
Mackay seconded by Alderman King which on  
being put is carried. Y. Voting for it and 6 against  
it.

Shepley May

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At a Special Meeting of City  
Council held this day present His Worship the  
Mayor, Alderman Stairs, Towns, Young  
Caddell, Bell, Cochran, Morrissey, Rob. Wills  
King, Mackay, Conway, Barry, Spingard and  
Sinnings.

The City Council were summoned  
to proceed with the Assessment Act and the  
transaction of other business.

Read over proceedings of 16<sup>th</sup> Feb.

His Worship the Mayor submits  
report of Commissioner of Poor to 31<sup>st</sup> December 1856  
claiming a balance of \$1263.16.9 as also a list  
of Paupers in that establishment during the year.

His Worship the Mayor sub-  
mits annual report of Superintendent of Streets  
dated 19 February 1857.

His Worship the Mayor  
submits estimate of Superintendent of Streets  
of 19 February 1857 relative to certain works to  
be done this next year.

His Worship the Mayor  
submits application of Superintendent of Streets  
for leave of absence for a few days.

Alderman Stairs submits  
report of Special Committee relative to City Prison.

Report of Com-  
missioners of Poor  
Asylum.

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Alderman Mackay Chairman  
continued submits report of Committee City Property  
relative to surrender of North Kissis Martlets property  
and a Bill for the Survey.

Alderman Bell submits report  
of Committee on subject of S. Selder and Co. Hauntings  
Attendants. relative to property pulled down at  
the time on the first January 1857

Council must take up Alderman  
Mackays notice of reconsideration given at last  
relative to increase of Salary to Mr. Tho<sup>s</sup> Rhind  
Moved by Alderman Mackay seconded by  
Alderman Ring which motion being put is carried  
yea voting for it and 5 against.

Resolved that the resolution  
passed at last meeting relative to giving an  
increase of Salary to Mr. Thomas Rhind be  
seconded. At present Clerk be rescinded, carried &  
yea voting for it and 7 against it and the names  
being called for appeared thus.

For resolution	Against it
Alderman Cochran - Bell	Old - Caldwell - Barry
Young - Ring	Wills - Stairs
Mackay - Jennings	Conway - Briscoe
Longard - Rof	Lowards

Moved that the order of the  
day be suspended to take up the report of Com-  
mittee on City Prison motion carried

Read said report dated 18<sup>th</sup>  
February  
Committee Room Feb 18<sup>th</sup> 1857

Committee of City Prison met this  
day present Alderman Barry, Bell, Jennings  
Lowards and the Chairman

Upon Motion of Alderman  
Jennings it is resolved that the Committee do  
report to the Council. The desirableness of placing  
the City Prison upon the highest part of the Town  
ends towards the City and the property of Alexander  
Knight less<sup>d</sup> and that the Committee request  
leave to definitely mark out the site for the  
building with the assistance of the Architect -  
who may superintend the work for the Motion

Report Com<sup>tee</sup>  
City Prison  
to Wite

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February 11<sup>th</sup> Alderman Jennings and Barry against it  
 continued Alderman Bell and Gounds - Chairman  
 gives the casting vote in favour of the motion

The Committee would report  
 to the Council that they require the assistance  
 of an Architect to superintend the work and  
 have to request the Council to empower the  
 Committee to enter into treaty with an Architect  
 subject to the appointment of the City Council

The Committee would request to be  
 instructed by the Council to issue advertisement  
 for Tenders to Build the City Prison according  
 to plan and Specifications furnished by Mr  
 Henry G. Hill the Contract to include the  
 excavation of the cellar, the building of the  
 foundation walls and the super structure of  
 Brick and Granite or of rough Granite.  
 The sinking of Wells - smothering drains around  
 the Building

Respectfully submitted

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

The following resolution is next  
 introduced

Resolved that the resolution  
 naming the Site for the City Prison being the  
 part of the ground reported in favour of by  
 Mr Hill be rescinded and that the report of the  
 Committee of City Prison this day submitted be  
 adopted. Moved by Alderman Stairs seconded  
 by Alderman Conroy.

To which following amendment is introduced

Resolved that the Council  
 still approve of the Site last drawn by vote of  
 this Council and that the same be definitely  
 marked out by the Committee with the aid of  
 the Architect and that with the exception of  
 the appearance of the Upper part of the ground  
 for the Site the report of the Committee be adopted  
 Moved by Alderman Bell seconded by Alderman  
 Gounds which amendment being put is lost 5 voting  
 for it and 4 against it and the names being  
 called for they appeared thus.

Resolution rel.  
 to Site for City  
 Prison



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For Amendment  
Alderman Lounds  
Lougard  
Bell  
King  
Morrisey

Against it  
Ald Caldwell - Barry  
Wills - Stairs  
Conway - Mackay  
Cochran - Jennings  
Young - Ross  
Donohue

The original is then put when  
then appeared for the same & against it & the  
Mayor being called to give his casting vote - votes  
for resolution the same is therefore carried and  
the names being called for appeared then

For resolution  
Ald Caldwell - Stairs  
Wills - Bell  
Conway - Jennings  
Barry - Ross

Against it  
Lounds - Morrisey  
Cochran - Lougard  
Young - Mackay  
Donohue - King

Moved by Alderman Young  
seconded by Alderman Mackay that Council  
proceed with the order of the day (carried)

Read 1<sup>st</sup> Clause of the Act in Amendment  
of the Act concerning the City of Halifax

Act in Amend  
ment of Act -  
rel to Assessm<sup>t</sup>

Read 1<sup>st</sup> Clause passed as amended  
" 2 Clause passed  
" 3 Clause passed

" 4 Clause to which following amendment  
is introduced as the fourth Clause of the present Act.  
Moved by Alderman Stairs seconded by Alderman  
Cochran which amendment being put is carried  
7 voting for it and 6 against

Read 5<sup>th</sup> Clause passed  
" 6 Clause passed as amended  
" 7 Clause passed  
" 8 Clause passed  
" 9 Clause passed 7 to 5  
" 10 Clause passed  
" 11 Clause passed  
" 12 Clause passed

" 13 being put then appeared for the  
same & against it & His Worship the Mayor  
gives his casting vote in favour of resolution

Alderman Conway gives notice of reconsideration

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Read 14<sup>th</sup> Clause - amendment put.  
Resolved that Ships or vessels of any kind at home  
or abroad be exempt from City Taxes Moved by  
Alderman Young seconded by Alderman Cochran  
which amendment being put is lost 5 voting for  
it and 7 against it

Notice of reconsideration given by Ald.  
Young

Clause 14 put and passed  
" " 15 " " "  
" " 16 " " "  
" " 17 " " "  
" " 18 " " " passed leaving out  
Word "every Temperance Hall"  
" " 19 " " " passed leaving out  
word "and" and substituting "amount to"  
Clause 20 passed  
" 21 passed  
" 22 passed  
" 23 Moved by Ald. Towne  
seconded by Ald. Conway that said Clause be  
expunged which Motion on being put is carried  
5 voting for it and 4 against

Clause 24 passed as amended

On Motion leave granted to  
Mr. Pollock equally to his application

Motion of adjournment is made  
lost 4 voting for it 7 against it

Clause 24 passed as amended  
" 25 passed "  
" 26 passed "  
" 27 passed "

His Worship the Mayor  
Submits Letter from Officers of Union Regime Compa-  
ny of 19 February with a copy of Regime Mem-  
ber Certificate framed  
Council list

Wm. H. May

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February 26<sup>th</sup>  
~~extended~~

At a Special Meeting of City Council held this day present His Worship the Mayor Alderman Anderson, Stairs, Lownds, Bell, Cochran, Bills, King, Mackay, Conway, Barry, Jennings

The City Council were summoned to proceed with the assessment act and the transaction of other business

There not being a quorum to do business Council stands adjourned till to morrow

Wm. Moffat Mayor

February 27<sup>th</sup>

The City Council met this day present His Worship the Mayor Alderman Anderson, Lownds, Cochran, King, Mackay, Barry, Jennings

The City Council were summoned to proceed with the assessment act and the transaction of other business

There not being a quorum to do business "Council adjourns"

Wm. Moffat Mayor

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A Special Meeting of City Council  
continued held this day present His Worship the Mayor  
Alderman Stairs, Donohue, Leonard, Caldwell,  
Bell, Cochran, Morrison, With, King, Mackay,  
Bany, Jennings

The City Council are summoned  
and to take up the Assessment Act and the  
transaction of other business

Read over proceedings of 21<sup>st</sup> 22<sup>nd</sup>

24 February

Alderman Bell Chairman of  
Committee on Seldon and Hawkins Committee for  
compensation of damage sustained at Fire on 1<sup>st</sup>  
January 1857 submits a certificate of Lam & Caldwell  
and others Fire Wards on the Subject.

Certificate of  
M<sup>rs</sup> Meacham  
rel. to her property

It was moved and seconded that  
Clause 8<sup>th</sup> of the Assessment Act as passed last  
meeting be reconsidered, which on being put is  
lost 5 voting for it and 7 against it.  
Motion lost.

Moved and seconded that Clause  
8<sup>th</sup> of the Assessment Act as passed last meeting  
be reconsidered which on being put there appeared  
for the same 4 against it 6 and the Mayor being  
called upon for his casting vote gives it in favour  
of reconsidering the Clause

Clause 8<sup>th</sup> as amended passed 8 voting for it  
and 5 against it

Moved and seconded that Clause  
8<sup>th</sup> of the Assessment Act be reconsidered which  
motion being put is lost 6 voting for it and 7  
against it

Clause 25 reconsidered and passed  
with certain amendments

Clause 28 passed

Clause 29 passed

Clause 30 passed

Clause 31 passed

Clause 32 passed

Clause 33 passed with amendments

26 4 Clause 34 passed

Clause 35 passed

Clause 36 passed

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Read Act in Amendment of the  
Concerning the City of Halifax a third time.

The Amendment to 24<sup>th</sup> Clause  
is introduced and passed.

The following resolution is next  
introduced

Moved by Alderman, Hurresey seconded  
by Alderman Bell that said Bill be fairly  
engrossed and forwarded to the Legislature for  
their approval.

On Motion His Worship the  
Mayor, The Recorder and presiding Alderman of  
the Water & a Committee to wait on the Town  
and County Members to present said Bill to  
the Legislature for their approval

His Worship the Mayor  
submits opinion of J. W. Ritchie Esq. as also  
that of the Honorable W. Young in reference to  
Warts line in Upper Water Street The same  
is read

When following resolution is introduced

Resolved that His Honor the  
Recorder be instructed to stay all proceeding in  
the case of the City vs Hart and that His Worship  
the Mayor be authorized to pay what expense  
have been incurred in the case. Moved by Ald-  
Lennings seconded by Alderman Cochran.

See opinion  
See Title  
for bond

Read Report of Committee rela-  
tive to Road Tax Assessment Act.

On Motion the same is  
received and adopted

See Report on title

Read Act in Amendment of  
an Act entitled "An Act for the repair and  
maintenance of Streets in the City of Halifax."

Read 1<sup>st</sup> Clause passed

" 2<sup>nd</sup> Clause passed

" 3<sup>rd</sup> Clause

On Motion said Clause is struck out of the bill.

Read 4<sup>th</sup> Clause passed as amended

" 5<sup>th</sup> Clause

" 6<sup>th</sup> Clause

Read

Resolved to  
Hart vs the City

Act in Amendt.  
of Act for repair  
of Streets.

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Read Said Bill a third time

On Motion it is resolved that Said Bill be fairly engrossed and handed to the Town and County Members by His Worship the Mayor the Recorder and Presiding Alderman of the City to be submitted to the Legislature for their approval.

Alderman Mackay lays on the table for future consideration a resolution relative to changing the Polling Place in Ward 505

Read Report of Committee on the Petitions of Mr. Selden and Mrs. Hawkins

See Below

Report of Committee on Mr. Selden and Mrs. Hawkins

On Motion said report is adopted

On Motion Council adjourns

Wm. J. May

X Report of Committee on Petition of S. Selden and S. Hawkins

The Committee to whom was referred two petitions from Stephen Selden asking compensation for the destruction of his house and furniture on 1<sup>st</sup> January and also a petition of Sophia Hawkins for Compensation for the destruction of her house in the same day beg to report as follows.

On considering the petition of S. Selden relative to the destruction of his house the Committee are of opinion that in addition to the informality of the order for pulling down the house referred to, from such order not having been given by persons legally authorized to do so, there is abundant evidence from the appearance of the ruins of the building at the present time, and from the sentiments of firewards and others who witnessed the facts that the building was actually on fire and badly burnt during the conflagration on 1<sup>st</sup> January and therefore that the value of such building cannot be legally claimed from the City.

with respect to Mr. Seldens petition for compensation for the loss of his furniture the Committee are also of opinion that however serious a calamity to Mr. S. Selden the City Council would not be warranted in remunerating him from the City funds.

Upon

Upon the petition of Sophia Hawkins the Committee  
have to report that the petition does not describe  
the house referred to and is unaccompanied by any  
Certificate to show by what firewards the order was  
given, ~~and~~ that in the judgment of such fireward  
it was necessary to do so in order to prevent the  
further progress of the fire, and that the pulling  
down of the building had the effect of stopping  
the fire or that the fire was stopped before it reach-  
ed the building.

All which is respectfully submitted

Joseph Bell  
Chairman

Salisbury 13<sup>th</sup> February 1857

Wm. H. H. H. H.