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April 29th
Continued

On reading the Petition of Andrew Mackinlay and others relative to a Drain in Gotten-
gen Street. It was resolved that as soon as the
sum of Fifty pounds be paid into the Office of the
City Treasurer His Worship the Mayor direct the
Superintendent of Streets to open and construct
said Drain without further delay. Moved by
Alderman Conway seconded by Alderman Cochran
to which following amendment is introduced

Resolved to
Memo of A. M.
Kinley et al for
Drain Gotten-
gen Street

Resolved that said Memorial
be referred to Superintendent of Streets to report
on and the probable expense of constructing said
Drain Moved by Alderman Cochran seconded by
Alderman Wills which on being put is lost 5
yeoting for it and 1 against it.

The original is then put
and carried 8 yeoting for it and 4 against it and
the names being called for appeared thus

For resolution	Against it
Ald. Caldwell	Ald. Wills
Barry	Cochran
Donohoe	Morrissey
Bell	King
Conway	Jennings
Lounds	Noble

The following resolution is next
introduced.

Resolved to the
transfer of debt
due by Common
to City &c

Whereas a debt is now standing
against the Common of £442.4.1 irrespective of the
debt owing to Thomas Kenny Esq^r which by Law
is being reduced to by annual Instalments, and the
health of the Citizens has been largely benefitted
by the redeeming the Common from bog and swamp
to a place of retreat and recreation. It is therefore
resolved that said debt of 442.4.1 having been paid
the same be transferred to Credit of City and the City
Treasurer is hereby authorised to make such transfer
Moved by Alderman Barry seconded by Alderman
Morrissey. passed.

Motion of adjournment lost 3 yeoting for
and 1 against it

The following resolution is next
introduced

Resolved that the Mayor be
requested to cause written Notice to be served in the
Gas Company and the Hon William Young by the
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April 27th Superintendent of Streets calling their attention to
 Continued the right of the Public to those Streets and requesting
 them respectfully to withdraw from all possession
 thereon so that the said Streets may be opened as
 originally intended in the Plan of the Town.
 Moved by Alderman Noble seconded by Alderman
 King - passed.

Letter Committee
 Union Engine Co. Engine Company of 17th Feb 1857 relative to resolution
 rel. to amount of City Council and amount voted there by Council
 voted there by Council for Certificate Plate (see file April)

On Motion
 Council rise

Shelby
 Mayor

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At a Special Meeting of the City Council held this day present, His Worship the Mayor Aldermen Donohoe, Lounds, Bell, Cochran, Morrissey, Ross, Wills, Ring, Mackay, Conway, Barry, Jennings.

The City Council were summoned to elect a City Assessor, to consider reports of City Property standing over and the transaction of other business.

Read over proceedings of 27th April

Reports Comm^{ee}
City Property

Alderman Mackay Chairman submits Three Reports of Committee of City Property - April 4th, May and 10th May

Report Special
Committee rel. to
Claim Barnstead
H. Minn

Alderman Mackay Chairman submits report of Special Committee on the Claim of Messrs Barnstead & Minn

Report Special
Comm^{ee} rel. to City
Hospital

Alderman Cochran Chairman submits report of Special Committee relative to City Hospital

His Worship the Mayor on behalf of the Mayor of the City Boston presents to the City Council the Ordinances of said City with a Letter which is read by his Worship. When it is Moved by Alderman Jennings seconded by Alderman Morrissey that His Worship the Mayor convey to the Mayor of Boston the thanks of this Council for their very handsome present.

His Worship the Mayor also presents to the City Council a Copy of the Ordinances of the City of Buffalo, with a Letter which His Worship reads. When it is Moved by Alderman Jennings seconded by Alderman Morrissey that His Worship communicate to the Mayor of Buffalo the thanks of this Council for their handsome present.

His Worship the Mayor submits to the Council a detailed statement from City Surveyor up to 31st March.

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Petition J. D. Starr
et al rel to Road
near Railway Depot

His Worship the Mayor submits
Petition of John Edward Starr & others relative
to furnishing certain Material for use of Road
leading to Railway Depot with recommendation
of Committee of Streets

Letter Hon. J. W.
Whiston Hon. rel to South
Ferry Dock

His Worship the Mayor submits
a Letter of 2nd April 1857 from Hon. J. W. Whiston
Hon. relative to South Ferry Dock.

Committee to prepare
By Law rel to Slaugh-
tering Cattle in
the City Limits

His Worship the Mayor submits
a Report of Health Inspector relative to Persons
slaughtering Cattle on the Wharves of the City
Moved by Alderman Jennings
seconded by Alderman Ross that a Committee
be appointed in connection with His Honor the
Recorder to prepare a By Law relative to Slaughtering
of Cattle in the City. "passed"

Committee Alderman Jennings, Ross & Bell

Election of City
Assessor

Council proceed to elect a
City Assessor There being but only one application
filed within the time mentioned in the advert.
isement His Worship the Mayor informs the Council
that he received another application when it is
Moved by Alderman Bell seconded by Alderman
Morrissey that the application thus day received by
His Worship the Mayor be read with the one
previously received which Motion on being put is
passed.

Application of
W. Roche and
J. Le Cain

Read applications of Mr. William
Roche and J. F. Le Cain.

Moved by Alderman Ring seconded
by Alderman Conway that the Council proceed to the
election of a City Assessor.

Amendment moved that
the Election be deferred which amendment being
put is lost by voting for it and against it and
the names being called for they appeared thus

For Amendment Against it
Alderman Caldwell-Barry Ald. Ring Gounds
Wills - Jennings Conroy Morrissey
Mackay - Ross Conway - Bell
Wochman -

when second amendment is introduced

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Resolution rel.
rel. to City Asses-
sors

Resolved that new advertisements be issued for competent persons to act as City Assessor, and that if persons offer whom the Council can have confidence in that £20 be added to the £100 already offered for that Service the time to be limited to seven days from the date. Moved by Alderman Mackay seconded by Alderman Ross which on being put is lost 5 Voting for it and 8 against it and the names being called for appeared thus.

For Amendment	Against it
Alderman Caldwell - Jennings	Old Lounds - Donohoe
Wills - Ross	Caldwell - Morrissey
Mackay	Barry - King
	Conway - Bell

The original Motion is then put when there appeared for the same 6 against it 6 and He is Worship the Mayor being called upon gives his Casting Vote in favour of proceeding with the election of a City Assessor.

Call of Council is made at 10 Minutes to 5 O'Clock.

Council next proceed to take into consideration the payment of Ward Assessors when following resolution is introduced.

Resol. rel to Ward Assessors.

Resolved that 12/6 per day be the Salary of each Ward Assessor while in the employment of the City each day to consist of 6 hours active employment. Moved by Alderman Mackay seconded by Alderman Jennings. to which following amendment is introduced

Resolved that the sum of Ten shillings per day be paid each Ward Assessor while employed, no Assessor to be paid for more than eight days, provided he should have completed the Assessment in his Ward. Moved by Alderman Ross seconded by Alderman Caldwell, which on being put is lost 2 Voting for it and 11 against it.

The following amendment is next introduced

Resolved that the sum of Three pounds be paid to each Ward Assessor for Comple

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May 11th Completing the Assessment of the Ward for which Continued he has been appointed, Moved by Alderman Jennings as seconded by Alderman Cochran which on being put is lost 4 voting for it and 2 against it.

The following amendment (N^o 3) is next introduced

Resol. rel to Ward Assessors.

Resolved that the Ward Assessor be paid the sum of Ten shillings ^{per day} while so employed. Moved by Alderman Conway seconded by Alderman Morrissey which on being put is carried 10 voting for it and 3 against and the names being called for they appeared thus.

For Amendment	Against it
Alderman Lownds	Alderman Cochran
Caldwell	Jennings
Barry	Ross
Wills	Mackay
Young	Morrissey
Donohoe	King

William Roche elected City Assessor.

The Hour having expired since the Call of the Council, they proceed to Election of a City Assessor and the names being taken they appeared thus.

Mr William Roche & Francis Stevens & G. S. Le Cain & Paul White. Mr William Roche having received a clear majority of votes is duly elected City Assessor.

Report of Committee City Property rel to removal of Fountain in front of Market.

Council next take up that part of report of Committee of City Property of 11th March recommending the removal of the Fountain in front of Meat Market the same is again read, when it is Moved by Alderman Ross seconded by Alderman Lownds that said report be adopted which on being put is carried 9 voting for it and 3 against it. Notice of reconsideration is given, and the names being taken upon the Motion they appeared thus.

For the Motion	Against it
Alderman Lownds	Alderman Young
Ross	Conway
Wills	King
Donohoe	Mackay
Barry	Jennings
Cochran	

The following resolution is next introduced.

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Resolved Sale
of Mount

Resolved that the Mount before
the Market be removed and the same be sold at
public Auction on Friday next Moved by Ald
Cochran seconded by Alderman Barry "passed"

Moved by Alderman Conway
seconded by Alderman Wills that the order of the
day be suspended and that the reports of Commit-
tee of City Property this day submitted be now taken
up and read.

Read following report of
Committee of City Property of April

Halifax April 1857

Present Alderman Lounds, Longard Caldwell
and the Chairman

Report Committee
City Property re-
to repairs to
Engine Houses

The Chairman read a
Letter from Mr. Lowe agent of Steam Boat Co.
asking permission to move station house four
feet further west for the convenience of the Compa-
nies passengers, traffic. the Committee agreed
to recommend said request to the Council they
paying yearly one shilling for said privilege,

Examined Engine House on the Parade. Basement
story requires Saw Sirst new floor of six spruce, outside
Platform, North end made new. Cill on Eastern side
made new, the Centre posts supporting the 1st floor -
must be set on Granite Blocks,

First floor to have the ceiling lathed and plastered with
one substantial coat of plaster new Cill properly Brick
Nogged, Doors and Casings repaired.

Second floor the Hall wants plaster repaired, to be
painted a New. the Committee think the Hall
too small to accommodate the firemen with comfort
and advise the removal of the south partition
wall and the formation of a New entrance on the
Western side of the Building entering from the
South Street.

Roof must be shingled Chimney taken down
to Level of Roof and Rebuilt New Spouts. Conductors
be and the exterior painted with two good coats
of Oil paint.

No 5 Requires for light and ventilation two new
windows on North end Ceiling plastered walls lined
Brick Nogged.

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Continued Repairs inside white washed,
All which is respectfully submitted

Signed William Mackay
Chairman

Read following report of Committee
of City Property of 4th May 1854

Committee Room May 4th 1854

Report Committee
City Property re.
to Letting Stalls
Letter from Pat^r
Costin and other
Business

Present Alderman Longard, Cochran, King
Lounds Caldwell and the Chairman.

Read a Communication from certain
Butchers asking the Committee to interfere in the
late arrangement of Letting the stalls, which the
Committee decline doing.

Read a Letter from Patrick Costin asking an
extension of his lease of City Property now occupied
by him and on which and on which property he is
about to spend a considerable sum in improving
the same, Your Committee recommend his applica-
tion to the favourable notice of the Council.

Considered the state of the Magazine Wharf and
recommend that the walls which are in a dilapidat-
ed condition be repaired that a Capsill be placed on
the east wall and 4 or 5 fenders to support the same,
that a Gangway of 3 in hemlock about 9 feet wide
and 40 to 50 feet in length be formed in the Centre of
the wharf and continued with Gravel the whole length
thereof be made that the Gates be hinged on the inside
as the side walk is made so high as to prevent their
opening on the Street, the Committee recommend
this work to be done under their inspection by days
work.

Resolved that the stalls in the Green Market
be let to the highest bidder a certain number being
reserved for the use of persons from the Country who
may desire to use them.

All which is respectfully submitted

Sig^d William Mackay
Chairman

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Read following report of Committee
of City Property of 11th May 1857

Halifax May 11th 1857

Committee of City Property met this day
Present Alderman Ring, Lounds, Caldwell and the
Chairman.

Report Committee
City Property, re. to
North Fish Mart.

The Chairman of City Property
read a Note from Mess^{rs} Merricks & Son in reference
to the white washing & painting the inside of Green
Market, when it was agreed that the Mess^{rs} Merricks
should be employed to do said work.

Read a Note from Mess^{rs} R. Beasley and James
Wilson asking to open the Fish Market at the
North end when it was agreed that the applicants
have leave to sell fish and fish only and any
improvements they require for the purpose of doing
so must be done at their own expense and with
the approbation of our Chairman. (For a Report see file)

Moved by Alderman Jennings
seconded by Alderman Bell that said reports be
adopted and that Tenders be taken for all the Works
to be done except painting the Green Market and
repairs of Property near Gun Powder Magazines.

His Worship the Mayor brings
to the Notice of Council the State of Well in
Gottingen Street when following resolution is intro-
duced.

Resol. re. to Ten
pounds voted to
repairing Well
Gottingen Street

Resolved that the sum of Ten pounds
be placed at the disposal of the Alderman of Ward No
6 for the purpose of repairing the Walls of a Well in
the North end of Gottingen Street, placing a
platform over it and putting a pump in the same
also repairing the fence around.

Moved by Ald- Jennings seconded by Ald- Lounds
passed.

On Motion the order of the day
is suspended and the report of of Special Committee
on Mess^{rs} Barnstead & Flinn claim this day
submitted is taken up and read when it is moved
by Alderman Jennings seconded by Alderman Conway
that said report be adopted, all parties giving a release
of all claims against the City, and upon the same
being executed His Worship the Mayor draw a Check
for said amount. (For Report see Next Page)

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(Report)

A Committee consisting of Messrs. Cochran, Ring and Mackay were instructed by the Council on the 13th day of April to enquire into what claims Messrs. Barnstead & Miller have against the City.

Report Committee
rel. to Claim of
Barnstead &
Miller

The Committee as instructed have given this matter attentive consideration and without entering into details to shew the Council how they have arrived at the Undermentioned conclusion, they are unanimous in the opinion that the sum of one hundred pounds should be paid to Barnstead & Miller or their assigns in full of all claims or damages sustained by them in the matter of the unfulfilled Contract of the City Prison the Committee have further to state that they have had an interview with Mr. James Miller the Assignee who is willing to accept the sum mentioned, all which is respectfully submitted on behalf of the Committee

Sigs. William Mackay
Chairman

Report Special
Committee rel. to
City Hospital

On Motion the order of the day is suspended and the report of Special Committee on subject of City Hospital this day submitted be now taken up and read "passed"

Read said report when on Motion same stands over to be taken up at next meeting

Memo. of John &
Starr et al. rel. to
Road Near Rail
way Depot

On Motion the order of the day is suspended and the Memorial of Messrs. John & Starr Brothers this day submitted is next taken up and read, when following resolution is introduced. (For Memorial see file)

Resolved that the recommendation of the Committee of Streets relative to the Petition of J. W. Starr Esq. and others be complied with Moved by Alderman Jennings seconded by Alderman Conway passed.

"Council rise"

Shepley Mayor

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May 15th

At a Special Meeting of City Council held this day present His Worship the Mayor Aldermen Lounds Bell Rife Mills, Ring, Mackay, Conway, Barry, and Jennings

The Council were summoned to take into consideration the report of Committee of Public Accounts relative to Assessment, the report of Special Committee relative to City Hospital and the transaction of other business.

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

Whoseby Mayor

May 16th

At an adjourned Meeting of City Council held this day present His Worship the Mayor Aldermen Donohoe, Lounds, Caldwell, Bell, Cochran, Morrissey, Ross, Ring Mackay Conway, Barry, Jennings.

Read over proceedings of 11th and 15th May 1857

Report Committee Public Accounts

Alderman Rife Chairman submits report of Committee of Public Accounts relative to amount to be assessed on the City for the present year

Tender for Wall South Ferry Dock referred to Council

Alderman Conway Chairman of Committee of Tenders stated that one Tender had been received for the Building of Stone Wall at the South Ferry Dock and that the Committee had not opened the same, and submits it for the consideration of Council.

Alderman Caldwell by way of Motion submits a resolution for removal of a Gas Post

Council proceed to take up consideration Alderman Morrissey's notice of reconsideration relative to the disposal of the Fountain in front of Market.

Alderman

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Alderman Morrissey asks leave to with-
Continued draw his notice - leave granted.

The Report of Committee of Public
Accounts this day submitted relative to the amount
to be assessed for City Purposes for the present year -
amounting to £10920.17.10 is next taken up and read
Item by Item when following resolution is introduced

On reading the report of the Committee
of Public Accounts the estimate for the present year being
large it was resolved that copies of the report be printed
and report lay over until next meeting of this Council.
Moved by Alderman Jennings seconded by Alderman
King to which following amendment is introduced

The report of Committee of Public
Accounts relative to assessment for the present year
this day submitted having been taken up and read
Item by Item amounting to £10920.17.10.

Resolutions rel
to Report Commi-
tee Public Accounts

Resolved that the said report
of Committee of Public Accounts be received approved
and adopted leaving out £462.4.1 due by the Committee
of Common £362.11.5 due by the Streets £40 to the Engine
Company £10.0.0 to the Axe Fire Company and £46.2.6
to be deducted from the Contingent Fund.

Moved by Alderman Ross seconded by Alderman
King which amendment being put is carried 8 voting
for and 5 against it the original is therefore lost.

The following resolution is next
introduced

Resolution rel to
application to Lieut
Governor & Council
for leave to Assess
£2000 Additional

Resolved that application be made
to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor and the
Honorable Executive Council for leave to assess the
City the sum of £2000 in addition to the sum of eight
thousand pounds permitted to be assessed under the Act
of 1857 to provide for the necessary expenses of the City for
the present year, as appears by the estimate this day
submitted by Committee of Public Accounts and as
assented by Council and in accordance with resolution
of Council passed this day. Moved by Alderman Ross
seconded by Alderman Donohoe which resolution on being
put is passed 12 voting for it and 1 against it and the
names being called for appeared thus.

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For resolution
Alderman Lounds - Barry
Caldwell - Mohrsey
Mackay - King
Donohue - King
Conway - Bell
Cochran - Ross.

Against it
Ald. Jennings

Committee Room
Halifax May 12th 1857

The Committee of Public Accounts met
this day present Alderman Bell, Donohue Cochran
and the Chairman.

Report Committee
Public Accounts
rel. to Estimate
for Current Year

The following annual estimate
was submitted

	Balance due Bank of Nova Scotia	£ 1296. 7. 8	
Salaries	The Mayor	250.0.0	
	Recorder	200.0.0	
	City Clerk	300.0.0	
	Assistant Do	175.0.0	
	Deputy - Do	96.0.0	
	City Marshal	200.0.0	
	Constables	960.0.0	
	Watchmen	783. 14. 5	
	Health Inspector	100.0.0	
	Keeper of Markets	75.0.0	
	Under Keeper Fish Market	40.0.0	
	Keeper of Powder Magazine	50.0.0	
	Secretary of Board of Health	25.0.0	
	Jailors Allowance	20.0.0	
	City Assessor	100.0.0	
	Ward Co	36.0.0	
	Clerk of Markets	50.0.0	
	Keeper of Bridewell	150.0.0	
	Keeper of City Building	50.0.0	3640. 14. 5
	Poor Asylum. For the Service of the Year	1000.0.0	
	Bridewell. For the Service of the Year	525. 15. 0	
	City Property, repairs as per Estimate of Committee of City Property	1150.0.0	
	Fire Plugs & Hydrants	515.0.0	
	Gas Lamps 102	510.0.0	1025. 0. 0
	Carried forward	£	8637. 17. 1

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Estimate Continued
Board of Health.

£ 8657. 17. 1

Vaccinating the Poor 100. 0. 0
For the Services of the Year 500. 0. 0 400. 0. 0
Fire Department.

Hose now ordered 350. 0. 0
Engine service 450. 0. 0
New Tank Repairs to do 350. 0. 0
Pumps & Wells 25. 0. 0
Contingent Fund 25. 0. 0
Services of Secretary 10. 0. 0
Keeper of Engine House
Supervisor of Tanks 25. 0. 0
Inspector of House 10. 0. 0
Argyle St. rent of Engine House 15. 0. 0
St. Georges " " " 5. 0. 0
Repairs of Engine Houses as per
Estimate of Committee of City Prop^r 250. 0. 0 1515. 0. 0

City Clock

Keepers Salary 25. 0. 0
Amount for Lighting 15. 0. 0
Insurance of Market 9. 7. 6 49. 7. 6

Printing & Stationary 200. 0. 0
Contingent Fund 253. 17. 8
Treasurers Commissions 300. 0. 0
Allowance for Lupon Assess^r 300. 0. 0
Fuel for Court House 50. 0. 0 1103. 17. 8

Interest Payable on Old Indebted 540. 0. 0
Ordinance Property 33. 7. 9
Rock Head Farm 10. 10. 0 583. 17. 9

£ 12290 0. 0

Income

Rents of City Property £ 320. 0. 0
Fines & Fees in Markets and
Police Courts for the Year 670. 0. 0
Probable Amount from License 1300. 0. 0 2290. 0. 0

£ 10,000. 0. 0

Shewing the sum necessary to be provided for as Ten thousand pounds to meet the current expenses of the Year.

The Committee would recommend the publishing of the estimate in the City Papers.

All of which is respectfully submitted

Sig^d. Peter Ross Chairman

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It is moved and seconded Council
adjourn last 4 voting for it and 8 against it

Council next proceed to take up
report of Special Committee relative to City Hospital

Motion to adjourn

Motion of adjournment is again
made lost 5 voting for and 7 against it

It is moved and seconded that
the order of the day be suspended and the Tender
this day submitted be considered, lost 5 voting for it
and 7 against it

Read report of Special Committee
relative to City Hospital.

Report Special
Committee rel to
City Hospital

At a Meeting of City Hospital
Committee held 6 May 1857

The Committee appointed by the Council
relative to the City Hospital and to whom was
referred the letter of W^m W^m Gordon dated 22 April
have attended to the duties assigned to them and
beg to Report as follows.

That on the 25th June 1855
advertisements were issued by the Council for plans
and Specification for the proposed City Hospital and
on the 15th day of August in that year, a Set of
Plans and a Specification was received by the Committee
from W^m Gordon and by that Committee referred to the
City Council that on the 24th day of August the City
Council, passed the following resolution

Resolved that the plans and Specif-
ications now before the Council relative to the erection
of a City Hospital be referred to a Committee who
shall be empowered to send for Practical persons to
ascertain about what amount the Hospital can
be built for under the Plans. The Gentleman who
proposed the Plans be requested to attend with the
object of showing the difference of expense of the Building
being made like the New Market instead of being
wholly faced with Granite, and ascertaining if the
Plans are such as it will be advisable for the Council
to adopt that said Committee do Report to this
Council.

and appointed a Committee

That

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May 16th That shortly after the appointment of that Committee continued the annual election took place since which time nothing has been done.

Your Committee have had an interview with Mr Gordon examined his plans and Specifications, and with him selected a site on the South Common for the erection of the City Hospital between Morris and South Streets. That your Committee have no hesitation in recommending the acceptance of the Plans and Specifications of Mr Gordon and that he be paid for the same Fifty Pounds as given in the Advertisement of date June 25th 1855.

Your Committee are deeply sensible of the great necessity existing for the immediate erection of an Hospital, that the entire Community are desirous of its being built, and they recommend to the Council that advertisements be issued at once for the erection of the Hospital in accordance with the Plans and Specifications of Mr Gordon the excavations and foundations to be at once proceeded with and the Hospital and Building connected thereto to be finished by the first of December 1857, by this means the Parties contracting will have the winter to prepare their materials for the completion thereof. All of which is respectfully submitted.

Signed James Cochran
Chairman

when following resolution is introduced

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Resolution rel.
to City Hospital

Resolved that the report of the ^{Committee of} City Hospital be adopted and that the Committee be authorised to advertise for Tenders for the same. Moved by Alderman Donohoe seconded by Alderman Morrissey to which following amendment is introduced.

Resolved that report of Committee of City Hospital lay over for future action. Moved by Alderman Russ seconded by Alderman Mackay which amendment is lost 2 Voting for it and 10 against it.

Motion is made and seconded that Council adjourn lost 5 Voting for it and 9 against it.