

1857  
August 17<sup>th</sup>  
Continued

Alderman Lownds has leave to  
withdraw his notice of reconsideration of Loan of  
£600 for Street Service

Letter Wm Gordon  
rel. to his appoint-  
ment of Supt of  
City Hospital

Read Letter to William Gordon  
Wsq<sup>r</sup> of 1<sup>st</sup> August relative to his appointment of  
Superintendent of City Hospital - and also his  
answer accepting said appointment. (in file Aug<sup>t</sup>)

Report Committee  
City Property rel  
to North Market  
Slip

Read report of Committee of City  
Property submitted on 31 July and also Mr. Hindlays  
report of Work done at North Market Slip.

Read Specification for building  
Wall at North Fish Market Slip.  
when following resolution is  
introduced

Resolved that the Report of  
Committee of City Property dated 22 July 1857  
read with Mr. Hindlays letter be adopted.

Moved by Alderman Cochran seconded by Alder-  
man Caldwell which on being put is passed

(Report)

Halifax July 22 1857

Committee of City Property met  
this day Present Aldermen Longard, Ring, Lownds  
Mackay, Caldwell.

The Chairman placed before  
the Committee the Report of Mr. Wm. Hindlay to  
whom was referred the work at the North Fish  
Market performed by Mr. Duncan Waddell on which  
Mr. Caldwell Mr. Ring and the Chairman agree to  
accept the Report and to inform the Council that  
the Contract is finished Mr. Lownds dissenting and  
Mr. Longard refusing to state his opinion

(See Mr. Hindlays letter in file)

Sigs. William McKay  
Chairman

Moved by Alderman Wills  
seconded by Alderman Lownds that the order of  
the day be suspended to take up report of Committee  
City Prison this day submitted

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Continued of City Prison this day

Read following report of Committee submitted

Walifax 8<sup>th</sup> August 1857Report of Committee  
of City Prison  
rel. to proposed  
alterations

The Committee of City Prison building respectfully report to the City Council that they have had in consideration a proposed alteration made by the Contractor M<sup>r</sup>. Davis to do away with the Sills of the Windows into which by the Specification the Iron bars are to be put in - and let the bars be introduced into a block of Granite forming the course of the building instead of the Sill.

The Committee have also had in cons<sup>ideration</sup> ~~the~~ the proposal of the Contractor to put in Granite Stone in the Basement of the front of the building and wings, the Contractor furnishing the Stone in place of the Wall being built of Iron and Slate Stone. He being paid one shilling per foot for Cutting the Stone. This expense of the foundation wall has been caused from the alteration of the Site to a Sloping portion of the Ground and to have the entire front of the building in Granite will in the opinion of the Committee be a great improvement in preference to having the Basement in rubble work. Your Committee also visited the Penitentiary and there found the Iron bars introduced into blocks of Granite and no sills in that building, and the Committee are unanimous in opinion that altho they approve of the appearance of Sills in the building yet they cannot avoid coming to the conclusion that to dispense with the Sills and use blocks of Granite to introduce the Iron bars of the Windows will be a much stronger finish to the Building.

The Committee has made calculations of the difference these alterations would cost and have had interviews with M<sup>r</sup>. Davis upon the alterations proposed and find that he will do all for the sum of Sixty Pounds, and as the change of Site of the Building has in addition to a more commodious Cellar and the benefit of a Cellar door, all of advantage to the Building beg to recommend to the City Council the carrying out of these alterations and to pay M<sup>r</sup>. Davis the amount of Sixty pounds

Joseph Bell  
vice Chairman

1857  
August 1<sup>st</sup>  
Continued

when following resolution is introduced

A Report of the Committee of City Prison dated 8 August 1857 recommending certain changes and alterations in the building having been read.

Resolution rel. to Report of City Prison Committee

Resolved that their report be adopted and that Mr. Davis the Contractor be requested to carry into effect the alteration recommended in said report, and that the contractor be allowed Sixty pounds in addition to the Contract price of said building for the extra expense hereby incurred in full compensation for said alterations and no deduction is to be required of the Contractor in consequence of such alterations Moved by Alderman Mills seconded by Alderman Bell which on being put is passed.

Read report of Clerk of Streets this day submitted

Watford 17 August 1857

To His Worship the Mayor and the City Council

Gentlemen

Herewith I beg leave to hand you the Book containing the names of persons liable to be taxed for Poll tax for Road & Street purposes classified at their different Rates.

Amount in Ward 1	£472 " 7 " 6
2	370 " 4 " 6
3	455 " 9 " 1
4	257 " 16 " 6
5	870 " 15 " 6
6	276 " 5 " 0
Total.	£ 2703 " 19 " 1

Last year for want of practical experience in order the shew act a number of names were included that were exempt under the Statute viz. King's men, Sea Men - the civil Servants of the Military & Naval - Establishment persons residing in Dartmouth and other parts of the County making in all an overestimate of £300 and upwards. I have avoided this the present year by leaving the amount blank opposite the names of parties that are exempt the names of the Volunteer artillery are also left blank - so that the sum of £2702 19s 1d will be subject only to bad debts

Report of Clerk of Streets rel. to Road Tax Assessment.

1857

August 1<sup>st</sup> deaths and persons leaving the province - the increase continued in the tax over 1856 is about £300. The notices are all ready for delivery and will be commenced forthwith  
all which is respectfully submitted

Signed John C Craigen  
Clerk of Streets.

when following resolution is introduced

Resol. relate to the Report of Clerk of Streets

Whereas the Clerk of Streets has prepared a register of road tax payers within the City duly arranged agreeably to the Streets Act of 1856 (41 & 51) which register is now before the Council and is approved by them.

Resolved that said Register be forthwith handed over to the City Treasurer to be his guidance in the Collection of the City Road and Street funds under the act aforesaid. Moved by Alderman Caldwell seconded by Alderman Bell which on being put is passed.

On Motion Michael Dillon's letter this day submitted is next taken up and is read when following resolution is introduced (for letter see file for August)

Resol. relate to M. Dillon's letter on Drain in Bottingen Street

Resolved that the sum of eighty pounds be paid to Michael Dillon on Work done on drain in Bottingen Street and that his Worship the Mayor be authorised to draw a Check for the same. Moved by Alderman Conway seconded by Alderman Cochran to which following amendment is introduced

Resolved that the sum of fifty pounds be paid to Michael Dillon on account of his Contract for building drain in Bottingen Street.

Moved by Alderman Bell seconded by Alderman Caldwell which amendment being put is lost 5 Voting for it and 4 against it. The original resolution is then put and carried 7 Voting for it and 5 against it original resolution Carried.

Letter from Griffith Harveys relative to Drain

Read letter from Griffith D Harveys relative to drain under their premises. (See file of August)

Read letter from W. J. Morris Clerk of License for leave of absence (See file)

1854  
August 17th  
Continued to Mr. Morris agreeably to his application

Dr. Motion leave of absence is granted

Letter Fire Insurance  
Company relative to  
loads Bay

Read Letter from Fire Insurance  
Company relative to loads of Ware on the Streets at  
night. Dated 10 July (See File)

Read Quarterly return of Weigher  
of Flour to 30th June

Quarterly  
Return of Weigher  
of Flour

Return of Number of Bbls of Flour  
& Meal weighed by John Parker for Quarter ending 30  
June 1854

No Bbls	Bbls short	Lbs short
<u>16,246</u>	<u>127</u>	<u>1413</u>

Sign John Parker  
City Weigher

Return of Number of Bbls of Flour  
& Meal weighed by Samuel Carter for quarter ending  
30 June 1854

No Bbls	Bbls short	Lbs short
<u>14,791</u>	<u>257</u>	<u>2,502</u>

Samuel Carter  
City Weigher

Return of Number of Bbls of Flour  
& Meal weighed by William Grant for quarter ending  
30 June 1854

No Bbls	Bbls short	Lbs short
<u>10,566</u>	<u>176</u>	<u>2,753</u>

William Grant  
City Weigher

Return of Number of Bbls of Flour  
& Meal weighed by John Winters for quarter ending  
30 June 1854

No Bbls	Bbls short	Lbs short
<u>12,403</u>	<u>375</u>	<u>3,416</u>

John Winters  
City Weigher

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Continued relative to drain in Water Street, when on Motion  
Letter of John same is referred to Superintendants of Street to report  
Maher. Drain upon. (See file for report)

Read letter from John Maher

Council next take up the Ordinance  
of the City relative to Slaughtering of Cattle.  
The same is read a first time

By Law re to  
Slaughtering of  
Cattle

Read same a second time

Read first Clause when it is moved  
by Alderman Mills seconded by Alderman Ring  
that the By Law relative to Slaughtering Cattle  
lay over for the present which on being put is passed  
8 Voting for it and 4 against it

The following resolution is next  
introduced

Resolved to  
Dog Tax.

Resolved that a Committee of  
three Members of this Council be appointed in Con-  
nection with his honor the Recorder for the purpose  
of framing a more efficient ordinance for the collec-  
tion of the dog Tax. Moved by Alderman Jennings  
which on being put is passed.  
Committed Alderman Goings, Ring, Conway  
and the Recorder

"On Motion the Council adjourn"

*Shepley Mays*

1857

August 25<sup>th</sup>  
Continued

At a Special Meeting of City Council held this day present His Worship the Mayor Aldermen Noble, Lownds, Young, Caldwell, Bell, Cochran, Morrison, Ross, Wills, Ring, Mackay, Conway, Barry, King, Longard and terminus

The City Council were summoned to receive the return of the Book of valuation of assessment for present year. Book for the fire tax to proceed with matters standing over from last meeting and the transaction of other business.

Read over proceedings of 17<sup>th</sup>

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Memo of Martin Maher rel. to Damage by Fire

Alderman Barry submits Memorial of Martin Maher relative to ~~the~~ Damage sustained by Fire in Water Street.

Petition of M. Ruggles rel. to his Taxes

Alderman Conway presents petition from Milledge Ruggles relative to his Taxes in 1856 & 1857

On Motion Alderman Conway has leave to withdraw said petition

Report Committee Public Account

Alderman Ross submits report of Committee of Public Accounts of 25 Augst instant which on Motion is received

Report Comm. on Powder Magazine Exp. Assize

Alderman Jennings Chairman submits report of the Committee to investigate the cause of the Magazine explosion and evidence of Witnesses examined on that Committee. On Motion the same are received.

Letter Stairs Son J. Morrow

His Worship the Mayor submits a letter from Wm. Stairs Son J. Morrow relative to a place of deposit for powder shortly to arrive. On Motion the same is received

Suspension of Constables 2 & 4

His Worship the Mayor also brings to the notice of the Council the recent suspension of Constables Nos 2 and 4.

It was then Moved and seconded that the order of the day be suspended and the letter of James King and others relative to part of the Common for Horse races be now taken up and read. the same is read.

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Letter claims against it  
King rel to  
Races on Comm  
on.

A Motion is made that Alderman Wills have leave to Withdraw the Petition which motion on being put is lost & Voting for it and J

A Motion is then made that the prayer of the petition be granted which Motion on being put is lost & Voting for the Motion and 8 against it and the names being called for appeared thus.

For the Motion  
Alderman Jennings  
Wills  
Lounds  
Conway  
Morisy  
King  
King

Against Motion  
Alderman Mackay  
Cochran  
Young  
Barry  
Longard  
Bell  
Ross  
Noble

The Motion is therefore lost

The City Council next take up the Assessment Books for the several Wards of the City

The same are read when the following resolution is introduced

Resolved rel to  
Ward Assessment  
Books.

Resolved that the Ward Books of Assessment be referred to a committee of one Alderman from each Ward who shall within the four days report to this Council Moved by Alderman Mackay seconded by Alderman Conway which on being put is passed & Voting for the Resolution and against it

Committee Alderman Noble, Caldwell, Cochran  
Ross, Mackay, King.

Letter R.R.  
Fretwell rel to  
loan of £600

Read letter from R.R. Fretwell with offer to loan the City £600 Currency at 6 per cent interest on City Debentures. when on Motion said loan is accepted. (See file)

Communication  
S.L. Shannon rel  
to Market Slip  
Water Plug.

Read Communication from S.L. Shannon Secretary of Water Company for permission to put a Water Plug at the North Fish Market Slip. when on Motion the prayer of said Communication is not granted. & Voting for the Motion and 5 against it and the names being called for appeared thus.  
(See file)



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For the Motion

Alderman Caldwell, Bell  
Wells, King  
Conway, Ross  
Mackay, Jennings  
Cochran.

Against the Motion

Ald. Lounds  
Barry  
Young  
Morrissey  
Noble

The Motion is therefore carried

Read report of Superintendent  
of Streets relative to expenditure on South Street

Streets Office  
11<sup>th</sup> July 1854

The Superintendent of Streets bears  
leave to Report for the information of His Worship  
the Mayor and the City Council that he has  
expended £ 136.6.0 on South Street leaving a Balance  
on the sum voted by the Council of £ 5.11.0.

To form and excavate the Street to the full width  
would require an additional expenditure of about £ 60  
South Street is now 8 feet below the level of the  
of the Street which passes the Residence of A. W.  
Ritchie Esq. and to make a temporary connection  
with South Street would require an expenditure  
of £ 9 or £ 10. if this amount is not expended the  
South end of the Street would require to be fenced  
for the safety of the public.

All which is respectfully submitted

Sig<sup>d</sup> James Pollock  
Supt. of Streets.

Read report of Street Committee  
on same subject

Committee Room  
Halifax 18 July 1854

The Street Committee met this  
day present Aldermen Caldwell, King, Jennings  
Noble and Bell and beg to state for the information  
of His Worship the Mayor and the City Council  
that at the request of the Alderman for No 1  
Ward they visited South Street on Saturday  
last accompanied by the Superintendent of Streets

The Money voted by the City Council having been  
all expended, the Committee are of opinion that it  
is necessary in order to make the road safe for the  
travelling public - that a further sum of £ 70 should  
be

Report of Sup<sup>t</sup>  
of Streets re. to  
expenditure on  
South Street

Report Street  
Committee on same  
subject

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August 25 be expended which amount is to be considered as a Continued part of the funds which the Board is entitled to as its portion of the Street Expenditure - all of which is respectfully submitted

Sigs Samuel Caldwell  
Chairman

Resolution re  
Report Street  
Committee

Read resolution of 24 Oct<sup>r</sup> 1856  
appointing Committee to Superintend the Superintendant of Streets accounts

When on Motion the Report of Superintendant of Streets and the Report of the Street Committee be adopted which Motion on being put is passed of voting for and 4 against it and the names being called for they stood thus.

For the Motion		Against the Motion
Alderman Caldwell	Wills	Wd. Lounds
Conway	Mackay	Young
Barr	Bell	Morrissey
King	Jennings	Cochran
Noble		

Report Committee  
Public Accounts

Read Report of Committee of Public Accounts of 22 July last

Committee Room  
22 July 1857

Committee of Public Accounts met this day present Alderman Cochran, Conover, Noble & Bell the Chairman being absent Alderman Cochran appointed Chairman pro tem.

The following accounts being found correct were passed and recommended for payment

Wm. Gossip	June 20	£ 3.0.0
Do Do	24	5.0.0
Do Do	July 4. 1857	9.0.0
Wm. McDonald	Bridewell	11.8.8
Tolson & Eastwood		5.9.2
Bell & Anderson		2.16.5
Thos. Boggs & Co		4.6.4
Gas Company		15.19.6
Water Company		3.16.1/2
Michl. Devan		7.0.0
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		£ 55.16.2 1/2

Sigs James Cochran  
acting Chairman

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Moved by Alderman King  
seconded by Alderman Cochran that the said report  
be adopted and that His Worship the Mayor be  
authorised to draw checks for the several amount  
therein contained. passed

Read report of Committee  
of Public Accounts of 25 August this day subm-  
itted

Report Committee  
Public Accounts

Committee Room  
August 25<sup>th</sup> 1857.

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

The following accounts were submitted

W <sup>m</sup> Gosdip	July 35	£ 3. 0. 0	
Do	Aug <sup>th</sup> 1	3. 0. 0	
Do	" 8	3. 2. 11	
Do	" 15	3. 0. 0	
Do	" 22	<u>3. 0. 0</u>	£ 15. 2. 11
R. G. Whetmore		0. 12. 0	
W <sup>m</sup> Kennels		<u>45. 17. 0</u>	46. 9. 6
			<hr/>
			£ 61. 12. 5

Amounting to Sixty one pounds twelve  
shillings and five pence which the Committee  
recommend to be paid

All of which is respectfully submitted

Sig<sup>d</sup> Peter Ross  
Chairman

On Motion of Alderman King  
seconded by Alderman Bell said report is adopted  
and His Worship the Mayor is authorised to  
draw Checks for the several amounts

The following resolution is next  
introduced

Resolution rel-  
to Treasurer being  
empowered to borrow  
£2000 on credit of  
the City

Resolved that the Treasurer  
be authorised to borrow from one of the Banks or  
other sources the Sum of Two thousand pounds  
Currency to be repaid out of the current years  
assessment. Moved by Alderman Noble seconded  
by Alderman Bell. which on being put is  
passed

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For the Resolution		Against it
Alderman Hills	Conway	Alderman Young
Lounds	MacKay	Morrissey
Cochran	Barry	King
Bill	Noble	Jennings

Report Special  
Committure  
to explosion of  
Powder Magazine

On Motion the Report of Special Committee relative to the explosion of City Powder Magazine is next taken up and read. When following resolution is introduced

Resol. rel to  
Copies of Report  
being printed

Resolved that 2000 Copies of the Report just read together with all the evidence taken during the investigation relative to the explosion of the City Powder Magazine be published in pamphlet form for distribution among the Citizens. Moved by Alderman Noble seconded by Alderman Jennings to which following amendment is introduced

Resolved that there only be 1000 Copies instead of 2000 Copies of the Report and evidence given before the Committee of Investigation as to the powder Magazine explosion published which amendment being put is passed 9 Voting for it and 3 against it.

Letter Wm Stairs  
to a place  
of deposit for  
Powder to arrive

Read letter from Wm Stairs. Son of Morrow relative to a place of deposit for Powder shortly to arrive submitted this day when following resolution is introduced. (In file)

Resol. rel to Letter  
Wm Stairs Son of  
Morrow

Resolved Whereas in consequence of the destruction of the City Magazine the public are deprived of any safe place of deposit for powder and whereas large quantities of powder are daily expected for which no place of safety belonging to the City or private individuals exists, that his Worship the Mayor be requested to communicate with the Military authorities to ascertain if temporary arrangements can be made with them for the storage of powder belonging to Citizens now expected to arrive. Moved by Alderman Bell seconded by Alderman Jennings which on being put is passed 4 votes for it and 9 against it, and the names being called for appeared thus,

For Resolution

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August 25<sup>th</sup> For Resolution  
Continued Alderman Bell  
Sennings  
Noble

Against it  
Ald. Mills, Conway, Barry  
Lounds, Young, Morrissey  
Cochran, Mackay, King

On Motion "Council rise"

*W. H. Mayne*  
Mayor

August 31<sup>st</sup>

At a Special Meeting of the City Council held this day present His Worship the Mayor Aldermen Barry, Conway, Cochran, Sennings, Noble, King, King.

The City Council were summoned to receive the Report of Committee on Assessment Book for Fire Tax and the transaction of other business.

There not being a quorum to do business Council adjourn until to morrow at 2 o'clock to meet for business on Wednesday at 2 o'clock.

September 2

At a Special Meeting of the City Council held this day present His Worship the Mayor Aldermen Caldwell, Bell, Cochran, Mills, King, Conway, Barry, King, Sennings

There not being a quorum of members to do business Council adjourn until to morrow at 2 o'clock

1857  
September 3

At an adjourned Meeting of the City Council held this day present His Worship the Mayor, Aldermen Anderson, Noble, Caldwell, Bell, Cochran, Ross, Wills, King, Mackay, Conway, Barry, King Longard and Jennings.

Read over proceedings of 25 and 31 August and 2 September.

Report Special  
Committee rel to  
O'Brien Drain

Alderman Caldwell submits report from Special Committee to act in conjunction with Superintendent of Streets relative to O'Brien drain, on Motion the same is received

Report Special  
Committee on  
Valuation Books

Alderman Caldwell submits report of Special Committee on Valuation Books, on Motion the same is received,

Petition William  
Rowley rel to  
a Drain

Alderman Morrissey presents a petition from William Rowley relative to a Drain in Water Street received

Memo. Thomas  
Hosterman rel  
to Lunsford road

Alderman King presents a Memorial from Thomas Hosterman relative to Lunsford road received

Memo<sup>s</sup> of J. Rolis  
M. Farberk and  
Nicholas Vass.

Alderman Caldwell submits Petition of Joseph Rolis and Martin Farberk relative to Sewer in Water Street, also Memorials of Nicholas Vass relative to his assessment and of John Dunphy relative to a Drain in Water Street, same are received

Alderman <sup>Ross</sup> ~~Mackay~~ Chairman submits report of Committee of Public Accounts of 31 August last received

Alderman Mackay Chairman submits report of Committee City Property of 27 August last received.

Alderman Ross submits affidavit relative to his assessments the same is received,

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September 3  
Continued  
Letter Alderman  
Young rel. to his  
resignation

His Worship the Mayor submits  
a letter from Alderman Young of 27 August, notifying  
him of his intention of resigning his seat as Alderman  
received.

Letter J. McCully  
rel. to suits of  
Messrs Albro & Wier  
against the City

His Worship the Mayor  
submits a letter dated 26 August from Jonathan  
McCully Esquire informing him that he had  
been retained by Messrs Albro & Wier and Messrs  
Bessonet Brown and others, to call upon the City  
for indemnification for Powder destroyed at the  
late explosion

Writ. City vs.  
Albro & Wier

His Worship also submits a Writ  
against the City of Halifax at the suit of Messrs  
Albro and Wier for £322-12-1 to appear at Windsor  
received next day

Writ. City vs  
Bessonet & Brown

Also a Writ against the City of  
Halifax at the suit of Messrs Bessonet & Brown for  
£280-4-2 to appear at Windsor, received same time.

Also at the same time two notices  
to appear before a commission to take the evidence  
of Sergt Bishop a Witness in above suits and about  
to leave the Province.

Deed of dedication  
from W. G. Anderson  
of Certain Roads  
on the Peninsula

His Worship the Mayor submits  
to the Council a deed of dedication from W. G. Anderson  
Esqr to the City of Halifax of Certain Roads on the  
peninsula viz Wellington, Marlboro, & Collins  
Street and Lundy Lane.

Affidavit Peter  
Ross rel. to his  
Assessment

Moved and recorded that the  
order of the day be suspended to take up Alderman  
Ross affidavit relative to his assessment.

The same is read  
Halifax City  
G. S.

Peter Ross of the City of Halifax maketh  
oath and saith that he this deponent was absent  
from the City at the time the City Assessors visited  
and rated his property being then in Barrmouth  
in the County of Barrmouth and this deponent left  
town early in July last and only returned here on  
Saturday last whereby he has lost the opportunity of  
filing his sworn appeal against the assessment  
which he sees by the amount levied against him  
in the Ward Book of Assessment is put in