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October 27th

Continued Council

At a Special Meeting of City Council held this day present His Worship the Mayor Alderman Noble, Thomson, Caldwell, Locknds, Cochran, Morris, Twining, Wilks, King, Hoar, Conway, Barry & Tristall, Longard, Jennings and Bell,

Read over proceedings of 15th & 22nd October

Memo of H.B Pauline rel. to his Assessment

Alderman Noble submits Memorial of H.B. Pauline relative to his assessment.

Memo of C Caldwell et al

Alderman Conway submits Memorials of C. Caldwell & others

Report Special Committee rel. to Tenders for loan City Hospital

Read following report of Special Committee relative to the Tenders for loan to City Hospital

Mayor's Office Oct 17th 1854

At a Meeting of the Special Committee appointed by the City Council at the meeting of that body held yesterday to open the tenders for Loan to City Hospital present The Mayor, Alderman Barry & Bell the following tenders were handed in by the City Treasurer one from the Rev. W. Gilpin on behalf of the Diocesan Church Society for £15,500 at 6 per Cent per annum.

J. C. Haliburton for £400 at 6 per Cent
J. C. Haliburton on behalf of Governors of Kings College for Loan for City Prison £1800 at 6 per Cent.

The Committee recommend the City Council to take the loans on the terms offered all which is respectfully submitted

(Signed) Henry Pryor Mayor
John L Barry Aldⁿ
John A. Bell Aldⁿ

when following resolution is introduced

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Resol. rel. to Report
Special Committee
rel. to City Hospi-
tals

Resolved that the Report of
Special Committee this day submitted relative
to Tenders of Loan, Revd. W. Gilpin on behalf of
the Diocesan Church Society amounting to
£1530 and the tender of J. R. Haliburton Esq.
on behalf of Governors of Kings College amount-
ing to £1800 be confirmed and said parties
tender accepted. Moved by Alderman Wills
seconded by Alderman Towns passed 12
Voting for it and 4 against it.

Council next proceed to elect
the Standing Committees for the year

Resol. rel. to
app't. of Committees

Moved by Alderman Conway
seconded by Alderman Barry that the Senior
Alderman of each Ward go out and purchase
a list of Committees

Amendment moved by Ald.
Cochran seconded by Alderman Jennings
that the Council proceed to the appointment
of Committees amendment carried 12 Voting
for and 4 against it.

Moved by Alderman Conway
seconded by Alderman that an Alderman
from each ward be elected

Amendment that on filling
up the Committee of Public Accounts the members
of Committee now in Council be continued.
Passed 10 Voting for and 6 against it

The following Committees are
appointed

Committees
Appointed

Public Accounts & Finance	Tenders
Alderman Sibley - Thomson	Ald. Longard - Barry
" Cochran - Horriestall	" King - Wills
" Donohoe - Bell	Donohoe - Conway
City Property	Common
Alderman Cochran - King	Ald. Jennings - Bell
" Towns - Caldwell	Morrissey - Towns
" Leonard - Conway	Barry - Moir

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 Continued Alderman Bills, Twining Alderman Twining
 Caldwell - Hoiv Thompson
 Jennings - Bell Morrissey
 Louis Tall

Appointment
 Committee City
 Prison

Moved by Alderman Caldwell
 seconded by Alderman Jennings that the Council
 now proceed to elect a Committee for City Prison
 passed 12 Voting for and 4 against it
 Committee of City Prison
 Alderman Jennings, Twining
 Barry, Conroy
 Lombard - King

Moved by Alderman Bills
 seconded by Alderman Twining that the Committee
 be extended to 7 last 2 Voting for and 15 against.

The following Gentlemen are now
 appointed a Committee for the City Hospital
 Alderman Cochran, Voth
 Conway - King
 Caldwell, Thomson

Appointment
 Board Health

Council now proceed to elect a
 Board of Health for the year when following
 Gentlemen are appointed.

Ward No 1	Ward No 4
Dr. Kingswell	James Isles
James A. Houn	John Richardson
Ward No 2	Ward No 5
Dr. Hume	Mortimer Cropper
Dr. Buskirk	Robert Graham
Ward No 3	Ward No 6
Dr. Parker	Wm. L. Bell
Geo. McKenzie	M. G. Black Jun ^r

Moved by Alderman Jennings
 seconded by Alderman Bell that the appointments
 of three Wards be deferred, lost 6 Voting for and 8
 against Motion.

Read resignation of G. A. G.
 Chrichton, Archibald Scott, Thomas Holloway
 and John Oull as Fire Wards.

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The following Gentlemen are appointed to the office of Fire Wards

Appointments
Fire Wards

Ward No 1	Ward No 4
Donald Murray	Thomas Mooney
Joseph Wier	James Jackson
L. T. Twining	Joseph Northrup

Ward No 2	Ward No 5
Michl. O'nan	David Armstrong
Robert Richardson	William West
James Reeves	John Chearnley
Samuel Caldwell	Richard T. Robins

Ward No 3	Ward No 6
James B. Ooley	Martin P. Black
Wm. Ackhurst	George Crittiss
George C. Whidden	James Wilson

Fire Constables

Appointments
Fire Constables

Ward No 1	Ward No 4
W. L. Hurison	John T. Mignowitz
Edw. Stann	John Murphy
James Phalen	James Cuffus
George McLean	James Scott

Ward No 2	Ward No 5
Robert Branden	John Hoggan Senr
John Thomas	James Foristall
Alex. Bain	Patrick Delany
Alex. Rieth	James Murphy

Ward No 3	Ward No 6
Owen Kearns	Charles H. Black
John Richardson	Andrew McKimby
William Dunbar	George W. Ritchie
John McCoy	Joseph Belcher

Report Special
Committee rel-
to Fire Engines

Read following report of Special Committee relative to Fire Engines
wherein following resolution is introduced

For Report
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Resol. rel. to report
Committee on
Fire Engines

Resolved that the report respecting Fire Engines No 1 & 2, and the appointments of Fire Wards be fully adopted and that His Worship the Mayor be requested to cause the same to be carried into effect according to the recommendation of such report in every respect.
Moved by Ald. Conway seconded by Ald. Caldwell.

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October 2nd

Continued meeting of the Council to make enquiries respecting the state of and condition of Fire Engines No 4, the inefficiency of which was brought to notice by a communication from the Firewardens beg to Report.

Report Special Committee re Fire Engines.

That they met on Monday afternoon October 5th present Alderman Morrissey, Conway and Noble and after constituting by the appointment of Alderman Conway as Chairman they solicited the company of Alderman Caldwell who was kindly attended and explained the nature of the defects.

Your Committee first visited No 1 Engine at the house on Parade Square and it was proved in our presence to be very much out of order in a state not to be depended on for faithful work when occasion required and tho' it appears its defects could be made good at a cost of 250 pounds or thereabouts still it is very old, having been presented to the City in 1827 and as there are so very many important improvements introduced in those at present building rendering them of course the more easily worked with less power and with better effect. The difficulties which are a body felt of getting young and useful persons to attach themselves to those heavy old class engines and the strong desire your Committee feel as existing in the Council to keep up the efficiency and good working of the Fire Department justify them in recommending that its place be immediately supplied by a New Engine suitable to the requirements of the City.

Provided on the matter being represented to the different Insurance Companies they will agree to furnish a similar one in every respect to replace No 4 which your Committee also examined and have to report it as totally unfit for service and not worth repairing - they suggest that it be sold the funds going to the credit of the City - and further as the station for No 4 is in a very populous part of the City - and further in a much exposed locality greatly removed from the Harbour and with a feeble supply of lake water they express the hope that much be not lost in furnishing that section with a proper engine and that failing a satisfactory answer to the appeal about to be made to the Insurance offices the City replace No 4 at her own expense No 1 being repaired.

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Continued if a new one be obtained in her place.

Your Committee in conclusion suggest that since it is the unanimous wish of the Fire Wardens that the time for their appointment be altered it be fixed for the 15th October the termination of the Civic year and that for the future they be named at the time of making the other appointments

All of which is respectfully submitted
Themiah Conway
Chairman

Walifax N.S. 14th October 1857

The following resolution is next introduced

Resol. rel to providing Staff for City Magistrates to be used at Fires

Resolved that a Committee be appointed to provide a Staff to be designated the City Magistrates staff to be used at Fires. Moved by Alderman Earnings seconded by Alderman Morrissey to which following amendment is introduced.

Resolved that His Worship the Mayor be requested to provide a staff or other appropriate badge for Aldermen to be used at Fires. Moved by Alderman Cochran seconded by Alderman Thomson, amendment carried, 8 Voting for it and 5 against it.

Memo. of James A. Agony rel to Drain passing through the Ordnance Yard

Read Memorial of James A. Agony and a report relative to a Drain passing through the Ordnance Yard. On Motion same is referred to the Superintendants of Streets to report upon.

Memo. Jones Collins rel to his Assessment

Read Memorial of Hon. Jones Collins relative to his assessment when it is moved by Alderman Caldwell seconded by Ald. Barry that the same be referred to a Special Committee to report upon which motion is lost 4 Voting for it and 9 against it.

Memo. Barth Walsh rel to Fence near Naval Yard

Read Memorial of Bartholomew Walsh relative to a Fencible Naval Yard on Motion same is referred to Committee on City Property.

Motion of adjournment carried 8 Voting for it and 5 against it
"Council rise"
Henry Taylor Mayor

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November 2

Fire Constables
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The following Gentlemen are
this day sworn into office as Fire Constables,
Patrick Delaney, James Forrestall, Andrew
H. Finlay, John McCoy, Owen Kearns, James
Kennedy, Joseph Belcher, John Murphy, John
Meynowitz, Robert Brander,

The following Gentlemen are this
day sworn into office as Fire Wards, John Charn-
ley, Joseph Northrup, James Wilson Jun^r,

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Board Health
Sworn

The following Gentlemen sworn into
office as Members of the Board of Health,
G^r. Cagwell, W. S. Bell, Martin Dwyer, P. Hume
John Richardson Jun^r, Martin G. Black, Jun^r
G^r. Buskirk, G^r. Parker, George McKenzie

George C. Whidden sworn into office as a Fire Ward.

William Schurst sworn into office as a Fire
Ward

Robert Graham sworn into office as one of the
Board of Health

November 6

At a Special Meeting of City
Council held this day present His Worship the
Mayor Aldermen Koble, Conchoe, Thomson
Caldwell, Lownds, Cochran, Twining, Moir,
Conway, Jennings

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

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Mayor

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At an adjourned Meeting of City Council held this day present His Worship the Mayor Alderman Noble, Donohoe, Thomson, Caldwell, Lounds, Cochran, Morriss, Twining, Mills, Ring, Hoir, Conway, Barry, Horistall, Longard, Jennings and Bell.

Read over proceedings of 2^d Oct^r and 5th November

Memo. J. Roulston et al. rel. to Fire Plug

Alderman Twining submits Memorial of J. Roulston and others relative to Fire Plug

Memo. J. Northrup et al. rel. to portion of Common for Cricket Club

Alderman Thomson submits Memorial John Northrup & others relative to portion of Common being leased to them for the Cricket Club

Memo. J. Scott rel. to his Assess^t

Alderman Ring submits Memorial of James Scott relative to his Assess^t

Alderman Barry submits report of Committee of City Prison as also of Superintendant.

Report Committee City Property

Alderman Longard, Chairman submits report of Committee of City Property of

Report Special Committee rel. to City Survey

Alderman Jennings submits report of Special Committee relative to Survey of City.

Report Sup^t of Streets rel. to Drain Ordinance

His Worship the Mayor submits report of Superintendant of Streets relative to Drain passing through Ordinance Property.

Read return of John McCulloch as elected an Alderman for Ward No One

Letter John McCulloch rel. to Alderman

Read Mr. McCulloch's Letter of 4th November 1854 (see file for Nov^r) when following resolution is introduced

Resolved rel. John McCulloch serving as Alderman

Resolved that it is the opinion of this Council that John McCulloch Esq. is duly qualified for the office of Alderman for this City and that His Worship the Mayor be requested to direct said Gentleman to attend for the purpose of administering the usual oath to him. Moved.

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Moved by Alderman Noble seconded by Ald. Longard. To which following amendment is introduced

Resol. relat. Mr. McCulloch's election as an Alderman.

Resolved that the subject of Mr. McCulloch's election be referred to the Recorder for his opinion on the subject. Moved by Alderman Jennings seconded by Alderman Morrissey which amendment being put is lost 5 voting for it and 12 against it.

The following resolution is next introduced

Resol. in Amendment of above

Resolved that it is the opinion of this Council that there is nothing before this Council to call upon it to come to any decision relative to the qualification of Mr. McCulloch as an Alderman. Moved by Alderman Thomson seconded by Alderman Twining

Read 12th & 13th Sections of Act of 1851 as also sections 8th of Act passed on 13 April 1854. the Amendment is then put and lost 8 voting for it and 7 against it

The following amendment is introduced

Resolved that this Council have nothing to do with S. McCulloch resq taking the oath of Office it being a matter for his own consideration. Moved by Alderman Caldwell seconded by Alderman Morrissey which on being put is passed 10 voting for it and 7 against it.

Communication from Hon. Provincial Secretary rel. to Signal Station

Read Communication from the Honorable the Provincial Secretary transmitting certain documents relative to Signal Station. when following resolution is introduced

Resol. rel. to Communication of Provincial Secretary rel. to Signal Station

On hearing the important documents read from the Military Secretary stating the intention of H. M. Government to withdraw their support from the Signal station, and this Council highly approving the efficient manner in which the duties of the different stations have been heretofore performed. Yet at the same time feeling the very great inconvenience that will arise to the Mercantile interest of the Province generally from a sudden withdrawal of their protection and support from the same

Be it resolved that His Worship

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The Mayor be requested to Petition that the Military authorities will continue their duties as heretofore until the meeting of the General Assembly when it is hoped an arrangement will then be made which will satisfy all whose interest are connected therewith. Moved by Alderman Noble seconded by Alderman Jennings to which the following amendment is introduced,

Resolved that the Communication received by His Worship the Mayor from the provincial Secretaries with regard to the continuation of and expense of the signal station at Halifax, be transmitted by him to the Chairman of the reading room for the information and action of the Newcastle community. Moved by Alderman Twining seconded by Alderman Thomson, which amendment is passed & Voting for and 4 against it.

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Recd. - rel. Comm
unication of Prov.
Secretary

Read Quarterly returns of Weighers of Flour to 30 Sept

Return of Bbls
of Flour & Meal

Return of Number of Bbls of Flour & Meal weighed by W^m Grant Sen^r for quarter ending 30 Sept 1854

80 Bbls	Bbls short	Lbs short.
<u>3293</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>394</u>

Lieut. W^m Grant weighed

Return Weighers
of Flour and
Meals.

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

80 Bbls	Bbls short	Lbs short
<u>8554</u>	<u>147</u>	<u>1948</u>

John Winters weighed

Return of Number of Bbls of Flour & Meal weighed by John Parker for quarter ending 30 Sept 1854

80 Bbls	Bbls short	Lbs short
<u>8944</u>	<u>59</u>	<u>502</u>

John Parker weighed

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

80 Bbls	Bbls short	lbs short
<u>13,014</u>	<u>245</u>	<u>2,660</u>

Samuel Carter
Weighed

By Law rel. to Sale of Coats

Council next take up By Law relative to sale of Coats when it is moved by Ald. Cochran seconded by Alderman Jennings that the same be deferred for 3 months. pass voting for and against it

By Law rel. to Bridewell men

The By Law relative to employ ment of Bridewell men is next taken up and a Notice deferred

Bonds City Officers

The following Bonds of City Officers having been submitted to the City Council the names of sureties and amount of Penalties are read and approved of.

City Clerk	Joseph Reifler Registrar Cemetery
Assist. City Clerk	Charles McGuire M. R. Fish. Ward
City Treasurer	James Pollock Supt. of Streets
City Clerk of License	John Winters Weighed of Flour
City Marshal	Samuel Carter Do Do
Clerk of Streets	William Grant Do Do
	Henry H. Parker Do Do

Memo. H. B. Pauline rel. to his Assessment

Read Memorial of H. B. Pauline relative to his Assessment on Motion the same is withdrawn. (In file for 1854)

Memo. C. Caldwell et al. rel. to Survey.

Read Memorial of C. Caldwell et al. relative to survey of certain Streets when following resolution is introduced. (In file)

Resol. = rel. to Memo of C. Caldwell et al.

Resolved that the Prayer of the Petition of C. H. Caldwell and others now read be complied with and that His Worship the Mayor direct the Superintendent of Streets to make said survey and to report to this Council the cost of a Drain in said Street with as little delay as possible Moved by Alderman Conway seconded by Ald. Morrissey & passed.

On Motion the following report of Superintendent of Streets this day submitted relative to Drain passing through a Ordnance property is next taken up and read.

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Streets Office 5th November 1854

Report Supt of
Streets rel. to
Drain Ordnance
Gard

The Superintendent of Streets, begs leave to report, for the information of His Worship The Mayor and the City Council, that the filling up of the Main Sewer passing through the Ordnance yard is occasioned by the Mud and Sand from a wide surface of the Citadel Hill, Barrack and other Streets, and a Coffin Dam at the connection with the Harbour - from the causes above mentioned and perhaps others - the Eye of the Sewer has become insufficient at times to vent the flow of Water from such a large extent of surface.

I am not familiar with the Structure of the Sewer, it may require deepening and relaying which would add materially to the expense of clearing.

It would appear from Mr. Mackays Survey that the elevation of the Cellars above High Water in the Harbour, would give a safe declination for drainage from the premises complained of, if the declination of the bottom of the Sewer from Water Street to the Harbour, is uniform and equally proportioned in its Longitudinal Sections.

This and other information necessary can only be known by opening and clearing the Sewer which (if done at this season of the year) will add very materially to the expense - and in the most favourable weather will cost £80 or 90 All of which is respectfully submitted

Lieut. James Pollock
Superintendent of Streets

when following resolution is introduced

Resolved to
report Supt of
Streets rel. to
Drain Ordnance
Gard;

On hearing the report of the Superintendent of Streets just read in reference to the Main Sewer passing under the premises of James A. Green and others and the Council fully feeling the Justice of complaints made by Citizens of that locality and praying that said drain may receive immediate attention at their hands,

Be it therefore resolved that the Superintendent of Streets be instructed in accordance with the report to open up said drain

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and remove all obstructions from its free course and
September 13th that he commence the work immediately.
Continued Moved by Alderman Cochran seconded by
Alderman Noble.

Moved in amendment that Council
rise which amendment is carried by voting for
it and 6 against it.

"Council rise"

Henry Mayor
Mayor

November 13th At a Special Meeting of City
Council held this day present His Worship
the Mayor Alderman Noble Thompson, Caldwell
Lounds, Morrissey, Wills, King, Moir, Conway
Barry, Longard, Jennings and Bell.

The City Council were summoned
to appoint Presiding Officer for Election in Ward
No One and the transaction of other business.

Read over proceedings of 7 Nov^r

Memo of Tho^s
McLure rel to
his Assessment Alderman Jennings submits
Memorial of Thomas McLure relative to his
Assessment.

His Worship the Mayor submits
Communication from Dr. Avery relative to Drain
passing near his premises.

Letter Constables
rel to Charges
against them His Worship reads a Letter
from Constables relative to complaints made
against them where following resolution is then
introduced

Resolved that a Committee of three
be appointed for the purpose of investigating the charges
against the City Constables. Moved by Alderman
Thompson seconded by Alderman Noble, passed

Committee Alderman Morrissey, Bell and
Moir

On Motion Alderman Noble
is appointed Presiding Officer for holding Election
in Ward No One.

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Read Memorial of S. Boulston

and others
Read Memorial of Cricket Club when on Motion same is referred to the Committee of Commission to Report upon.

Memor. of Cricket Club referred to Committee of Commission

Moved by Alderman Thomson seconded by Alderman Wilks.

Memor. of James Scott relative to his Assessment referred to Special Committee

Read Memorial of James Scott relative to his assessment when it is Moved by Alderman Caldwell seconded by Alderman Thomson that same be referred to a special Committee passed 9 voting for it and 3 against it.

Committee Alderman Caldwell, Thomson and Jennings.

Read following report of Committee on City Prison as likewise of Superintendent.

Report Committee City Prison and the Superintendent

Committed Room 3 Nov^r 1857

City Prison Committee met this day Present Alderman Twining, Jennings, King, Lounds and Conchoe. on Motion of Alderman Lounds, Alderman Barry is appointed Chairman

On reading the Communication of Mr Marshall Superintendent of the City Prison, relative to certain drains required.

The Committee beg leave to recommend the City Council to permit the Prisoners from the Bredehill, be employed in excavating said drains, all of which is respectfully submitted. (for Sup. report see file)

Sig^d John L. Barry
Chairman

when following resolution is introduced

Whereas urgent necessity exists to have the drains extended some further distance from the Walls of the City Prison that injury from frost may be avoided.

Resol. rel. to Drains at City Prison being built under charge of Superintendent.

Be it therefore resolved that so much of the excavation as will make certain the free flow of water from the foundation and thereby preserve the walls from being holed by

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 Continued Superintendent under the directions of the Committee
 in such manner as the Council may direct.
 Moved by Alderman Barry seconded by Alderman
 Noble. Passed.

Read following report of Committee
 of City Property of 5th November

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Report Committee
 City Property of 5th
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Committee of City Property met this
 day Present Alderman Cochran, Lounds, King,
 Caldwell and the Chairman.

Visited Fish Market and find
 that the roof requires shingling forthwith.

Visited Meat Market &c and find
 James Duggan's apartments to require the doors to be
 eased the ceilings to be repaired and the shop windows
 required to be examined and new pointed with
 Cement. East door of Mr. Ryan's shop requires a new
 lock and the doors leak.

McCarthy Ceiling requires to
 be repaired the windows to be pointed in Cement.
 The Stalls of Mess^{rs} Casey & Sullivan leak from the
 roof.

Visited the water property at the foot of Galtier
 Street and find it requires a Capsill fenders and to be
 cleared up and repaired.

Visited Magazine property and
 are of opinion that the fencing from between Mess^{rs}
 Walshs and that belonging to the City be put up imm-
 ediatly and also that a Common fence with a Gate
 be erected in the front to shut it from the Street.

Visited Upper Fish Market
 property and found Mr. Rockwell carrying out his
 Contract with the former Chairman and recom-
 ends the selling of the old building and improvem-
 ents to be made by fencing and letting the premises
 on time the lessee to have any improvements.

The rubbish now deposited requires to be levelled into
 the dock immediately.

Respectfully submitted

Sig^d John Longard
 Chairman