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Amount for Salaries Prot up

£ 4529. 11. 5

For Bridewell independent of Salaries	250. 0. 0	
Fire Plugs & Hydrants	455. 0. 0	
Gas Account	350. 0. 0	
Printing & Stationary	<u>300. 0. 0</u>	1855. 0. 0
Fire Department		
Engine Service	450. 0. 0	
Ladders &c	350. 0. 0	
Pumps & Wells	25. 0. 0	
Contingent Fund	25. 0. 0	
Rent Engine House Arnyh St <sup>n</sup>	15. 0. 0	
Do St. Georges	<u>5. 0. 0</u>	870. 0. 0
For Commissioners of Poor		1000. 0. 0
Board of Health		
Rent	25. 0. 0	
Expenses	135. 0. 0	
For Repairs of City Property	250. 0. 0	
Fund for Court House	<u>50. 0. 0</u>	460. 0. 0
For interest on Debentures &c		
Debentures for Old Street Debt £9000	540. 0. 0	
Advances Buildings 556. 9. 7	55. 7. 9	
Rock Head Farm 200. 0. 0	12. 0. 0	
City Hospital due 1700. 0. 0		
Do required 3300	300. 0. 0	
City Prison due 2654		
Do required 2346	<u>300. 0. 0</u>	1185. 7. 9
For Debt due Halifax Common fund	87. 18. 3	
" Cemetery fund	204. 6. 10	
" Market House	261. 17. 0	
" City Prison fund	546. 0. 0	
" City Hospital Do	100. 0. 0	
Per Treasurers account to		
March 1 <sup>st</sup> 1858	<u>788. 4. 3</u>	1888. 6. 4
For Salaries & expenditure to May 1 <sup>st</sup>		
the end of financial year say	2500. 0. 0	
Less from permanent resources	<u>500. 0. 0</u>	2000. 0. 0
Add for contingencies &c not provided for		1200. 0. 0
Total over		<u>£ 15068. 0. 0</u>

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Brought Forward	£	15068.8.6
The Committee also beg leave to submit the following estimate of the resources of the City		
Amount due City from Street fund	1000.0.0	
Debt due from Tavern Licences	500.0.0	
Police fines	270.0.0	
De Fees	50.0.0	
Mayor's Court	150.0.0	
Licenses for Exhibitions	50.0.0	
Dog Tax	45.0.0	
Chimney Sweeps & Night Carts	14.0.0	
Marshall Fees	90.0.0	
Whecks & Trucks	45.0.0	
Rent from City Property	370.0.0	2420.0.0
		£ 11648.8.6

If therefore the Council be of opinion that the Street fund should pay out of its proceeds for the ensuing year the amount it owes the general fund for over expenditure during last year it will make the amount required to be levied by general assessment the sum of £11648.8.6 and in order to net that sum the Assessment should be at least £12,350

In that case the street fund account will stand as follows

Amount Assessed	2700.0.0
Loss in Collection	500.0.0
Debt to City	1000.0.0
Superintendent	200.0.0
Clerk	175.0.0
	1875.0.0

Leaving for expenditure next year £ 925.0.0

If however the Council deem it desirable that the City should assume the Street debt the Assessment must be increased by the further sum of £1000.

The Committee deem it their duty to bring under the notice of the Council that the expenditure on the Streets annually exceeds the amount collected for that purpose. Last year the Council assumed the old debt of £3321.17.10 then due for over expenditure and having then due the sum of £647.17.5 and this year there is again an over expenditure of £352.0.0

The Committee think also the attention of the Council should be turned to the large amount of debt due by the City and to the rapidity with which it is being augmented

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The present debt of the City is as follows

Debentures Old Street Debt	£9080.0.0	
W. Black Ordnance Buildings	556.9.4	
Rock Head farm	200.0.0	
Debentures City Hospital	1700.0.0	
Do City Prison	2500.0.0	
Do " Market	<u>5000.0.0</u>	19056.9.4

Besides these amounts now due there are  
outstanding Contracts for City Prison £3500  
and City Hospital to the extent of 8000

	£11500.0.0
	<u>£30556.9.4</u>

To finish the City Prison the further sum  
of is required

	3000.0.0
	<u>£33556.9.4</u>

In order that the whole financial affairs  
of the City may appear in our report your Committee beg leave  
to include the following accounts

City Cemetery

The amount received therefrom to Nov <sup>r</sup> 1 <sup>st</sup> 1857	£132.0.0
The expenses	118.3.6
Balance in favour	<u>£13.16.6</u>

Halifax Common

By Amount received therefrom to Nov <sup>r</sup> 1 <sup>st</sup> 1857	£433.3.6
To Expenditure	337.7.8
Balance in favour	<u>£95.15.10</u>

In these cases the receipts are specially appropriated  
to the beautifying and adorning the grounds

City Market

By Amount received for rents	£463.7.6
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These rents are specially appropriated for the payment of  
the debt and interest incurred in consequence of its erection  
and there is now more than £500 on deposit receipt waiting  
the period when the debentures may be paid off But your  
Committee think that this account ought to be charged  
with the following items viz

Salaries connected therewith	£105
Insurance	9.7.6
	<u>£114.7.6</u>

Leaving the balance of £339.0.0 to pay the interest  
and to form a sinking fund for the principal

Wm. Thomson  
Chairman  
Halifax S.I.  
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Read. rel. Report  
Committee Public  
Accounts

When following resolution is introduced

Resolved that the report of Committee of Public Accounts this day presented be referred to a Committee of One Alderman from each Ward to report upon to this Council. Moved by Alderman Jennings seconded by Alderman Bell to which following amendment is introduced

Read. rel. to appli-  
cation to Legislature  
for Assessment

Resolved that the report of the Committee of Public Accounts be adopted and that application be made to the Legislature for power to assess to the amount of £12,250 for the current year. Moved by Alderman Pugsley seconded by Alderman Caldwell which amendment being put is carried 9 voting for it and 4 against it and the names being called for appeared thus

For Amendment	Against it
Aldermen Caldwell · Noble	Aldermen Thomson
Pugsley · Lourds	Bell
Horistall · Conway	Jennings
Donohoe · Longard	
Barry	

The following resolution is next introduced

Read. rel. Committee  
being appointed  
on Financial  
state of City.

That a Committee of ways and means be appointed consisting of an Alderman from each Ward to take up the financial affairs of the City as exhibited in the report of the Committee of Public Accounts submitted this day and adopted, and report to the City Council on the subject for future action. Moved by Alderman Bell seconded by Alderman Noble passed.

Committee Aldermen Pugsley, Caldwell, Jennings, Wilks Barry and Bell.

Memo. James  
Whinn & others  
alteration of Building  
Act

Read following Memorial of James Whinn and others for alteration of the Building Act when following resolution is introduced

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side

Resolved that the Petition of James Whinn and others be referred to a Committee to report if any alteration should be made in the existing law. Moved by Alderman Thomson seconded by Alderman Conway to which the following amendment is introduced

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Read - rd. to Memo -  
James Minnickal

Resolved that the Petition of James Minnickal and others lie on the Table for the present. Moved by Aldermen Pugsley seconded by Alderman Noble which amendment being put is carried 10 Voting for it and 3 against it

On Motion the order of the day is suspended and the Council take up the Bill for City Loans, for City Prison, City Hospital and for Survey of the City the same is read.

An Act to enable the City of Halifax to raise additional sums by Loan to complete the City Prison and City Hospital and by Assessment to finish the survey of the City.

Act rel. to Loans for City Prison and City Hospital also for Survey of City.

Be it enacted by the Governor, Council and Assembly as follows

1<sup>st</sup> The City of Halifax shall have power to borrow on the credit of the City in addition to the sum of five thousand pounds already authorized to be borrowed for building a City Prison, the further sum of four thousand pounds in the same manner on the same terms and for the same purpose as mentioned in the act 1854 C 46 and amended by act of 1855 Chapter 57 for the erection of a City Prison.

2<sup>nd</sup> The said City is further empowered to borrow on the Credit of the City in addition to the sum of five thousand already authorized to be borrowed for building a City Hospital by act of 1855 Chapter 51 a further sum of four thousand five hundred pounds in the same manner on the same terms and for the same purpose as mentioned in the act last named.

3<sup>rd</sup> The said City shall have authority to raise the sum of five hundred pounds by assessment for completion of the Survey of the City in addition to the sum of five hundred pounds authorized by act of 1856 Chapter 42 such additional sum to be ~~assessed~~ assessed collected and paid and applied in like manner as provided in said last named act for the original sum

The same is again read Clause by Clause.

Read First Clause. "On Motion passed"

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March 5<sup>th</sup> Read Second Clause passed 12 Voting for it Continued and 1 against it

Read Third Clause on Motion passed.

Resol. rel to Bill being engrossed & sent to Legislature

Moved by Alderman Pugsley seconded by Alderman Conway that said Bill be fairly engrossed and handed to one of the Township members to be submitted to the Honorable the House of Assembly

Moved by Alderman Thomson for Letter seconded by Alderman Noble that the order of the day see Page 236 be suspended and that the letter of Mr. G. Selden this day submitted be now taken up, passed, the same is read, when following resolution is introduced.

Letter G. Selden

Resol. rel to Letter G. Selden

Resolved that an Act be prepared by the Recorder for the purpose of allowing the question between Mr. Selden and the City Council being tried upon the main question. Moved by Alderman Thomson seconded by Alderman Barry which on being put is lost 4 Voting for it and 8 against it and the names being called for they appeared thus

For Resolution	Against it
Alderman Churchill	Ald. Caldwell, Pugsley
Barry	Forrestall, Longard
Thomson	Conway, Bell
Noble	Leavings, Lounds

Resol. rel to a Harbour Master

Alderman Pugsley submits a resolution by way of notice relative to a Harbour Master on Motion

"Council adjourn"

Henry Pugsley Mayor

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At a Quarterly Meeting of City Council held this day present His Worship the Mayor - Aldermen Noble, Donohoe, Pugstey, Thomson Caldwell, Lounds, Swining, Bills, King, Moir Conway, Barry, Longard Jennings and Bell.

Read over proceedings of 5<sup>th</sup> March

Report Committee City Property

Alderman Longard Chairman submits report of Committee of City Property of 11<sup>th</sup> March 1858 as also report of ~~Committee~~ of City Property by B. O. G. Marshall Architect connected therewith

Report Committee rel to Deserition from H. M. Navy

Alderman Swining Chairman of Special Committee submits report relative to Communications concerning deserition from Her Majesty's Navy.

His Worship the Mayor submits and reads a letter from M<sup>r</sup> Robert Davis Contractor for Building of City Prison of March 22 1858

Letter R Davis rel to payment on account of City Prison

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May it please Your Worship  
Under my Contract with the City Authorities for the rection of the City Prison I am entitled to receive from the City on the Certificate of the Architect 1/5 per cent of the value of the work done and materials on the ground. At the request of the Committee and out of courtesy to them, I have for some time past made my applications through their Chairman instead of Your Worship as I should have done under my Contract, some week ago having handed in the necessary certificate and asked the usual advance the same was refused, May I now ask Your Worships kindly assistance in obtaining from the Council a fullfillment of their portion of my Contract

And am respectfully  
Your Worships  
obedient Servant  
sig<sup>o</sup> Robert Davis  
For Certificate See Receipt File 130

His Worship  
The Mayor  
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Report Supt<sup>ts</sup> of Streets

His Worship the Mayor submits report of Superintendant of Streets of 22 March 1858

Letter William Bossip rel to Survey fees

His Worship the Mayor submits and reads a Letter from M<sup>r</sup> William Bossip Junior City Surveyor (See next Page)

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Letter Wm Gossip  
rel. to amount  
voted by Council

Will your Worship be kind enough to inform me when I may expect to receive the £110 which the City Council by accepting my proposal guaranteed should be paid when I required it. This sum is no more than was due me under the old contract up to the time when the terms of that contract were changed as I had received nothing from the City either on account of mens pay or my own salary since November 1857 and all disbursements on account of the survey have been from my own pocket since that time.

Your Worship will notice that delay in paying the sum above mentioned places me in the following positions First it cramps my private means and renders me unable to meet engagements entered into under the impression that the City Council would faithfully meet their obligations. The second and most serious difficulty is that being unable any longer to keep up the pay of an assistant absolutely necessary to the work, I shall be left without one. This will undoubtedly cause a delay of the completion of the plans detrimental to the City and a pecuniary loss to myself, which as the Council are the causes of I shall be justified in holding them responsible for.

I am  
respectfully yours  
Wm Gossip Junr  
His Worship  
The Mayor

Extract Committee  
Fire Department

Read Extract from Committee of Fire Department of 28 January when following Gentlemen are appointed a Committee to meet the Committee of Fire Wards. (See file)  
Committee Aldermen Pugsley, Caldwell, Twining, Moir, Barry, and Jennings

On Motion the order of the day is suspended when following resolution is introduced

Resol. rel to City  
Treasurer borrowing  
amount to pay  
Mr Gossip

Resolved that the City Treasurer be empowered to borrow from one of the Banks of the City the sum of £110 amount due Mr William Gossip Junior as City Surveyor in accordance with his letter this day submitted to the Council Moved by Aldermen Pugsley seconded by Alderman Noble which on being put is passed 13 Voting for it and 2 against it and the names being called for they appeared thus,

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Alderman Caldwell	Alderman Jennings
Pugsley	Twining
Conway	
Donohoe	
Lounds	
Barry	
Wills	

Council next take up Alderman Twining's Notice given at last Meeting relative to Weighing of Coal when following resolution is introduced.

Resol. rel. to Weighing of Coal

Whereas it has been brought to the notice of the Council that Coals are now sold to the Colliers by Weight and not by Measure as heretofore by the General Mining Association. It is therefore resolved that it be referred to a Committee to ascertain whether it would not be expedient to take such measures as may be necessary to carry out the provincial Statute passed 1855 Chap 144 which requires Coals from Shipboard to be sold by Weight and report the same by an early day Moved by Alderman Twining seconded by Alderman Caldwell which on being put is passed.

Committee Aldermen Caldwell, Barry, Twining, Noble.

On Motion the order of the day is suspended and the report of Committee of City Property this day submitted is taken up and read also report of B. De S. Marshall.

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Report Committee City Property rel. to Property Ferry Slip.

Committee of City Property Met this day present Aldermen King, Lounds, Conway, Caldwell and the Chairman

The Chairman submitted a report from Mr B. De Marshall City Architect on the Survey of the old Building leading to the Steam Boat Ferry.

Whereupon it was resolved that the Committee do recommend to the Council that the said Building being untenable they be removed the ground levelled and improved so that it may be useful for sheds, Trucks and Carts from the Country or any other purpose the Council may think fit

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For the Motion Aldermen Lounds, Caldwell, and the  
Chairman against the motion Aldermen King and Conway

Sigs John Longard  
Chairman

Gentlemen

Report B.D. G  
Marshall re. to  
Property Jerry Slip

On Thursday the 4<sup>th</sup> Inst at your request I  
carefully and minutely examined the buildings on the south  
side of Steamboat landing City of Halifax and find them  
to be in a very delapidated condition most of them being  
wholly untenable and not worthy the expense of repairing.

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To the Chairman &  
Committee of City Property.

Reord. re. to report  
City Property Jerry  
Slip.

when following resolution is introduced

Resolved that the report of the Committee  
of City Property with reference to the Shanties near the Public  
Landing be received and adopted, to which following amend-  
ment is introduced Moved by Alderman Twining seconded  
by Alderman Nibbe

Resolved that the report of City Property  
Committee lie on the Table for the present. Moved by Ald.  
Jennings seconded by Ald. Pugsley which amendment  
being put is passed 11 voting for it and 4 against it the  
original is therefore lost.

The following resolution is next introd.

Resolved that application be made  
to the Legislature to lease City Property for such Term of  
Years as the City Council may think fit not exceeding 15 Years  
Moved by Aldermen Jennings seconded by Alderman  
Twining.

On Motion the order of the day is  
suspended to permit Alderman Twining to introduce a  
resolution relative to employment of Bridewell men  
when following resolution is introduced.

Reord. re. to  
Bridewell Men

Whereas a By Law of the City now  
exists that the Prisoners confined in Bridewell and undergoing  
punishment there cannot be employed out of the limits of  
the Bridewell

It is therefore Resolved that

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It is therefore Resolved that application be made to the Lieutenant Governor and Council to pass a By Law to repeal the one above named. Moved by Alderman Twining seconded by Alderman Towns passed 10 voting for it and 3 against it

On Motion the order of the day is suspended and the report of Special Committee relative to desertion from Her Majesty's Navy is next taken up and read.

Report Special  
Committee relative  
Desertion from  
H. M. Navy.

The Committee to whom the Despatches received from the Provincial Secretary on the subject of the desertion of Seamen from Her Majesty's Service were referred report that they have had the matter under their consideration - but cannot suggest any remedy for the evil complained of further than this - that if the provincial Laws on the subject - are as stated inadequate - The Government have it in their power - to introduce into the Legislature now in session. The Imperial Act in force in Great Britain called Cordwells Act or such other more stringent measures as will afford an adequate remedy.

All which is respectfully submitted

Sigs Charles Twining  
Chairman

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when following Moved by Alderman Donohoe seconded by Alderman Thomson that said report be confirmed passed.

Council next take up Aldermen Pugsheys notice introduced at last meeting relative to the appointment of a Harbour Master when following is read.

Resol. rel to  
appointment of a  
Harbour Master.

Whereas it is the opinion of this Council that the City of Halifax should have a Harbour Master, as a means of preventing frequent collisions of Steamships and Shipping and for the better regulation of Marine interest in the Harbour of Halifax. And whereas the City Charter has made no provision for the appointment of such officer nor for the Salary necessary to be provided for the same.

Be it therefore resolved that application be made to the Legislature for power to appoint and pay the said officer per annum the same to be a Tax on the Tonnage of Shipping entering the said Harbour and to

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March 22 be fixed by the Provincial Legislature. Moved by Alderman  
Continued Pugsley seconded by Alderman Noble passed

Alderman Pugsley submits a draft of an act - and reads the same when it is moved by Alderman Pugsley seconded by Alderman Conway that said Act be now taken up and read Clause by Clause. when following amendment Moved by Alderman Bell seconded by Alderman Swining is introduced

Resol. rel to  
deferring reading  
of Bill rel. to a  
Harbour Master

Resolved that the Bill submitted by Alderman Pugsley with regard to a Harbour Master be deferred until Wednesday next which amendment being put is lost 5 Voting for it and 7 against it.

A Motion is again made that said Act be read Clause by Clause Motion carried 7 Voting for and 5 against it.

Call of Council

Council take up said Bill when a Call of Council is made at 6 o'clock.

6 o'clock The Hour having expired, present Alderman Lownds, King, Barry, Conway, Pugsley, Moor, Wills Caldwell, and Noble

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

Henry Pryor  
Mayor

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At a Special Meeting of City

Council held this day present His Worship the Mayor  
Aldermen Noble, Pugsley, Thomson, Caldwell, Lounds  
Morrisey, Wills, Ring, Moir, Conway, Barry, Horriestall  
Longard Jennings and Bell.

The City Council were summoned  
to take into consideration the act relative to a Harbour  
Master, matters standing over from last Meeting and  
the transaction of other Business

Read over the proceedings of 22<sup>th</sup> March 1858

Memo: T. A. S. DeWolf  
rel. to Harbour  
Master.

Alderman Jennings submits  
Memorial of T. A. S. DeWolf and others relative to a  
Harbour Master

The following resolution is introduced

Whereas on Monday last the City  
Council met for the despatch of business and whereas  
during the transaction of business there being but a  
quorum present two Aldermen, Alderman Jennings  
and one not now present left the Council without  
His Worship the Mayor's leave.

Resol. rel to  
Two Aldermen  
being under Censure

Be it therefore resolved  
that unless an apology be made by these Gentlemen  
they shall be under censure as directed by our code of  
By Laws. Moved by Alderman Pugsley seconded by  
Alderman Wills to which following amendment is  
introduced

Resolved that the order of the day  
be proceeded with which amendment being put is carried  
9 Voting for it and 5 against it and the names being  
called for they appeared thus.

For Amendment	Against it
Alderman Lounds - Bell	Alderman Caldwell
Moir - Jennings	Pugsley
Horriestall - Thomson	Wills
Morrissey - Noble	Conway
Longard	Ring

Council next take up the business  
of the day the act relative to the appointment of a  
Harbour Master.

On Motion the order of the day is  
suspended and the Memorial of Thomas A. S. DeWolf  
and others against such an appointment is taken up  
and read (For Memorial see file)

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March 26<sup>th</sup> Moved by Alderman Jennings seconded by Alderman  
Continued Wills passed

The following resolution is introduced

Resol. rel to a  
Harbour Master

Resolved that the Bill for the  
appointment of a Harbour Master be deferred until this  
day three months Moved by Alderman King seconded  
by Alderman Horriestall

His Worship the Mayor informs  
the Council that he has just been informed that  
a Bill has passed the Honorable the House of Assem-  
-bly and which is now before the Honorable the Legislative  
Council relative to making an assessment on the City for  
the Railway when following amendment to 3<sup>rd</sup> is introduced

Resol. rel to Railway  
Assessment

Resolved that the order of the day be suspended  
and that the information just given by His Worship  
the Mayor relative to the Railway assessment be now taken  
up Moved by Alderman Pioshy seconded by Alderman  
Conway passed unanimously

The following resolution is next intro-  
-duced

Resol. rel Committee  
to search Records  
rel to Railway  
Assessment.

Resolved that a Committee be  
appointed to search the Records to ascertain the resolu-  
-tion passed by the Council relative to the Railway and  
report the proceedings to an adjourned Meeting of the Council  
to be held on Monday. Moved by Alderman King  
seconded by Alderman Morrissey

It is moved that His Worship the  
Mayor be requested to wait on the President of the Honorable  
Legislative Council and communicate to him that the  
City Council is now in session and having been just informed  
that the Honorable the House of Assembly have passed an  
act authorizing an assessment on the City of Halifax for  
the interest on the Sum of £100,000 per annum for the  
support of the Railways and that a Committee of City  
Council had been appointed to search the records of City  
Council and report on the same, and respectfully request  
that the Honorable the Legislative Council will suspend  
any action on said Bill passed

His Worship the Mayor withdraws and on returning  
informs the Council that the Honorable the Legislative  
Council had adjourned, when following resolution  
is introduced

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Resol. rel to His  
Worship the Mayor  
applying to Pres<sup>dt</sup>  
Legislative Council  
for Copy of Bill  
rel to Railway

Whereas this Council has been informed that a Bill is before Parliament to levy upon this City the interest on £100,000 in aid of the Provincial Railway now in progress, and whereas no intimation has been given to the Mayor or this Council of the particulars or contents of said Bill, and that said Bill is now before the Legislature for their action the same having been passed by the Representative Branch. Therefore resolved that a Committee be appointed in conjunction with His Worship the Mayor to apply to the President of the Honourable Legislative Council for a Copy of said Bill in order that this Council may have an opportunity to consider the same before it is passed into a Law. Moved by Alderman Caldwell seconded by Alderman Morrissey passed.

Committee His Worship the Mayor Alderman Noble and Thompson

Committee to  
Search Records  
rel to Railway  
Assessment.

The Resolution N<sup>o</sup> 3 as this day introduced is next taken up and considered and on put is passed

Committee Alderman Noble, Thomson, Twining King, Conway and Bell.

Resol. rel to Bill  
for appointment  
of Harbour Master

The following resolution is next introduced  
Resolved that the Bill for the appointment of a Harbour Master be now read a first and second time Moved by Alderman Conway seconded by Alderman Lownds passed.

Read 1<sup>st</sup> Section of the Act a First Time when following amendment to N<sup>o</sup> 5 resolution is introduced

Resolved that the second reading of the Bill for the regulation of Marine Interest in the Harbour of Halifax be deferred to this day three months Moved by Alderman Thomson seconded by Alderman King when after discussion it is moved by Alderman Fugley seconded by Alderman Noble that the mover of the amendment have leave to withdraw the same which motion being put is passed of Voting for it and 2 against it.

Moved by