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Alderman Caldwell having seconded the resolution the same is passed unanimously

Committee Alderman Fugley, Caldwell, Twining  
Moir Horrihall and Tennings

Resol. rel. to  
obtaining Bands  
for Celebration

Resolved that steps be taken to obtain the attendance of the Military Bands of Music on the occasion passed unanimously Moved by Alderman Caldwell

Resolved that application be made for the Band of H. M. Ships Indus. passed unanimously Moved by Alderman Fugley.

The Committee appointed to draft an address to General Williams having prepared the same the same is read by His Honor the Recorder when on Motion of Alderman Caldwell seconded by Alderman King same is passed unanimously

To Major General Sir William  
Fenwick Williams, Bart. of Kears  
K.C.B. &c &c

Address to  
General Williams  
on his arrival

The Address of the Mayor, Aldermen and  
Citizens of Halifax in the Province of Nova Scotia.

We, the Mayor, Aldermen and Citizens of Halifax, with unfeigned pride and pleasure, welcome your return to your native shore.

In common with every portion of the extensive British Empire, we watched with increasing interest the events and progress of the late War with Russia, sympathising with our gallant Soldiers and their brave allies in their privations and dangers, their enduring fortitude and courage in the trench and on the battle field, and in the glories and triumphs of their arms.

But while thus deeply intent on these great and splendid achievements, the eyes of all were suddenly diverted to the more distant City of Kears for from it came tidings at which every heart beat with exultation and anxiety.

There were exhibited the power and influence of man over his fellows; and we behold with admiration, amid accumulated difficulties and dangers the successful exertions and commanding energy of a lofty mind,



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One such a - a British Officer - was there cool and collected in the hour of trial, brave, skilful and decided. He cheered and animated the feeble Turkish Garrison by his words and example, infused into them his own indomitable spirit, headed them in the repulse of their assailants, and gave to their weak and unfinished defences the aid of his science and skill. Outnumbered by a surrounding foe, worn down by fatigue and famine, but still victorious in the flight, cut off from succour and relief and reduced to the last extremity, they exhausted every means of defence, and confiding in this, their Leader maintained a glorious and protracted struggle even against hope.

In you, Sir we recognise the heroic defender of Kars. Your brilliant exploits there have called forth the admiration of a brave and generous enemy - the applause of other nations, and the gratitude of your own.

But while you have added to the renown of your country, and won for yourself a name that will live in its history, we here fondly recollect that this is the land of your birth, and take a deeper interest and feel a more personal pride in your success, and the well deserved honours and distinctions which crown it.

Which address was signed by His Worship  
The Mayor and  
Aldermen and hundreds  
of Citizens generally,

"Council Rise"  
Henry Pryor  
Mayor



1858  
August 30<sup>th</sup>

At a Special Meeting of the City Council held this day Present Aldermen Towns - Cochran, Morison, Noble, Pugsley, Thomson, Caldwell, Twining, Wills, King, McConway, Morrison, Bell and Jennings.

The Council were summoned to approve of the General Book of Assessment, to take up the report of the Financial Committee and the transaction of other business.

The sudden demise of the respected lady of His Worship the Mayor, Henry Poyer Esquire having been announced to the Council, the following resolution is introduced

His Worship the Mayor having recently suffered a heavy bereavement by the sudden death of his amiable lady

Therefore Resolved that this Council deeply sympathize with His Worship in his affliction and that in consequence of this melancholy event the Council will adjourn until Wednesday next,

and further resolved that the Members of the Council will attend the funeral of the late Mrs. Poyer in a Body and will wear crape for one month in token of respect to the deceased, and that a Copy of these Resolutions be transmitted to His Worship the Mayor by the City Clerk.

"Council adjourn"

Samuel Caldwell  
Presiding Alderman

Resol. rel to Demise of the Lady of His Worship the Mayor.



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September 1<sup>st</sup>

At an adjourned Meeting of City Council held this day Present Alderman Towns, Pugsley, Wills, Ring, Conway, Jennings, Bell.

The City Council were summoned to take up the General Book of Assessment to take up Report of Financial Committee and the transaction of other business

There not being a Quorum to do business the Council stands adjourned

Henry Fenner  
Mayor

September 6<sup>th</sup>

At a Special Meeting of City Council held this day present His Worship the Mayor Aldermen Noble, Pugsley, Thomson, Caldwell, Towns, Morrisey, Wills, Ring, Moir, Conway, Jennings and Bell.

The City Council were summoned to take up the General Book of Assessment, to take up business standing over from previous Meetings and the transaction of other business.

Read over proceedings of 13<sup>th</sup> 19<sup>th</sup> 20<sup>th</sup> August and September 1<sup>st</sup>

Memo of Frith & Harvey rel to a Drain

Alderman Conway submits Memorial of Mess<sup>rs</sup> Frith & Harvey relative to a Drain

Report Special Committee rel to City Prison

Alderman Towns submits report of Special Committee relative to finishing interior of City Prison & Plan of same.

Memo of Charles Wallis rel to Taxes

Alderman Wills submits a Memorial of Charles Wallis relative to his Assessment received

Alderman Bell submits an application of John Winters for leave of absence.

Memo of Dr Cogswell rel to Queen Pool road

Alderman Bell submits a Memorial of Dr Cogswell & others relative to Queen Pool road.



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General Williams answer to the address of City Council and Citizens

His Worship the Mayor submits  
Mr. Mayor, Aldermen & Gentlemen of  
the City of Halifax.

Upon an occasion like the present, you will I am confident make every allowance for the difficulty I experience in replying in suitable terms to the Address with which you have just honored me, on my arrival in Nova Scotia.

Answer of General Williams to City Council & Citizens Address.

As Natives of this loyal Province you can more readily imagine than I can express, the pride and satisfaction I feel at the hearty greeting I now meet with at the hands of my fellow Countrymen,

You have already been told of the manner in which Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen received and rewarded me on the termination of the War and how heartily I was welcomed by all ranks in the United Kingdom but being born on the soil of Nova Scotia, I am bound in duty to tell you how deeply I still feel and appreciate those honours.

Mr. Mayor and Gentlemen You have in this address given expression to sentiments so flattering with reference to my services that I am bound to remark upon them, and those observations shall be very brief.

Amidst those trials incident to War I endeavoured to do my duty, yet I never should have succeeded in the performance of that duty without the assistance of a band of Officers, certainly not surpassed in valour and high military attainments as well as of the efforts of a Turkish Army of undaunted courage and devotion and I shall never cease to thank God for having preserved so many of us throughout the scene of our protracted struggles.

The late war happily called forth the energies of many of our Countrymen, Welsford and Parker were distinguished for daring amidst a host of gallant men they died a glorious death and you are about to record your sense of their merits by the erection of a Monument equally honourable to you as it is worthy of them.

Our Most Gallant Countryman General



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Sir John Inglis still thank God survives is young and will I trust live to render eminent service to his Sovereign and to add fresh laurels to those which now encircle his brow. His exploits in the defence of Lucknow are of world wide renown and I deeply feel and regret that he does not stand alongside of me on this happy occasion that I might be the witness of that enthusiasm with which you would greet that brave and distinguished man again I thank you most cordially for this address and warm greeting

Sigd W. Williams  
General Sec

Resignation of  
Ald. Donohoe

His Worship the Mayor submits resignation of Alderman Donohoe. same is read *See file*

His Worship the Mayor submits Letter of Alderman Noble same is read *See file*

The General Book of Assessment for year 1858 having been signed by the City Assessor and submitted to City Council the following resolution is introduced

Resol. rel to the  
Assessment Book  
for 1858

Whereas the Assessment Book for the year 1858 having been signed by the City Assessor and submitted to the City Council and submitted the same is accepted and approved of by the Council and directed to be deposited with the City Treasurer.

Moved by Alderman Jennings seconded by Alderman Morrissey passed

Moved by Alderman Jennings seconded by Alderman Bell that the order of the day be suspended to permit Alderman Thomson to introduce a resolution which on being put is lost 5 voting for and 7 against it.

The City Council must proceed to appoint the Presiding Officers for the General Election in October next when the following Alderman are appointed.

Presiding Officers  
for Elections

- |           |                  |
|-----------|------------------|
| Ward No 1 | Alderman Pugsley |
| " Two     | " Caldwell       |
| " Three   | " Morrissey      |
| " Four    | " Moir           |
| " Five    | " Horriatle      |



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Ward No Six Alderman Bell

The Gentlemen are elected Inspectors of Elections for ensuing year for the Wards affixed to their respective names.

Election of Inspectors for various Wards for 1858

Ward No One

A. L. Ritchie  
John Sinclair  
George Tobin

Ward No Four

Roger Cunningham  
James Williamson  
Joseph Northrup

Ward No Two

John C. Nash  
Samuel Supper  
John Taylor

Ward No Five

John McAuliffe  
James Crawford  
Henry O. Frost

Ward No Three

William Smith  
George W. Morton  
Patrick Drummond

Ward No Six

W. J. Williams  
W. J. Kenney  
W. L. Black

Communication Chairman of Fire Wards re. to Engine House.

Alderman Caldwell submits a Communication from the Chairman of Fire Wards relative to site for Engine House.

On Motion the order of the day is suspended and the report of the Committee of City Prison this day submitted is now taken up the same is read

Report Committee City Prison August 26<sup>th</sup> 1858

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Extract Report Committee City Prison

Present Alderman Turning Chairman  
" Jennings  
" Lownds

The report of the Keeper of Bridewell having been submitted by the Chairman by which it appeared that upwards of Sixty persons had been confined in the Bridewell at one time during the present year in the present state of the Bridewell, it was

Resolved That it is requisite that no time be lost in proceeding to finish the City Prison, as far as the Funds will extend agreeably to plan and Specification, and that it be recommended to the City Council to advertise for tenders to finish the keepers apartments on the first floor - and Sixty Six cells at least.

Respectfully submitted

Sigs Charles Turning  
Chairman



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When following resolution is introduced

Resol. rel. to Report  
of City Prison  
Committee

Resolved that the said report be adopted and that the Committee of City Prison be requested to advertize for furnishing the Cells of said Building in accordance with Plan and Specification the same to be submitted to this Council for approval. Moved by Alderman Thomson seconded by Alderman Bell passed.

Report Financial  
Affairs

City Council next take up report See of Special Committee on Financial affairs when the following resolution is introduced

Resolved that the report of the Financial Committee be printed. Moved by Alderman Thomson seconded by Alderman Jennings to which following amendment is introduced

Resol. rel. to  
Report Financial  
Committee

Resolved that the Financial report be not adopted. Moved by Alderman Caldwell seconded by Alderman Pugsley which amendment being put there appeared for the same 6 against it 6 and His Worship the Mayor being called upon gives his casting vote against the amendment the amendment is therefore lost and the names being called for they appeared thus

For Amendment	Against it
Alderman Caldwell	Wills
Pugsley	Morrissey
Conway	King
	Ald. Lounds
	Thomson
	Moir
	Noble
	Bell
	Jennings

The following amendment is next introduced

Resol. rel. to  
Report Financial  
Committee,

Resolved that the Report from the Financial Committee be taken up for discussion at the next meeting of the Council. Moved by Ald. Noble seconded by Alderman Moir which being put there appeared for the same 6 against it 6 His Worship the Mayor being called upon gives his casting vote against amendment the same is therefore lost and the names being called for they appeared thus

For Amendment	Against it
Alderman Lounds	Thomson
Moir	Noble
Bell	Jennings
	Ald. Caldwell
	Wills
	Pugsley
	Morrissey
	Conway
	King

Moved by



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Moved by Alderman Ring seconded by Alderman Morrissey that the Council do adjourn which on being put is lost 4 voting for it and 8 against it

Call of Council

Call of Council is made at 6 1/4 o'clock

Before the Call of the Council was decided upon Alderman Ring having left the Council and their not being a quorum to do business,

"Council Rise"

Henry Mayor  
Mayor

September 11<sup>th</sup>

Inspectors of Elections Sworn

Alexander J. Ritchie George Tobin Samuel Supper, William Smith, George Morton Joseph Northrup John McCutiff, James Crawford Henry O. Frost sworn into Office as Inspectors of Elections for their respective Wards in presence of His Worship the Mayor

Henry Mayor

Sept. 13 & 14

Inspectors of Elections Sworn

John Sinclair, John O'Kash John Taylor, Patrick Drummond, Roger Cunningham James Williamson W. L. Black W. J. Williams William A. Fenner, sworn into Office as Inspectors of Elections for their respective Wards in presence of his Worship the Mayor

Henry Mayor  
Mayor



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At a Special Meeting of City Council held this day present His Worship the Mayor Aldermen Pugsley, Caldwell, Gound, Morrison, Wills, King, Kirk, Conway, Mignowitz, Horriestall, Semings and Bell.

The City Council were summoned to take up business from last meeting a further communication from S. W. Ritchie Esq. relative to the Common, and the transaction of other business

Read over proceedings of 5th September

Report Committee  
Tenders

Alderman Conway Chairman submits report of Committee of Tenders of 7 September 1858 received

Memorial of  
Alexr Carr rel.  
to his Road Tax

Alderman Wills submits a Memorial of Alexr Carr relative to his Road Tax

Memo - John Cronan  
rel to Drain

Alderman Wills submits Memorial of John Cronan and others relative to a Drain in Dresden Row

Alderman Pugsley submits Memorial of S. S. Sawyer relative to his Rates.

Resol - rel to the  
report Special  
Committee on  
Financial affairs

Read Alderman Thomson's resolution as introduced last meeting relative to report of Special Committee on Financial affairs when following amendment is introduced.

Whereas this Council appointed a Committee to consider the financial and other affairs of the City designated the Finance Committee which Committee appointed Alderman Twining Chairman and met for the dispatch of public business, and whereas by an Ordinance of the City of Halifax passed 24 February 1854 it is imperative that a majority of any Committee of Council concur in a report before it can be received by the Council

And whereas three out of six of the Finance Committee having dissented from the Financial report

Be it therefore resolved that the said report be not received, which amendment being put there appeared for the same six against it Six His Worship being called upon gives his casting vote in favour



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September 7<sup>th</sup> of the amendment said amendment is therefore  
Continued carried and the names being called for they appeared  
thus

For Amendment		Against Amendment	
Alderman Caldwell	" Conway	Alderman Hoar	" Swords
Wills	" Morrissey	Horriestall	" Bell
Pugsley	" Ring	Sennings	"
		Magnobitz	"

Read following Letter from S W  
Ritchie Esq of 9 Sept 1858 relative to the Common.

Halifax 9<sup>th</sup> Sept 1858

Sir

Letter of S W  
Ritchie Esq -  
rel. to Common

I had the honor some time since to receive  
from you a copy of certain resolutions passed by the  
City Council relative to the present and proposed  
enclosures on the Common which the Military  
authorities consider are in violation of their rights.

I have communicated these resolutions to  
Major General Commanding the Troops and he has  
instructed me to say that he cannot adopt the view  
taken by the Council as he conceives it to be at variance  
with the original agreement under which the Military  
acquired a right to use the Common for Military purposes  
and the enjoyment of that right for half a century  
as well as with all the laws which have from time  
to time passed the Legislature with reference to the  
Common. The agreement to which I refer and  
which forms the basis of all the reservations subse-  
quently made by the Legislature is accompanied by  
a plan by which the boundaries of that part of the  
Common, to the use of which the military are entitled  
are specifically shown.

Major General Trollope has  
requested me to notify you that while he is desirous  
as far as possible of meeting the wishes of the City  
Council and will not at present interfere with  
certain of the enclosures within the limits above  
referred to, he will require the removal of all the  
fences to the North of the Burial ground which  
surround the two triangular enclosures and those  
on Windmill or Camp hill and that no other enclosures  
will be made to the Northward of the burial ground  
as he deems the use of that part of the Common  
necessary for the purposes for which it was conferred  
on the Military which however is quite consistent







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Ritchie Esq  
rel. to Common

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65 80  
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115 50

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with the use of it by the Citizens as a Common.

Your most obtt Servant

To  
His Worship  
The Mayor

Sig J. W. Ritchie

when following resolution is next introduced.

Resolved to letter of J. W. Ritchie referred to Recorder

Resolved that His Honor the Recorder be requested to examine into the various Acts and statutes referring to the Common especially with reference to the rights and privileges claimed by the Military authorities and that the letter of J. W. Ritchie be referred to His Honor for that purpose. Moved by Alderman Bell seconded by Alderman Morrissey passed.

Communication from Chairman of Fire Wards re: to Engine House

Read following communication from Chairman of Fire Wards of 8 August and 6 Sept 1858 when following resolution is introduced (See File) (For Report of Commissioners of Poor see File Sept)

Resolved that a Committee be appointed to obtain Plans and Specification for the erection of a suitable building for the reception of Engine No 6 and the apparatus belonging to said Engine and to advertise for tenders for the erection of said Building and that such Committee do consult the Chairman of Fire Wards in concurrence with his views. Moved by Alderman Caldwell seconded by Alderman Pugley which on being put is lost 5<sup>th</sup> voting for it and 7<sup>th</sup> against it

The following resolution is introduced

Resol - appointing Committee to procure Plans & Specification for New Engine House for Engine No Six

Resolved that a Committee be appointed to procure Plans and Specification for the erection of a suitable building for the reception of Engine No 6 and the apparatus connected with that Engine and do advertise for tenders for the erection of such Building and that this Committee shall confer with the Chairman of Fire Wards for the purpose of obtaining his views upon the subject. Moved by Ald. Bell seconded by Alderman Morrissey which on being put there appeared for the same 9 against it 3 resolution carried

Committee Aldermen Noble, Lounds Morrissey  
Moir Megnowitz & Jennings,



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order of the day be suspended and that the report of Committee of Tenders this day submitted be now taken up last

Alderman Conway moves that the

The Council next take up the various Communications on subject of the Queen Pool road,

Letters of Tho<sup>s</sup>. Hoosterman, J. W. Ritchie and Dr Cogswell relative to Queen pool road

Read Letter of Mr<sup>s</sup> Hoosterman of 2 August on above (See File)

Read Letter of Mr<sup>s</sup> Thomas (See File)

Read Letter of J. W. Ritchie & Dr Cogswell of 10<sup>th</sup> August on same subject (See File)

Read Letter of J. W. Ritchie & Dr Cogswell and others relative thereto. (See File)

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when following resolution is introduced

Resolved relative to Queen Pool road and Letter of Tho<sup>s</sup> Hoosterman et al

Resolved that the Letter of Mr<sup>s</sup> Hoosterman do lie upon the Table until this day three months Moved by Alderman Fugate seconded by Alderman Mignowitz passed.

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introduced

The following resolution is next

Resolved that His Worship the Mayor be authorised to cause a survey to be made of the portion of New Queen Pool road which passes through the lands of L. Roach. Moved by Alderman Mignowitz seconded by Alderman Lownds, passed.

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introduced

The following resolution is next

Appointment of appraisers to value the land of Laurence Roach

Resolved that three appraisers be appointed to value the land of L. Roach taken for Queen Pool road. Moved by Alderman Mignowitz seconded by Alderman Lownds passed.

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The following Gentlemen are appointed to said duty Mess<sup>rs</sup> William Mackay, Robert Austin and William Bith,

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Committee Room  
Halifax September 7<sup>th</sup> 1858

Committee of Tenders met this day  
Present Alderman King  
Wills and the Chairman

The Committee opened the following Tenders for Building a retaining wall and extending a sewer on the North City wharf according to Specification.

Report Committee  
Tenders rel-to-  
Building Stone  
Wall & Sewer at  
North Wharf.

- 1<sup>st</sup> Michael Dillon tender £115-0-0
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Henry Tanning " 120-0-0
- 3<sup>rd</sup> William Manton " 98-10-0

The Tender of William Manton being the lowest the Committee recommend the same be accepted

All of which is respectfully submitted

Sigs Jeremiah Conway  
Chairman

Committee rel-to  
appeals from City  
Taxes.

Moved and seconded that a Committee be appointed to take up the various appeals relative to City Taxes for 1858 - passed

Committee Alderman Pugsley, Lounds, Morrissey Moir, Megnowitz, Sendings.

Letter City Treasurer  
rel-to debt City  
Market

Read following Letter from City Treasurer of 2 August 1858 relative to paying off 400 £ of debt due on City Market

City Treasurers Office  
2 August 1858

Sir  
I beg to report for the information of the City Council that after paying the interest due on the City Market Debentures to 31 ultimo - I have been enabled to out of the rents and profits of the Market to pay off Seven hundred pounds of the sum borrowed for the erection of that building

I am Sir  
Your obedient Servant  
Sigs L Bartshome  
City Treasurer

To His Worship  
The Mayor