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Therefore resolved that it would be unwise in this Council to interfere with the Union Engine Company in taking away the choice of electing their own members, moved by Alderman Barnstead seconded by Alderman Richey which amendment on being put is lost 4 voting for the same and 12 against it and the names being called for they appeared thus.

Resolution relative to Fire Brigade of the City
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For the amendment		Against	
Alderman	Nash	Alderman	Conway
	Barnstead		Walsh
	Richey		McDuggan
	Ackburn 4		Tremaman
			Hill
			Ja. Duggan
			Coleman
			McCulloch
			Jennings
			Kaye
			Compton
			Leahy
			12

The following amendment is next introduced.
Resolved that the resolution proposed by Alderman James Duggan relative Union Engine Company be deferred for three months. Moved by Alderman Nash. Seconded by Alderman Barnstead, which amendment on being put is lost

The following amendment is next introduced.
Resolved that this Council while reserving to itself in the fullest measure all power conferred on it by the laws of the Province do not it expedient to take any further action at present in reference to the Fire Department. Moved by Alderman Hill. Seconded by Alderman Tremaman, which amendment on being put is lost 7 voting for the same and 9 against it

The original resolution is then put, when there appeared for the same 9 against it of the original Resolution is therefore carried, and the names being called for they appeared thus.

For the Resolution		Against it	
Alderman	Conway	Alderman	Nash
	Walsh		Barnstead
	Ja. Duggan		Tremaman
	McCulloch		Hill
	Jennings		Coleman
	Kaye		Richey
	Compton		Ackburn
	Ja. Duggan		
	Leahy		
	9		7

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notice of reconsideration. _____

Alderman Nash gives _____

_____ man has to introduce a memorial from Messrs Seaton's _____
On motion Alderman Cole.

_____ on motion the Council rise.

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At a special meeting of the City Council held this day. Present: His Worship, The Mayor. Alderman Hill, John Duggan, Compton, Barnstead, Walsh, McCulloch, Nash, Ackhurst, James Duggan, Neumann, Evens, Coleman, Conway, Roome, Leahy, Richey, Jennings and George

The City Council were summoned to take up Communication from Secretary of Union Engine Company and the transaction of other business

Read over proceedings of the 6th May 1861

Resignation of Union Engine Company - its communication from Secretary of Union Engine Company tendered the resignation of that body.

Resignation of Ace Company - Secretary of Ace Company, tendering the resignation of that body.

Letter from City Clerk. Relative to above - in answer thereto of 9th May.

Answer from Secretary of Union Engine Company of same date.

Communication from Board of Fire Wards - from Board of Fire Wards.

Alderman Nash's notice of reconsideration is next taken up a motion is made that the resolution passed at last meeting be considered, which motion on being put is lost, and names being called for they appeared thus

For the Reconsideration	Against
Alderman Roome	Alderman pro Duggan
_____ Nash	_____ Walsh
_____ Barnstead	_____ Conway
_____ Neumann	_____ Compton
_____ Hill	_____ McCulloch
_____ Richey	_____ Harpe
	_____ James Duggan
	_____ Ackhurst
	_____ Evens
	_____ Leahy
	_____ "

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Read communication from
Secretary of Union Engine Company submitted this day—

To His Worship,
The Mayor. —

May it please your Worship, —

Communication from
Secretary of Union Engine
Company, relative to
Election of members.

I am instructed by Captain
Smithers to acknowledge receipt from the City Clerk, of Extracts
from the minutes of meeting of City Council, held May 6th —
containing their resolutions relative to the future act. Contem-
-plated for the Election of members, to serve in the Fire Brigade
of this City.

I am also instructed, in reply —
thereto, to convey to your Worship a Copy of the following resolution,
unanimously adopted at a Special meeting of the whole Union —
Engine Company, held last Evening, May 7th at Engine Hall —

Resolved, that we, the Union
Engine Company, whilst most deeply regretting the arbitrary, and
hasty Course of action, by the City authorities, as shown in their
Resolution submitted to this Company, whereby, we, as a Volunteer
body of 93 years standing in this Community, are denied in-
-fringe the poor privilege of electing our own members, we feel
that it is due to the Honour of the Company to preserve unsullied
our independence and freedom of action in the management of
its internal affairs.

We sincerely regret, that owing
to the tenor of the resolution, passed by the City authorities, it
only remains to tender to your Worship, the official resignation
of the Company, and to hand to the authorities all of the appa-
-atus pertaining to the Union Engine Company, branch of Service
Such resignation to take effect after 48 Hours from the receipt
of this Resolution.

I have the Honour to be,
your Worship's obed^t Serv^t.

Malifax May 8th 1861.

By Command

Signa

John R. Willis
Secretary. U.E.C.

Read letter from the City Clerk
to the Secretary of the Union Engine Company, in answer
thereto, dated 9th May.

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Read answer thereto from
Secretary of Union Engine Company. of same date.

To His Worship. —
The Mayor. —

May it please your Worship. —

Answer from Secretary of
Union Engine Company
to His Worship the Mayor

I have the honor to acknowledge
by command of Captain Smithers and Union Engine Company
the receipt of communication from City Clerk. dated May 9th which
was read at the special meeting of this evening, and in reply
I am directed most respectfully to inform your Worship that
the former communication from the Company to your Worship
date May 8th was the bona fide resignation of said Company
and that as the period of time given to the Corporation Expires
tomorrow (Friday) 10th Inst. at 11 O'clock A.M. the Company feel
themselves at liberty to leave the City's apparatus in the hands
of the parties who are to supply their place.

With due respects
Your Worship's Obedt. Servt.

(Sign^d) John R Willis.
Secretary. U.E.C.
Halifax May 9th 1861.

Read communication from
Secretary of Axe Fire Company submitted this day.

To His Worship. The Mayor.

Communication from Secretary
of Axe Fire Company
to His Worship the Mayor

At a special meeting of the
Axe Fire Company held at the Engine Hall on Wednesday evening —
the inst. it was unanimously resolved that. Whereas the City Cou-
ncil. have passed a resolution depriving this company of the
privilege of electing its own members. thereby interfering with
its internal regulations. and depriving this company of the in-
dependence that should belong to any Volunteer Organization —
Therefore Resolved that this Com-
pany viewing with regret the action of the City Council in
interfering with its rights in justice to themselves can see no other
course to pursue but to tender their resignations to your Worship,
This notice to come into effect
on Saturday the 11th Instant at 12 O'clock noon.

(Sign^d) Edward R. Post.
Secretary.
Halifax. 9th May 1861.

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Secretary of Board of fire Wards. _____ Read communication from _____

To His worship, The Mayor. _____

May it please your worship. _____

Communication from
Secretary of Board of fire
Wards to His worship the Mayor

I am instructed by John Taylor Esqr. Chairman of Board of Fire wards to acknowledge receipt from the City Clerk. Extracts from minutes of meeting of City Council held May 16th containing their Resolution relative to the future action contemplated in the election of members to serve in the fire Brigade of this City. _____

I am also instructed, in reply thereto, to convey to your worship a copy of the Resolution adopted at a special meeting of the Board of Firewards held last evening May 9th at the Colonial Coffee House. _____

The following resolution was moved by Alex. Stephens and seconded by J. Willson. _____

Whereas in consequence of the action of the City Council the Union Engine and Axe Companies have placed before this Board resolutions tendering the resignation of those two most efficient bodies and thereby leaving the City without protection from devouring elements. _____

Therefore resolved that this board with all due deference, think the City Council, has been premature in enforcing a law that has been in abeyance for upward of ninety years thus depriving those companies of the right of electing their own members as heretofore, that this body deeply sympathize with the Union Engine and axe fire companies in their present position and believe their action in this matter, independant and worthy of all praise, which was adopted 8. to 4 _____

For. J. Palister _____	R. Davis _____	against W. J. Coleman _____
_____ R. J. Roome _____	W. Kandick _____	_____ J. Walsh _____
_____ W. H. Hart _____	A. Stephens _____	_____ J. Pugh _____
_____ J. Willson _____	H. A. Taylor. 8 _____	_____ J. Hogan 4 _____

An amendment to the foregoing was moved by J. Walsh and seconded by J. Hogan. viz. _____

Resolved, that the City Council having been called together, to take up the question of the resignation of the Fire Brigade, it therefore would be premature in the Board of fire wards to express any opinion until further action of the Council is taken upon the whole subject. _____

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Which amendment was negatived

For	W. S. Coleman	Against	J. Pallister	R. L. Roome
	J. Pugh		J. Willson	A. Stephens
	J. Walsh		R. Davis	H. A. Taylor
	J. Hogan		Wm. Kandick	W. H. Hart

The following resolution was then moved by R Davis and seconded by A Stephens By _____

Resolved that this board do now suggest to the City Council the propriety of reconsidering their resolution in reference to the Union Engine and Accefire Companies with a view of granting them the privilage heretofore possessed and thus retain the service of these most Efficient and valuable bodies

Which was adopted 10 to 2

For	W. J. Coleman	W. Kandick	Against	J. Walsh
	J. Pallister	R. L. Roome		J. Hogan
	J. Willson	A. Stephens		
	R. Davis	H. A. Taylor		
	John Pugh	W. H. Hart	10	2

When the following resolution was moved by J Willson and seconded by H. A. Taylor and passed unanimously. _____

Resolved that copies of the foregoing resolutions be sent to His Worship the Mayor, urging the necessity of prompt action being taken for the welfare and safety of the City

By order of the Chairman
W. H. Hart,
acting Secretary.

Halifax May 10th 1861. (Signed)

The following resolution was introduced.

Resolved that the resolution that passed this council on the 6th may relative to taking away the rights of the Union Engine Company to elect their own members be expunged from the Books of this council, and that the fire Brigade of this City be allowed the privilege of electing their own members, without any interference in future by the City Council moved by Alderman Barnstead, seconded by Alderman Nash, to

Resolution relative to taking away the rights of the Union Engine Company

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Resolution relative to
Fire department of the
City of Halifax

to which the following amendment is introduced _____

The Fire department of the City of Halifax, having without remonstrance or memorial to this Council hastily resigned their appointments thus depriving the City of the services of the members of that department to the peril of the property of the citizens, having thus evinced a desire to embarrass this Council and excite the citizens, instead of seeking to make any arrangements or compromise, have dismantled the Engine House and resigned their offices, and declare that they shall have their own way in defiance of the law, which was not passed by this Council, but is to be found on the Statute Book, and only been declared to be the law by the Council, and that the Fire wards, being appointed by this body to other duties should not have interfered with the action of this Council, but have left this Council to manage their own affairs. _____

Be it therefore resolved that a Committee of Six Aldermen be appointed to provide for the protection of the property of the citizens from the ravages of Fire, until arrangements are made to replace the Fire Department of this City on an efficient footing, and that the recommendation of His Worship the Mayor, and Alderman Hill in their report on their return from the mission to the United States, recommending the appointment of a Fire Marshal, who shall take the place of and have the power at present exercised by the Chairman of Fire wards, and shall be paid for his services, and that the citizens be appealed to, to form a Brigade, who shall act as firemen. This being the only way in which it appears possible under the present circumstances it is the most advisable to adopt. Moved by Alderman McCulloch, Seconded by Alderman Compton

The ^{Council} adjourned until 3 O'clock _____

The Council resumed 3 1/2 O'clock _____

The amendment is then put when there appeared for the same 8, against it 9. Amendment lost and the names being called for they appeared thus

For the amendment	Against it
_____ Alderman John Duggan	_____ Alderman Roome
_____ McCulloch	_____ Nash
_____ Conway	_____ Barnstead
_____ Owens	_____ Tremaman
_____ Leahy	_____ Hill
_____ Compton	_____ Kichey
_____ Walk	_____ Kaye
_____ James Duggan	_____ Jennings
_____ 8	_____ Ackhurst — 9

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The following amendment is
Twenty Four Keys handed in

The Union Engine Company have
-ing tendered their resignation to this Council said to be in consequence
of a resolution passed by (the City) this Council on Monday the 6th Inst.

Resolution relative to
Union Engine & Axle Company

Be it Therefore Resolved that their
resignation for the present, do lay on the table and that a Committee
of one Alderman, from each Ward be appointed to Confer with the
Officers of the Union Engine Company and Axle Fire Company -
in the hope that some amicable arrangement may be made
by which the services of the present Companies can be retained
until the next meeting of the Legislature, when such alterations
in the present law be asked for, as it is hoped will be satis-
-factory to all parties concerned and secure the safety of
the property of our fellow Citizens, from that devouring element
Fire, moved by Alderman Jennings, Seconded by Alderman
Hill, which on being put is ~~passed~~ lost 7 voting for the same
and 10 against it and the names being called for they appeared
thus.

For The Amendment		Against it	
Alderman	Roome,	Alderman	Mr Duggan,
	Nash,		McCulloch
	Barnstead,		Compton
	Jennaman,		Conway
	Hill,		Kaye
	Richey,		Evens
	Jennings,		Leahy
			Ja. Duggan
			Walsh
			ackhurst 10
	7		

The following amendment is next
introduced.

Whereas in consequence of the Resig-
-nation of the engine Company and axle Company, this day Comm-
-unicated to the City Council, the Citizens are left without the
Required disciplined forces to act in Case of Fire,

Resolved that a Committee be
-appointed to take into their immediate Consideration the present
-emergency to Confer if they deem it Expedient with the late
late

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late members of the Union Engine and three fire companies and to report with all practicable speed what arrangements they consider advisable for the reorganization of the Fire Department; and that in the mean time, until such arrangements are perfected, the said Committee, with his Worship the Mayor, be requested to adopt the best public precautions to prevent the exposure of the City, to the ravages of Fire, moved by Alderman Richey seconded by Alderman Roome, which on being put is lost & voting for the same and 9 against it.

The following amendment is next introduced.

Resolution relative to Resignation of Union Engine and three fire companies

Resolved that the resignation of the Union Engine and three Fire Companies be accepted and that this Council do order advertisements to be issued requesting Citizens, desirous of forming new Companies, to come forward and report their names of the City Clerk without delay, and this Council hereby pledge itself to such Citizens to render them every assistance in their power to enable them to perform the new duties which will devolve upon them, and that a Committee of six Aldermen be appointed to consider the whole subject of the Fire Department, and to propose some organization to meet the present emergency, and to report to this Council at a short day, and that in the mean time, the said Committee with His Worship the Mayor, be authorized to call for such assistance to be especially limited to such as they may deem necessary to protect the property of the Citizens, against loss by Fire, moved by Alderman James Duggan, seconded by Alderman Walsh, which amendment on being put is passed.

Committee Alderman Hill, Nash, James Duggan, Evens, Leahy and Kaye.

Read Communication from Chairman of Fire wards

J. Caldwell Esqr.
Mayor, Halifax
Sir,

Communication from Chairman of Fire wards relative to his resignation &c

Herewith please receive the Keys of the different Engine houses handed to me this morning by Captain Smithers and officers of the Union Engine Company and trust you will take immediate action thereon for the protection of the City from Fire. The alarm men are no more in office and Mr. Cashmore Keeper of the engine house has resigned.

You worship will also please accept my resignation as fire ward, which I now tender, but under existing circumstances will hold office until Successor is appointed which you will please do at an early day.

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Your obedient servant.

(Signed)

John Gayle.
C. Fire Ward.

Chairman of Fire wards.

Read communication from

the Table a resolution by way of notice. — alderman Conway lays on

Council Rise

On motion Council Vise

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At a special meeting of City Council held this day Present His Worship The Mayor, Aldermen Hill John Duggan, Compton, Barnstead, Nash, McCulloch, Walsh, Ackhurst, James Duggan, Tremaman, Evers, Coleman, Conway, Roome, Leahy.

The City Council were summoned to appoint fire wards, to take up matters standing over from last meeting and the transaction of other business

Read over proceedings of last meeting

Alderman Richey Chairman, submits reports report of Special Committee relative to the purchase of Water Companies Works - Received.

Alderman Hill, Chairman submits report of Committee of Public Accounts received.

Communication from Provincial Secretary with His Excellency's approval relative to gaugers of Oil.

His Worship The Mayor, submits Communication from Provincial Secretary with the approval by His Excellency The Lieutenant Governor and Council of the by law relative to gaugers of oil

Communication from a number of Fire Ward resigning their offices as fire wards

also a communication from a number of Fire wards resigning their offices as Firewards.

Letter from P. Lynch Esqr. del to P. Mahony's Drain

His Worship The Mayor, submits a letter from P. Lynch Esqr. on behalf of Mr Patrick Mahony - relative to stoppage of a drain, received.

Communication from His Honor the recorder with copy of Precept Bill of Costs - relative to line of street - Black's Property - Water Street

His Worship the Mayor, submits a Communication from His Honor the recorder, with copy of Precept Bill of Costs, and verdict of Jury relative to line of street at Black's property Water Street.

On motion the order of the day is suspended to take up letter from Peter Lynch Esqr. The same is read