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Moved that the report of Committ.
on Mr Robsons petition be adopted and that he be permitted to
proceed with the Building. moved by alderman Nash Seconded by
alderman Trennaman, to which the following amendment is introduced

On reading the report of the Committee
on Mr Robsons memorial,
Resolved that the building act now
in force be strictly adhered to. moved by alderman Evens. Second-
ed by alderman Coleman which amendment on being put is passed
13 Voting for the Same and 3 against it. Resolution lost

Memorial of
J. W. Rhind
rel to Regard
Junk Shops

Read memorial of J. W. Rhind Sub-
mitted last meeting, relative to rag and junk Shops. (See file)
The Committee to whom the petition
of Mr Charles Robson was referred respecting a building about to be
erected in Granville Street recommend that the prayer of Petitioner
be granted and that he be permitted to proceed with his building as they
conceive the intentions of the law will be carried out as to the latter
part of Petition request asking for Case to be made out and tried by judge
at Chamber if that may be done by the petitioner as suggested by the
Recorder without the Concurrence of the Council. It has therefore this
reminding and Committee will not advise at the same Committee would
suggest the propriety of Council through throwing no obstacle in the way
of parties building or about to build when they suppose the spirit
of the law is about to be carried out although not in strict letter
of the Law.

Committee Room Aug 3rd 1861 (Signed) John D. Nash,
Richd. J. Roome.

From above J. Duggan protests as he conceives the petition
is seeking such a privilege as is contrary to law and if it was granted
would be an injury at times to other parties, giving parties the advan-
tage other mens Labour and money
(Signed) John D. Nash
Chairman

On Motion the Memorial of J. W. Rhind
is referred to a special Committee to report upon. Committee alderman
James Duggan Nash and Leahy.

Read resolution submitted by alder-
man Richey at last meeting relative to employment of an engineer
to which amendment No 5 is intro-
duced

on motion alderman Richey has leave
to withdraw his resolution

On motion the Council Rise

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Office of City Clerk
Halifax 10th August 1861

Letter from the
City Clerk to
Mr. Assessor

Sir,

I have it in command from the City Council to direct you to proceed forthwith and make an assessment upon the respective Wards of the City in the sum of Fourteen Thousand Five Hundred pounds for and toward City purposes and the further sum of one Thousand Five Hundred pounds for and toward the support of the Poor. making together Sixteen Thousand pounds.

I am also directed agreeably to resolution of Court of Quarter Sessions to require you to make an assessment upon the respective Wards of the City in the sum Two Thousand one Hundred and Seventeen pounds Twelve Shillings which amount includes the Commis for collecting the same and is for and toward County purposes for the current year.

I am Sir
your obedient Servant

To
John L Barry Esquire (Signed)
City Assessor

John L Cragg
City Clerk

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August 10th Council held this day present His Worship the Mayor alderman
Continued Hill John Duggan, Compton, Barnstead, Nash, McCulloch, Walsh, James
Duggan, Axtell, Trannaman, Evans, Coleman, Conway, Moore, Leahy,
Riishey, Jennings and Kays.

The City Council were Summoned
to appoint a Commissioner for water supply and transaction of other
business,

Read over proceedings of 9th August

Alderman Nash hands in report of
committee of hacks and trucks. on motion the same is received

alderman Hill, reports from Special
committee on Gas Lamps. on motion the same is received

alderman James Duggan reports from
Special Committee on S & W. Rhinds memorial on motion same
is received.

Order of the day is suspended to allow
alderman James Duggan to introduce a resolution. when following resolution
No. 1 is introduced.

Refer to suit
Stevenson Mr.
Curek and
Edward Leahy

Whereas the committee to whom was refer-
red the petition of Edward Leahy Esquire respecting suit against
him by one Michael Punch has reported to this Council that the
sum of £25. should be granted to the said Edward Leahy Esq.
out of the City Funds and whereas it is believed that the whole
facts connected with said suit, and the circumstances attending the
same were not brought to the notice of the committee or they would
have felt themselves justified in recommending the payment
of the full amount of the judgment in said suit. be it therefore
resolved that the said petition be referred back to said committee
to reconsider and report upon and if they think proper to amend.
moved by alderman James Duggan seconded by alderman Kays
which on being put is passed

alderman Barnstead submits. memo-
rial of Joseph McGill relative to a sewer

The City Council next proceed to
order of the day and to appointment of Water Commissioner.

Application for
Commissioner
of Water
Supply

Read applications of James B Osley
and Edward J. Longard, the votes are then taken when there-
appeared for Edward J Longard 10 voting and for Jas B Osley
7. Edward J. Longard is therefore elected Water Commissioner

Report of
Committee
of City Property

Read report of Committee of City
Property.
The

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The committee City Property
beg leave to report bring to the notice of the City Council the
following matters.

1st a plan and specification of certain alterations and
improvements required in the basement of this building for
the accomodation of the Police, Watch, Prisoners &c.

2nd a Plan with reference to certain alterations and
improvements required at the South ferry Landing in connection
with the New buildings at present erecting there.

3rd Plans in reference to a question of Right and
title to Property near the above now or formerly called Pebles
East.

4th The Committee desires the advice of the
Council as to the Occupation and furnishing of the Office former-
ly occupied by Mr Sheels.

all which is respectfully submitted

Signed, Richard J. Roome
Chairman City Property

Res-to advertise
for tenders for
work to be done
on basement
of City Court
house

Whereas the Committee of City
Property has reported to this Council a plan and specification
of certain work required to be performed in the basement of the
City Court house. Therefore Resolved that said plan and speci-
fication be adopted and that His Worship do order advertisements
to issue, asking for tenders for said work. Moved by alderman
James Duggan seconded by alderman Conway, which on
being put is passed.

The following resolution No 3 is
next introduced.

Resolved that the plans sub-
mitted by the Committee of City Property connected with the
Steam Boat Wharf and new Building, be referred to the Committee
of City Property to report upon to this Council at an early day
as well as to the cost of such improvements and benefits to be
gained thereby. Moved by alderman Nash, seconded by alder-
man Evens, which on being put is passed.

On motion the plan submitted
by Chairman of City Property relative to Property north of Steam
Boat wharf and Property near Esplanade & Boaks wharf is referred to
the Committee of Laws and Privileges to report upon.

The following Resolution No 4.
is next introduced.

Whereas the County magistrate
has recently vacated the office held by him in the first story of
this building and the same has been thoroughly cleaned and
renovated

Therefore

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Therefore Resolved that this Council do order the furnishing of the same by the committee of City Property, and that the same be set apart for the use of the aldermen of the City, moved by alderman James Duggan Seconded by alderman Jennings to which the following amendment is introduced

Resolved that the word aldermen of the City be erased and that the word Mayor be substituted moved by alderman Nash, Seconded by alderman Walsh which amendment on being put is lost 6 Voting for the same and 10 against it

passed.

of Reconsideration

next introduced

Book this day hand to this council by the City assessor be accepted and approved, and the City Clerk be requested to deposit the same with the City Treasurer agreeably to law, moved by alderman Jennings Seconded by alderman Coleman, which on being put is passed.

Read Report of Special Committee

on Site for a hay market.

The committee appointed by the City Council to procure a suitable place for a hay market beg to report, that they have given the subject there careful consideration and in looking through the City they can find no place that would be so convenient to all parties as the yard called Keatings yard at the foot of the round Church Hill.

The committee find that a very large portion of the Hay that comes into the market is screened and they are therefore of the opinion that this yard would answer all the purposes that would be required for a Hay market it can also be had free of any charge to the City as the proprietors think that the weighing and stabling would be ample remuneration for the use of the yard they are also willing to bind themselves to carry out any regulations that may be adopted by the City Council.

This yard is not quite so central as the committee could wish yet there are several reasons why this is the most suitable place it is almost adjoining the north ferry and it is on a level with the Campbell Road there is also Hay scales at the entrance of the yard.

The committee would therefore recommend the adoption of Keatings yard for a Hay Market and that his Honour the Recorder be requested to draw up a short ordinance to go into effect on the first day of October 1861

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(Signed) William Ackhurst
Chairman

Report of the
Special Com.
on Site for Hay
Market.

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received adopted and acted upon.

on motion said report is

Read report of Special

Committee on Gas Lamps Submitted this day.

Report of the
Special Committee
on Gas Lamps

Committee Room
August 14th 1861

The Committee appointed examine the Lamps in the various Wards of the City and report to the Council where deficiencies exist and additional are required beg leave to report as follows.

We have endeavoured to discharge the duty imposed on them with the utmost care, and in making the recommendations which follow they have aimed rather to promote the benefit of the City at large than to consult local Interest.

Several petitions having been referred to your Committee by the Council the Considered these cases in the first instance and they now recommend to the Council that the prayer of Such Petitions be granted.

That the Lamp petitioned for by Joseph Seaton and others in Stann Street, that the Lamp petitioned for by S. J. Banns and others in Poplar Grove be granted, both these localities being constantly used by all classes of the Citizens and light being much needed for their Comfort and protection.

Report of Special
Committee
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The Committee also recommend that the following Lamps which have been hitherto paid for by private individuals since for a long series of Years be now assumed by the City viz

The Lamps in Pleasant Street near the residences of the Honorable E. Kenny and John Duffus Esqr. The Lamp in Morris Street near the residence of C. Winning Esqr and the Lamp in Argyle Street between the residence of D. Parker and Andrew M. Planiacke Esqr.

The Committee would further recommend that Lamps be placed in the following localities where from personal inspection and information afforded them they believe them to be greatly needed, namely one in North Street between Brunswick and Gottingen Streets one in Water Street at the head of Marchingtons Wharf which will also light the lower portion of Bells Lane,

one in Argyle Street between Isles Corner and Dalhousie College where at present there is a very long interval without light.

one in Argyle Street near or opposite to the old Methodist meeting house, which will also light the upper portion of Bells Lane.

one in Barrington Street opposite Mason's Hall.
one in Brunswick Street South of Delanerys Corner in such place as may be deemed most advantageous with power to remove one at present in that Street to such locality as with the Lamp now recommended may equalize the light in that part of

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of the City
 one in Grafton Street between Prince Street and Sackville Street
 where there is at present a long distance unlighted,
 one at the extreme southern end of Alborough Street,
 one in Spring Garden road opposite the Horticultural
 Gardens.
 one in Dresden row between Spring Garden road and Morris
 Street.
 one in Pleasant Street between Bates corner and Fresh
 Water bridge this Road being more used perhaps by the Citizens at
 large particularly on Sunday evenings than any other in the City.
 one on the Campbell road of the hill leading down to the
 Railway Station, where a light is greatly needed and would benefit
 all classes of the Citizens.
 one in Barrington Street at the north east corner of St Pauls
 Church railings,
 and lastly one in Argyle Street between Steels Country mark-
 et and Blowers Street.

The last two lamps recommended, the Committee believe
 will prove to be of great advantage to the fire department from their
 proximity to engine house on the Parade and that near Woods livery
 Stables respectively, and they are unanimous in believing that the
 granting of all they have recommended by the Council will be of great
 value and benefit to the City, all of which is respectfully recommended
 for the Committee

Signed, P. C. Hill,
 August 14th 1861. Chairman

On motion said report is adopted

Des-transport
 Special Com-
 -tee to ascertain
 Quality of Gas

to ascertain the Quality of Gas supplied and the description of burners
 by the Gas Company

On motion a Special Committee is appointed
 Committee Compton, McCulloch, Ackhurst,

trucks.

Report of the
 Committee
 on Hacks and
 Trucks

The Committee of Hacks and Trucks having this day met for the
 purpose of pointing out a place for Hacks to stand, instead of the area
 around the Province Building, that place being required by the Com-
 mittee of Streets and Sidewalks for the purpose of making improvements,
 and alterations thereon, your Committee were at a loss to know where these
 parties can be stationed, Cheapside was thought of but that being so
 much occupied by the market men and women, on Wednesdays and
 Saturdays, they were fearful if they appointed stands there it might
 lead to some unpleasant collisions with those parties and Hackmen.

They therefore come to the Council for advice but at the same
 time would suggest that Hacks should be more separated and sent
 to different parts of the City, say for instance at the dockyard north
 end, to new fishmarket, ordinade, Bedford Row near Commissariat
 Halifax Hotel, mason Hall, and Wivaby House, lowside Parade
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and Post office and such other places as a citizen may give a written leave to stand.

Your Committee feel that they have not sufficient power to meddle with the various Hackman or to say they may take up a stand in part of any citizen's property without that citizen's leave they also feel that to drive those men of their stands where they have been located and paid Licence for, without using all possible means to provide for them with one is not just nor right

Your Committee therefore come to the Council for directions and advice.

Your Committee are of opinion that Cheapside could be made available for some 10 or 12 Stands but for the reasons previously mentioned they do not wish to place parties antagonisms to each other yet they feel that those who pay Taxes to the City in more ways than one should be accommodated in preference to those who pay no Taxes - all of which is humbly submitted.

(Signed) John D. Nash,
Chairman

When following resolution was introduced
Resolved that the report of Committee of Hackers be adopted and the Committee instructed to make such arrangements for Hackers and will be consistent with said report moved by Alderman Nash Seconded by Alderman McCulloch which on being put is passed -

Res. appointing
a Committee of
3 to confer with
Treasurer

On motion a Committee of three is appointed to confer with the Treasurer relative to the nonpayment of Taxes - Committee Alderman, Hill, Nash, and James Duggan

Report of Com of J and W Rhind
submitted on 11th
Rhind

Read report of Committee on memorial
The Committee to whom was referred the Petition of James and William Rhind, beg leave to report as follows.

That in the opinion of the Committee the complaint of the Petitioners against the law referred to in their Petition is one founded in justice and Reason, inasmuch as the articles in which they principally deal are those upon which the least profits can be made and in which Robberies are the least likely to occur to prevent which seems to have been the principal reason for the passing of the law, and as the enormous fee, payable under the law, is no protection to any person paying the same because according to the opinion of the advocates of the law when under discussion before the Council the mechanics of the City who deal largely in the various articles mentioned therein viz Brass, Composition, Lead, Iron &c are not amenable to its provisions and can therefore purchase, for consumption or export, to any extent said articles without payment of the license fee and without the expense of keeping the Books required by the law, they will therefore by this view of the case be the only parties Benefitted as they will
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be enabled to pay higher prices for and not incur the same responsibilities in purchasing said articles and the law instead of being a protection will rather be a source of injury and injustice to the licensed dealer.

That your committee therefore recommend, that Petitioners be allowed to continue their businesses, now entirely stopped, as usual and and that the law be so amended as to reduce the license fee to twenty shillings and embrace within its provisions all mechanics and other citizens who at their various places of Business or elsewhere shall in any way deal in any of said articles and that the keeping of the Books be compulsory on all

Your committee are of opinion that a greater amount of security will thus be afforded to the public and the License fee, will not be oppressive to any.

— All of which is respectfully submitted. —

Signed, James Duggan,
Chairman

On motion said report is ordered to lie on the Table, until next meeting.

Communication
from Thomas
R. Grassie

Grassie Esquire, London.

Read Communication from Thomas R.

To His Honor

S. R. Caldwell Esq.

Mayor of Halifax.

My Dear Sir,

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your communication of 11th Instant with Copy of Resolution therein conveyed which have had my attention, it will always afford me pleasure to be useful to my native Town of Halifax, in whose welfare I continue to take a lively interest, but in the present instance, I must candidly state, that a much better Selection for your purpose might be made in either of the two Gentlemen mentioned, by you, than myself, as they would from their influential position carry more weight with the ministers than I can, and if not too late, would still recommend the change, nevertheless, if it be still thought that my services may be made available, they are cheerfully placed at your disposal, nothing can however be done until your memorial is received, and I very much fear that the Government here will be very cautious in interfering in a matter that apparently only concerns yourselves and thus invade as it were the principles of responsible Government unless a very strong case is made out as mentioned before, I think you had better get Sir Samuel Curard or Judge Halliburton to act for you, I have already spoken to the former, and he will do what he can to assist in having your wishes carried out, I beg you to convey to the civic board how much gratified I feel at their thinking of me and pray your personally to accept of my thanks for the compliment of addressing me on this subject and believe me to be

44 a Austin Friars London 26 July 1861.

Signed,

My Dear Sir, yours very truly
Thomas R. Grassie

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Yes to accept
the services of
Thomas of
Grassie.

to the Committee of Laws and privileges,
is introduced

On Motion the same is referred
And the following Resolution no 7

Resolved this Council accept the services of Mr. Grassie, and that the thanks of this Council be communicated to him for his courteous answer to His Worship the Mayor and that the letter be referred to the Committee of Laws and privileges in conjunction with the Mayor and recorder to take whatever action they may deem necessary. Moved by alderman McCulloch seconded by alderman Compton, which on being put is passed

Halifax August 22nd 1861

My Dear Sir

The members of the City Council have by the accompanying resolution expressed their gratification at the prompt and favorable reply conveyed in your communication of the 26th ultimo consenting to be the City representative relative to the railway assessment. The City Council have not referred to remuneration for your time and rest but it is quite understood that you are not called upon to render gratuitous services.

The act imposing the assessment with the memorial against were sent to the Colonial office by His Excellency Lord Mulgrave by the last mail, the Council are sensibly impressed with the lively interest taken by Sir Samuel Cunard in the prosperity of Halifax by the ready accordance of his very efficient aid and promised co-operation with you in carrying out the desires of the Citizens and as it is judged that a strong case exists against the legality and equity of the bill, as will be evidenced by the documents which are forwarded to your address by the steamer which leaves to day, the Council entertain the expectation that the Royal sanction will not be given to the act

The Committee of Council who have been deputed to attend to this business venture to suggest that the first step to be taken is the employment of some competent legal man conversant with business of the nature of that under consideration who will advise with you, and from the papers will prepare a case to be presented to Her Majesty's Government and who will be instructed in the preparation of the case to keep in view the design of the City of Halifax to appeal against the legality of the act, to the judicial Committee of the House of Lords in the event of the bill being allowed to go into operation

The Committee would also suggest that at the interview to be held with the ministers it might prove efficacious to have as large and influential a deputation consisting of those who take an interest in our City as can be gathered, it is of course left to you to decide as to those whom it will be advisable to have accompany you. If it be deemed requisite to have any of the papers sent to you printed of course that on any other necessary expense will be paid out of the Civic revenues, and you will please to draw on His Worship the Mayor for necessary funds

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It was contemplated at one time to send a delegate from here to represent the views of the citizens in relation to the assessment bill but it was judged prudent to defer incurring the expense until advised of the wisdom of such step. Should you in the progress of the negotiations perceive that a delegate would render important assistance and will and will so advise prompt attention will be rendered to that or to any other suggestion.

A Box containing the several resolutions of Public meetings of minutes of City Council &c of Resolutions and amendments of the Legislature &c in relation to the business under consideration has been forwarded to your address by the steamer which leaves our shores to night. to the care of Messrs McIvor & Co. of Liverpool who will forward it to you with best respects.

Copy of letter to
Thomas K Grassie Esq.
London

I Remain Sir,

Yours very truly

S Caldwell

Mayor

On motion The Council Rise.
