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The distance is 90 fars. in this Ward the whole of Brunswick St is fast going out of repair. and a good deal of paving in other Streets is required. for the improvements contemplated on the surface £200 are asked for North Street and North West Arm road £75 Kempt Road £25 other portions £100

Ward No 6

In this Ward the only Sewer asked for has been already recommended. for the surface improvements actually necessary. the Estimate is £250. and the suggestion of the Aldermen of the Ward as far as possible will be adhered to

The Committee beg to remind the Council that on all the calculations made for the various Wards, Water Street has been kept constantly in view and the Committee are determined to keep it thoroughly repaired with broken Stone from the City Prison. so important do they deem this. that they would earnestly recommend to the Prison Committee and the Council not to allow the labor of the Prisoners to be diverted to other Channels

The Committee further recommend the Council that whenever Petitions are entertained for Sewerage. that the Petitioners are the major part of Citizens owning property along the line of the contemplated Sewer otherwise the apessment cannot be legally made. the Committee do not approve of the principle of the present Sewerage Law, but while it remains unrepealed the Council must be guided by it, and it is essentially necessary to attend to the suggestion here thrown out to prevent the Council from being imposed upon

Recapitulation

Overdrawn 1861	650.0.0
Ward No 1 Sewers & Surface	580.0.0
" 2 "	310.0.0
" 3 "	200.0.0
" 4 "	250.0.0
" 5 "	1456.0.0
" 6 "	521.0.0
	<u>£ 3967.0.0</u>

If the Council order only the portion of Sewer in Lockman Street petitioned for by Toome and others the above amount will be reduced £600 or to £3307. if this amount at above calculation the Poor Law will provide £700 thus reducing the amount to £2607. add to this £100 for the road of the Common (for the first time provided for in this way) and we have £2707 to be borne upon the general apessment. but upon the completion of the Sewers there will have to be repaid back into the Treasury the sum of £408. viz for cost of Colemans Sewer £105. Lockman Street Sewer £107. Cogswell Street Sewer £116.

Referring to the Report of the Committee of Common whatever opinions may be entertained by the Members of the present Committee. there can be no doubt that former Committees. have claimed and exercised control over the Streets of the Common. the Committee recommend that the Council ordain that hereafter none other than the Committee of Streets. shall have any control over said Streets

The other Subjects referred to in the first Paragraph of this report are: first the low Windows of the Store of B. Neill in Hollis Street. which project some 8 inches over the line of the

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Street, and are reported by the Superintendent as an encroachment. The report and correspondence on this subject are hereto annexed (See file for June 1862). Secondly a claim made by Michael Power of Spring Garden Road to some 15 feet of ground in front of his premises corner of said Road and Queen Street, which has hitherto been deemed a portion of the public highway, and the receipt of a note from that Gentleman, forbidding this Committee exercising any control over the same. The letter is hereto annexed.

The Committee would also recommend to the Council the opening of negotiations with Mr Cunard for the removal of the old Buildings and consequent widening of the sidewalks to the northward of Cunard's Wharf, as it is the opinion of the Committee that that Gentleman will accede to any reasonable request of the Council in reference thereto.

The Committee desire also to inform the Council that they have laid out the new line of Park Street from Pottenburgh to South Street, and that two splendid houses are now in course of erection thereon. They would therefore recommend to the Council that the proper authorities be empowered to have the deeds of that portion of Park Street allowed to be sold, made out and the transfer of the land made to the purchasers for the sums mentioned in a former report of this Committee, it is advisable that the same should be done without delay, that parties may have sufficient time to remove fences &c before the summer passes away.

Respectfully Submitted

James Duggan
John M Cullock } Committee
Joseph Kaye

Resolved that the Report of Committee of Streets be taken up seriatim, and be thus disposed of as this Council may deem proper.

Moved by Alderman Nash Seconded by Alderman Fenneman

So which the following amendment is introduced

Resolved that the Report of Committee of Streets just read be approved of, and the sum asked for in said Report for the purpose of carrying the work recommended into execution be granted, and be it further

Resolved that the Owners of Real Estate in the Northern portion of Lockman Street, petition according to law for a drain that a further sum of six hundred and sixty pounds be granted.

Moved by Alderman Conway Seconded by Alderman Poome which on being put is passed, and the names being called for they appeared thus

For the Amendment

Alderman James Duggan
" Bagan
" Smalvey
" McCulloch
" Jennings
" Conway
" Poome

Divisor
John Duggan
Ackhurst
10.

against the amendment
Alderman Kallister
" Nash
" Fenneman 3

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The Original Resolution is therefore lost

Read Report of Internal Health Committee

The Internal Health Committee, in submitting their Report beg leave to state that they have had, as it were, to initiate a system whereby to conduct the duties entrusted to them

By the Street Act passed in 1861 the Committee was called into existence, and upon it devolved the business of attending to the keeping clean and watering of the Streets during the Summer, and in the Winter Season to the levelling of Snow, and keeping free from obstructions the Gutter and other Water Courses. Besides these attention was paid to the removal from Jarses &c of Ashes, Offal, and such like accumulations, in some instances the labours of the Committee have been extended to the partial repairing of Streets and making Surface or French Drains to carry off Water where no Sewers are made

At the time of the appointment of the present Committee the sum of £11. 3. 3 was at their Credit in the hands of the Treasurer. By the Assessment of this year the further sum of £1250 was placed at their disposal. From the 1st of October 1861 to the 27th Sep. 1862 £1399. 15. 0 have been expended, leaving a Balance unexpended of £24. 7. 9 a Statement of Expenditure is herewith annexed

The operations of the Committee during the Winter and Spring months consumed a large portion of Funds, but the money so spent may be looked upon as true economy - the many benefits resulting were plainly visible - in previous years the Snow was allowed to remain in heaps and as a consequence when it melted away in the Spring the Roads got injured by rapid Thaws, the travelling made disagreeable, not to speak of the length of the Season before the Streets got thoroughly dry. During the last Winter however particular attention was paid to the levelling and spreading of the Snow after heavy falls, as well as to the breaking up of accumulations of Ice - it is almost needless to say that by so doing both melted away very quickly, and the Water having free access through its courses flowed more rapidly off the Streets than it had done in previous years.

As soon as practicable the Streets were thoroughly scavenged and the Scrapings valuable for their fertilizing properties were carted away to Farms on the Peninsula. it may not be out of place here to remark that so great is the value set upon dust and Ashes in some of the Cities in Great Britain, that the expense of cleaning the Streets and Ash Pits is balanced by the sale of Ashes and Dust - a very different state of affairs exist here. However, but from what cause the Committee the Committee are not prepared to say - last Spring an advertisement was published asking for tenders for the Scrapings. No response was made, and it was only when the City went to the expense of collecting the Snow into heaps that it was carted away for Farming purposes. Since the 1st June up to the present time the accumulations from the surface of the Streets have had to be taken away by Carts employed for the purpose

The Streets being well cleansed in the Spring had the effect of lessening the dust to a very considerable extent during the past Summer

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From the beginning of May to the end of the month the labors of the Committee have been chiefly directed to the cleaning and watering of the Streets. For the latter purpose Iron Carts have been kept in use, as is done in other Cities, the Committee inaugurated the system of watering by means of hose attached to Hydrants. Owing to the disturbed state of the Water Works the whole of the hose could not be made available - wherever it has been used for the purpose it proved very effective. greater efficiency and more satisfactory results in this branch of the Service may be anticipated when the improvements in the Water Works are completed. While alluding to this subject the Committee would respectfully urge upon Citizens the propriety of watering the front of their premises - where this has been done during the past season, assistance has not only been afforded to the Committee in their endeavours to lay the dust, but great benefits must have resulted to the individuals by the preservation of their Property.

Among the many other benefits conferred upon Citizens by the labors of this Committee is the carting away of Ashes. Of all Sweepings &c from their premises, this is effected at a cost of \$450 per Week.

Frequent complaints having been made of the encumbering of Streets, over which a large amount of traffic passes, a bye law has been enacted at the suggestion of the Committee, prohibiting Vendors of Goods from exposing their Staves for Sale on the public Thoroughfares - it is hoped that this law will be rigidly enforced as every inch of space is necessary for the ever increasing traffic of the City, particularly along Water Street, which is already found too narrow for the public accommodation.

The various works performed having been detailed the Committee would beg to remark that the cleaning of the Streets by a proper system of Scavengering is called for, both by the requirements of Health and Comfort - it has been very justly said that Street is the Reservoir whence we are supplied with fresh Air, and if it be impure in them it is impure everywhere - it is not enough to prevent the access of foul air from untrapped and unwashed Drains, but also from surface filth and remains of any kind accumulated in the Streets. Further dirty Streets, cause dirty Houses, dirty Clothes, dirty Persons - every one walking in them in Wet Weather carries into his House some portion of dirt to increase the difficulties of domestic cleanliness - in dry weather the same effect is perhaps more powerfully produced by constant clouds of dust.

As many as 119 Men were employed during some days in the Winter and Spring, the Committee take leave to call attention to the fact that a large number of the Men so usefully employed (as well as their Families) would probably have become in some shape or other a burden on Society - without the Public deriving any benefit from them.

The Committee trust that any imperfections in their past operations will be overlooked. They can assure the Council that their best efforts have been used for the effectual performance of the various agencies them, but as complete success is only gained by experience they trust that future efforts will prove more and more satisfactory and that a greater degree of improvement will be visible from year to year. It is pleasing however to be able to report that many of our most

1869 respectable Citizens have borne unsolicited testimony to the benefits
June 27th resulting from the labors of the Committee. this in itself is some recompense
Continued for the onerous duties they have had to perform

It would be unfair to close this report without bearing
testimony to the indefatigable manner in which the Health Inspector has
performed his duties - moreover it is but justice to say that many of the
services heretofore performed during the Winter by the Superintendent of Streets
now devolve on Mr Spike. These Extra labors the Committee trust will
be taken into consideration by the Council and as in the last Gentlemen
will be pecuniarily compensated

all of which is respectfully submitted

Richd F. Poore Chairman
Wm Compton
John Egan

Resolved that the Report of the Committee of Internal
Health. this day submitted be approved of and the amount recommended
be included in the Estimate

Moved by Alderman Poore Seconded by Alderman
Dunbar - which on being put is passed

On motion the appointment of Donald Fraser as
Captain of the Night Watch is confirmed

Read Estimate of Board of Firewards
Halifax N.S

28. May 1869

Sir

At a Meeting of the Board of Firewards
held on the 20th Inst. the following Estimate was passed and ordered
to be forwarded to you for the information of His Worship the Mayor
and the City Council

Estimate for Engine Service	\$800.00
" " Pumps & Wells	50.00
" " Contingent Fund	200.00
Keeper of Engine House and	
Supervisor of Squads	\$ 200.00
Ladders & Hooks	100.00
Secretary	60.00
New Hose Reels	284.00
	<u>\$1094.00</u>

J. John Craig Esq
City Clerk

By order of the Chairman
Robert Taylor

Sec. Fire Wards

On motion the Same is ordered to be included in the Estimate
for the ensuing year

Read Estimate of amount required for County
purposes

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Office of Clerk of the Peace
Halifax N.S. April 1862

John L. Cragg Esq
City Clerk
Halifax
Sd

I have been directed by the Court of Quarter Sessions held in March last to state for the information of His Worship the Mayor and City Council, that the Sessions have apportioned the sum of Two Thousand One hundred and ten pounds ten shillings to be assessed upon the City of Halifax for County purposes for the present year, and to request that the said amount be assessed upon the City of Halifax according to law - together with the sum of Two hundred and ninety five pounds twelve shillings and sixpence - Amount remaining unpaid of the Assessment upon the City for the past year, making in the whole the sum of Two Thousand Four hundred ^{forty} pounds two shillings and sixpence

I am Sir

Jour. Ob. Ser
Stephen Clarke
Clerk of the Peace

On motion the same is ordered to be included in the General Assessment for the ensuing year

Read Estimate from Commissioners of Poor Asylum for the ensuing year

On motion the same is ordered to be included in the General Assessment for the ensuing year

On motion the Council adjourn

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July 7th

At a Special Meeting of the City Council held this day present His Worship the Mayor. Aldermen Imlay, Dunbar Ackhurst. Pallister Ironneman and Jennings
The Council were summoned to take up the Estimate for the ensuing year, there not being a Quorum to do business the Council stand ipso facto. adjourned

July 4th

At a Special Meeting of the City Council held this day. present His Worship the Mayor Aldermen Imlay. Nash Dunbar James Duggan. Egan. Pallister. Ironneman. Roome Leahy. Conway and Jennings

The City Council were summoned to take up the Estimate for Current year, and the transaction of other business

Read over proceedings of 24th June

Petition of Laurence Ryan

Alderman Nash hands in a petition of Laurence Ryan - received

Petition of John Finn

Alderman Jennings presents petition of Thomas Finn - received

Report of City Prison

Alderman Conway in the absence of the Chairman hands in Report of the City Prison

Report of Com. of Public accounts

Alderman Ackhurst Chairman hands in Report of Committee of Public Accounts, with Estimate for Current year the same is received

Petition from James Scott

Alderman Ackhurst hands in petition from James Scott and others for a Drain in Dogswell Street, received

Com. from Chairman of Water Commissioners

His Worship the Mayor hands in two communications from Chairman of Water Commissioners

Rep. from Capt. of N. Watch

Also Report from Captain of Night Watch Also Memorial of Samuel Carten and others for a Drain

Read Report of City Prison Committee from City Prison 9. July 1862
Committee met. present Aldermen John Duggan James Duggan Conway and the Chairman

No. 1 The following accounts were examined and recommended for payment

Report of Com. of City Prison

No. 1	J. Walsh	14.15	4	For Conway	170.30
2	John Dooley	17.00	8	Rob Nolle & Sons	30.00
3	John Duggan	13.95	9	Mic Brown	36.80
4	John Egan	2.00	10	W. F. Wooder	16.00
5	James Duggan	9.90	11	John Dooley	34.00
6	John Nash	113.32	12	John Parker	13.92
		240.30			315.00

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Brought Forward		\$15.00
No. 13 Chas. Damstead		21.35
14 James Manson		9.00
Cash Payments by Commissioner		42.02
		<u>388.57</u>
Underkeepers Salaries		
Enoch Wilson	20.00	
John Kennedy	15.00	
John Collins	15.00	
Geo. Kelly	<u>13.33</u>	<u>63.33</u>
		451.90
Wm. Cooper. Talksmith		<u>6.50</u>
		458.40

W. H. Pichey
Chairman

Res. that the a/cs
of the City Prison be
Paid.

Resolved that the Accounts of the City Prison
just read be paid, and that His Worship the Mayor be authorized
to draw Cheques for the same

Moved by Alderman Conway and Seconded
by Alderman Roome - which on being put is passed

On motion. The Committee of Gas Lamps are
authorized to place a Gas Lamp at the North East Corner of the
Protestant Cemetery

Read Report of Committee of Public Accounts
with Estimate for present year

Alderman's Office July 2, 1862

The Committee of Public Accounts met this day, and
unanimously agreed to recommend for adoption the following Estimate of
Expenditure for the Current year to:

Salaries	
Mayor	250.0.0
Recorder	200.0.0
City Clerk	250.0.0
Assistant City Clerk	75.
City Treasurer	300
Clerk of License	150
City Assessor	100
Ward Assessors	36.
City Architect	125.
Superintendent of Streets	200.
Clerk of Streets	75
City Marshal	200
Constables	1040
Night Watch	936
Excess of Expenditure over Estimate of last year	410.14.1
Sailor	20.
Health Inspector	100.0.0
Keeper of Markets	100.0.0

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Brought Forward	4643.14.1	
Inspector of Weights &	50	
Keeper of City Clock	15	
Keeper of City Court House	50	
Sweeper of Markets	30	481.8.14.1

Internal Health

As per Estimate for Cleaning and Clearing Streets of Ashes		1250	"	"
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City Prison

Governors Salary	145.0.0	
Keeper No 1	60	
Keeper No 2	40	
Medical Officer	30	
Servant to attend Horse	25	
Maintenance of criminals	650	
Excess of Expenditure over Estimate of last year	3827.11.9	
Expended in Erection of Building to 1. May 1862	9594.14.11	
Borrowed on Bonds	9000.0.0	94.14.11

Contract of John Mumford for finishing the Dome of City Prison	162.0.0	2064.0.8
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Interest

Debentures on old Street Debt 9000.0.0	540	"	"
" on City Hospital 9500.0.0	570	"	"
" on City Prison 9500.0.0	560	"	"
" on Ordinance Building 536.9.9	33.4.9		
" Loan for Sidewalks 3000.0.0	180	"	"

Borrowed from the Banks to pay for Steam Fire Engines & Hose	32773.18.6	100.8.8	2049.16.5
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Insurance

City Hospital Buildings	3500.0.0	
City Prison	2000.0.0	
Market House	3000.0.0	
Engine House, S. Garden Road	350.0.0	
City Court House	1500.0.0	
Engine House Grand Parade	250.0.0	
Fish Market	100.0.0	
	10700.0.0	85.0.0

Board of Health

Medical Officer	60.0.0		
Secretary	25	"	"
Rent of Hospital & Building attendance	3	100	"
Excess of Expenditure over Estimate of last year	3	948.2.11	1133.2.11

Carried Forward	11,400.0.1
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	Amount Brought Forward	11110.00	
<u>Fire Department</u>			
As per Estimate.	Engine Service	200.0.0	
	Pumps & Wells	12.50.0	
	Contingent Fund	50.0.0	
	Keeper of Engine House and Supervisor of Sinks	3 50.0.0	
	Ladders & Carts	25.0.0	
	Secretary	15.0.0	
	New Hose Reels	40.0.0	422.10.0
William Cunard Esq	Contract for cleaning Yarding in oil and attendance No 2 Steam Engine	250.0.0	
William Moir	Contract for same. Supplies and attendance No 1 Steam Engine	240.0.0	490.0.0
<u>Street Service</u>			
As per Estimate of Street Commissioners			2707.0.0
<u>Miscellaneous</u>			
Gas Company	For Street Lamps	760.0.0	
	City Buildings & Market	55.0.0	
	Printing & Stationery	300.0.0	
	Repairs to City Property	450.0.0	
	Fuel for City Offices	50.0.0	
	Comps of Poor for City Paupers	1324.0.6	
	Lunatic Paupers at Insane Hospital	300.0.0	
	Contingent Fund	694.9.5	
	Excess over Estimate of Contingent Fund last year	3 812.0.0	
	Instalment on Steam Fire Engines	500.0.0	5245.9.11
	<u>Deduct</u>		20.266.0.0
Resources of the City for Present Year from the following sources. viz.			
	From Liquor & Auction Licenses	1400.0.0	
	Exhibitions	30.0.0	
	Stacks & Trucks	180.0.0	
	Police Fines	500.0.0	
	Ch. Fees	100.0.0	
	Fees in Mayors Court	250.0.0	
	City Marshalls Fees	110.0.0	
	Rent of City Property	144.15.0	
	Licence for City Sweeps	15.0.0	
	Rents of Burn Boats	100.0.0	
	Port Tax Estimated	1000.0.0	
	Rent of City Hospital	400.5.0	4266.0.0
Total Amount to be assessed for 1862			16000.0.0

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The Committee of Public Accounts beg to report that they have carefully prepared the Estimate of Expenditure for the Current Year, and have used every effort in their power to reduce it below that of last year, but have found it impossible to do so, owing to the very large expenditure over and above the Estimate of 1861. The Committee are desirous of placing the Estimate before the Council and the public in as clear a light as possible, and to do so they have classed every department in its order, showing the amount assessed for 1861 with the over Expenditure, and the amount to be assessed for 1862, making such remarks as naturally suggest themselves.

The Departments are arranged in the following order: Salaries The most of the Salaries are fixed by law, and the Committee have no power whatever to alter them, they stand in the Estimate precisely the same as last year.

Night Watch In this department the Estimate of 1861 was £930.00 the expenditure over and above the estimate is £416.14.1 making the total amount to be assessed for this year £1352.14.1

The over expenditure of this department is not to be wondered at, when we take into consideration the increased force that had to be provided, to protect the Citizens against incendiarism and burglaries which were of frequent occurrence during last year, and through the Minister the Committee feel confident that it was a wise expenditure and one loudly called for by the Citizens.

City Prison The expenditure in this Establishment over the Estimate of last year is £227.11.9 in addition to this amount four Committee find that £9500 have been borrowed on City Debentures and that £9,594.14.11 have been expended in the construction of the Buildings up to 1. May 1862, leaving a balance to be provided for in the estimate of this year of £9414.11. together with the amount of 100 Munro's Contract for finishing the dome of the Prison amounting to £102 making the Expenditure over and above the Estimate of 1861 £1084.6.8 the total amount to be assessed this year, for the City Prison is £2064.6.8

The Committee feel that the increased expense of this department is partly owing to the increased efficiency and numbers of the Police and Night Watch by which means the number of Prisoners kept at the City Prison at the expense of the City, have materially increased having been frequently as high as 85 at one time and sometimes even 95.

Interest The increase in the Interest account arises from the additional sums of £2000 borrowed for Brick Side Works and £273.18.6 for Steam Saw Engines and Hoses making a difference over the Estimate of last year of £286.8.8

Insurance The Premiums of Insurance remain precisely as in the Estimate of last year £85.0.0

Board of Health The Estimate for 1861 was £025, but the Committee find that £948.2.11 have been expended over and above the Estimate which (as the Council are aware) was caused through that dreadful disease Small Pox, spreading so extensively through our City during the early part of last year. This expenditure could not possibly be avoided.

In consequence of the Hospital being let to the Military, the estimate for this year is £440 less than the Estimate for 1861

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Fire Department Last year the Expenditure in this Department did not exceed the Estimate which was £600 this year it is £422 making a difference of £178 less than the Estimate of 1861. The Contract for keeping, cleaning, oiling and Engineering the Steam Fire Engines are the same as last year £400. The Committee would remark that they have provided in the Estimate a first Instalment of £500 on the cost of the Steam Fire Engines and new Hoses.

Street Service

The Estimate of last year was £2550 this year it is £2707. making a difference over the Estimate of last year of £157.

Internal Health

The Estimate of 1861 in this Department was £1100. The Estimate for 1862 is £1250. The difference is £150

Miscellaneous

Under this head a number of Services are embraced such as Gas lights, Fuel, Printing and Stationery, Contingent Funds, Repairs of City Property &c. The Committee also find that the amount required for the support of City Paupers at the Poor's Asylum is £224.0.6 and for support of Lunatic Paupers at Insane Hospital £300. making in all £624.0.6 which the Committee have no power to alter. The amount required for Miscellaneous purposes last year was £618.0.2. The amount required to be assessed this year is £5185.9.11 showing a difference of £832.16.9 less than the Estimate of last year

The Committee also have to remark that the resources of the City for the past year, in several Departments, have largely increased, while others have fallen far short of the Estimate which is shown as follows: For Liquor and Auction Licenses the increase is £200. Exhibitions £3. Hacks & Trucks £80. Police Fees £250. Police Funds £25. Fees in Mayors Court £75. City Marshal Fees £40. Grant from Poor's Board £100. The total increase in these several Departments is £773, while the Poor Rate which was estimated at £1500 last year has fallen short at least £500, it is presumed that the Resources of the City for the Current year will come quite up to that of last year

The Committee also feel it to be their duty to call the earnest attention of the Council to the debt due on Ordinance Buildings. The Committee are of opinion that as these Buildings have no existence the debt should be paid off and recommend that provision should be made in the Estimate of next year.

In conclusion the Committee beg to state that only £13,000 can be assessed under the present act. They would therefore recommend that application be made to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor for leave to assess the sum of £3,000 additional provided for in the act.

All of which is respectfully submitted for the consideration of the Council

William Aekhurst
Chairman

when the following Resolution is introduced

Resolved that the sum of Twenty pounds placed in the Estimate as a Salary for the Keeper of the County Gaol be omitted and that the amount be added to the Contingent Fund.

Moved by Alderman James Duggan Seconded by Alderman Conway, which on being put is lost 5 for the same and 4 against it

The following Resolution is next introduced