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July 4th
Continued

Resolved that the Estimate for the present year be adopted and that application be made without delay to His Excellency the Lieut Governor for leave to apess the sum of £3000 additional as provided by the act
Moved by Alderman Conway seconded by Alderman John Duggan, which on being put is passed

The following Resolution is next introduced
Resolved that the Report and Estimate for the Current year, be published in the papers advertising for the City
Moved by Alderman Dunbar and seconded by Alderman Nash, which on being put is passed

The following Resolution is next introduced
Whereas the purchase of the Water Works and the half yearly payment of Interest arising therefrom, and the adoption of the Poll Tax has largely increased the labors of the City Treasurer, and whereas that Officer has been compelled from time to time to employ additional help which amounts to 1st May 1862 to One hundred and Six pounds five Shillings
Therefore Resolved that His Worship the Mayor be authorised to draw a cheque for the above amount to reimburse the City Treasurer for the outlay

Moved by Alderman Ackhurst seconded by Alderman Dunbar, which on being put is passed

Read Petition from Thomas Flynn relative to his Water Rate

To the Worshipful the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Halifax
The petition of Thomas Flynn humbly sheweth that he has been rated the sum of £1.12.0 for Water for himself and tenants although the Water has not been supplied to the House on which the above rate is levied and your petitioner has applied in vain to the Board of Commissioners for Water supply to have the Water introduced into the said tenement. Your petitioner therefore prays to be relieved from the said Rate

Maupact 20 June 1862
Thomas Flynn

On motion the same is referred to the Committee on Water appeals

Read Petition of James Scott and others, Laurence Ryan and Samuel Carter and others, relative to Sewers

On motion said Petitions are referred to Committee of Streets

On motion the Petitions of Wm M Laven and the Commissioners of the Floors Asylum are referred to the Committee on Water appeals

The City Council next take up the Ordinance relative to Dogs. The same is read a third time

Read 1. 2. 3. 4. 5 6 and 7th Clauses which on being put is passed

On motion said Ordinance is ordered to be fully Engrossed and sent to the Governor and Council for approval

On motion the Council rise

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August 1st

At a Special Meeting of Council held this day present
His Worship the Mayor Aldermen John Duggan, Smalley
Nash, McCulloch Dunbar James Duggan, Ackhurst, Ogan
Hallister, Roome, Conway, Jennings and Reehy

The City Council were summoned to see and approve
of the Valuation Books of Assessment for the Current Year and the
transaction of other business

Read over Proceedings of the 14th July 1862

His Worship the Mayor
handed in His Honor the Recorder's opinion relative to His
appointment of Clerk to Treasurer

also Communication from Mr. John Lethgow relative
to Building Corner of Prince Street and Bedford Row
also Communication from Mr. Robert Oakes for

Return of fine also Communication from Chairman of Water

Commissioners also Communication from Mr Robert Romans, relative

to His Sidewalk also Valuation Books of Assessment for the

Current Year Alderman Ackhurst, Chairman Reports from Committee

of Public accounts - On Motion the same is received

also handed in Report and Specification from
Committee of City Property

On Motion a Committee is appointed to approve
of the Valuation Books of Assessment for the Current Year. Committee
Aldermen, Compton, McCulloch, Ackhurst, Jenneman, Roome
Reehy

The order of the day is suspended to allow the Report
of Committee of Public accounts to be read - the same is read

Alderman's Office 0. Aug 1862

The Committee of Public accounts met this day present
all the Committee. the following accounts were presented for examination to

Fire Department	\$44.70	Patrick Lyons	200.00
James Hunter	7.00	McChapman & Co	4.00
James Hunter	5.00	A Senequier	4.12 1/2
Thos Spelman	4.40	Harvey & Sons	27.00
Phelan & Kelly	4.10	Stardon & Kelly	90
Patrick Lyons	38.05	Dechereau & Crow	13.50
A & Ritchie	1.50	Phelan & Kelly	7.80
Stardon & Kelly	5.85		\$369.02

The Committee have to report that the above accounts with their vouchers
are found to be correct and recommend that they be paid all of which is
Respectively Submitted

William Ackhurst
Chairman

Com. from Mr
John Lethgow
Com. from Mr
Robert Oakes
Com. from Chair
of Water Com.
Com. from Mr
Romans

Report from Com.
of Public accounts

Report from Comm.
of City Property

Committee of City Property

This Report copied in
Com. see Feb 1862
for James O'Keefe

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Res. rel. to receiving
the Report of Com. of
Public Accounts.

When the following Resolution is introduced

Resolved that the Report of the Committee of Public
accounts be received and adopted and that His Worship the Mayor be
authorized to draw Cheques for the same. Moved by Alderman Ackhurst
Seconded by Alderman Dunbar

Alderman Roome takes the Chair His Worship
vacates the same

The Resolution is next put when there appeared
for the same 6 and against it 6, and there being an equality of votes the
Chairman is called upon for his casting vote and gives it in favour of
Resolution

Alderman James Duggan gives notice of
reconsideration

Council next take up Ordinance relative to
Sidewalks "con Sile" The same is read a second time

Ordinance relative
to Sidewalks.

Read first Clause

A motion is next made that said Ordinance lie over
for six months, which motion on being put is lost and the names being
called for appeared thus

For the Motion	against it
Alderman Nash	Alderman Roome
" Jemlay	Mr Causch
" John Duggan	Conway
" Dunbar . 4	Riehey
	Egan
	Jennings
	Palister
	James Duggan
	Ackhurst . 9

The first Clause is again read and on being put is passed

Read second Clause Passed

Read said Ordinance third time

On motion the same is ordered to be fairly Engrossed and
presented to the Governor and Council for approval

Read Communication from Chairman of Water Commissioners
of date 4th July with Bill from Dr Cogswell for Rent and letter from Secretary
Office of Commissioners of Water Supply
Halifax 4. July 1862

Sir

Herewith you will find an account which I have
received from Dr Chas Cogswell being a claim for Rent of the premises on which
one of the Pipe Houses of the City Water Works at present stands, as the purchase of
the Works from the Halifax Water Company, was completed before the Commissioners
came into Office, I wish to know, whether this claim was understood and admitted
by the City, and if so, I beg respectfully to suggest the propriety of having the matter
put into proper shape

At present the only records of the transaction are a Memorandum
which I find in the Books of the late Water Company, and a note from their Secretary
in the possession of Dr Cogswell, a copy of which I enclose

I ought to mention that we have among the Documents
transferred to the City by the Company an agreement bearing date 1. Sep 1847
giving the Company certain Privileges for the nominal Rent of four Shillings

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August 1st per annum. this explains the Charge of ten Shillings in the account
I have the Honor

To His Worship
The Mayor

to remain Sir
Yours Obedt Servt
John A. Sew. Chairman

Read Letter from Chairman of Water Commissioners dated 17. July 1862
together with Communications between Chairman and J. A. Wash Esq
Read Communication from same Gentleman of 1st August 1862
Office of Commissioners of Water Supply
Halifax 14. June 1862

To His Worship The Mayor and Aldermen of the City Council
Gentlemen

I have respectfully to request the attention of the City
Council to the accompanying Correspondence with Alderman J. A. Wash in reference
in reference to supply of Water in Victoria Block in Hollis Street. I have taken
the liberty of bringing the matter before the City Council, because the principles involved
are important to Citizens generally, and I am desirous to have them fully discussed and
settled

The 8th Section of the Act referring to Water Supply requires the Commissioners
to carry service pipes to Houses or establishments from the main pipe to the side
line of the Street at the public expense, when required to do so by the owner or Lessee
of the Premises, all beyond that distance is to be at the expense of the Owner or Lessee

It will be observed that neither the Number of service pipes to each
Establishment, nor the size of the pipe is defined by the Law

Acting upon our own judgment, and the best information we could obtain
we have interpreted the Law to mean one service pipe to every separate and distinct
House, or Establishment, tenanted or untenanted, large or small, as regards
the service pipe, the City Council has already decided that point by the adoption
of Report from Commissioners of Water Supply dated 30th Sep. 1861, it is true
that portion of the Report referring to Rates was subsequently set aside, but the clause
relating to supply through 1/2 inch lead pipe was not repealed. When larger pipes are
required for Steam Mills, Hotels, Manufactories or the like, it is understood
as well as expressed in the Act, that all such cases are to be matters of Special
agreement

Many Houses in the City were supplied with service pipes when
the City purchased the Works. In these cases, our rule has been not to supply new
service pipes, until parties complained that the old ones were corroded or worn
out, whenever such application has been made, we have supplied new pipes and
put them in free of expense as required by law

There is admittedly some vagueness in the words of the Act "a
sufficient supply" but in my view, the law cannot be supposed to mean that every
Citizen has a right to stipulate what amount of accommodation he shall receive. It is
obvious, that some parts of the City will always have advantages over some other
parts, owing to locality; In the lower Streets the Water will rise with more force than
it will in the higher; but the law carefully avoids all such difficulties, simply by
requiring the service pipes to be carried to the side line of the Street, leaving it
to Individuals to make their own internal arrangements at their own expense.
The late Halifax Water Company expressly stated in one of their Rules
that they would not guarantee the Water to rise above the first floor. In
reference to quantity, a lead pipe of 1/2 inch diameter under very moderate
pressure will deliver one gallon per minute; under high pressure more than

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August 1st more than double that quantity. Unless therefore when the water is turned off which must occur occasionally, there is nothing to prevent Citizens from drawing what might reasonably be considered a sufficient supply for any one Establishment. Of course after this year the supply will be greater, and more steady.

I wish the City Council to note that the Commissioners were prepared to put large pipes into Victoria Block, provided it would then become what is called an "agreement case", but the ground Mr Nash takes is this, he refuses to pay his apportionment until the Commissioners comply with his demands

It will be seen from the correspondence that the difficulty is all in reference to Victoria Block - in several other applications from Mr Nash his wishes can be met without violating any rule

Yours truly
to be Gentlemen

John A Bell

Chairman of Com^{rs} of Water Supply

Office of Commissioners of Water Supply

Califay 1. Aug 1863

Dear Sir

There are two or three matters in which I would thank you to call the attention of the Council to day - until they are settled I cannot proceed with the business of my office

I wish the City Council to decide how many service pipes shall be put on each house; this is referred to in my communication of 17 June

The report on appeals also should be taken up. There are several accounts which cannot be settled while the question remains open. I have understood that the Committee recommend that the charge on shops of 25 Cents shall be abolished, if so it should be done now before the new Bills are issued

My communication of 14 July refers to the assessed Rates for Water. as the Book is now completed I am able to state that the Rates for the next 6 Months will not produce over £3000. Consequently they will not meet the requirements by £700 or £800

If the 1/2 per cent were raised to 1/4 it would probably meet the amount wanted

It is for the City Council however to decide whether on the present state of affairs such an advance would be judicious

I remain Sir

Yours truly

John A Bell

To His Worship

The Mayor

Read Report of Committee on Water Appeals as read and entered on the 17th June last

On Motion said report is adopted 13 Voting for the same and 1 Voting against it

The following Resolution is next introduced

Resolved, that the Correspondence between Alderman Nash and the Commissioners of Water Supply, and the communications from Commissioners to this Council just read, be referred to a Committee of one from each Ward to report upon. Moved by Alderman James Duggan. Seconded by Alderman Jennings Committee to be the Committee on Water appeals with His Honor the Recorder

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The following Resolution is introduced

Whereas there is a pretty general complaint among the Citizens with regard to the expenditure of the Public Funds of the City and a petition said to be numerously signed by the leading Citizens, is about being presented to His Excellency the Lieut Governor praying them not to grant permission to the City Council to assess the Citizens for an additional Three Thousand pounds

Therefore Resolved that a Committee be appointed consisting of three Aldermen, with His Worship the Mayor for the purpose of affording such information to His Excellency as may be desirable - Moved by Alderman Ackhurst Seconded by Alderman Jennings which on being put is, passed
Committee Alderman Ackhurst, Nash & Pallister
on Motion The Council rose

Alderman's Office July 25. 1862

The Committee of Public accounts met this day present all the Committee. The following accounts were presented for examination to the City.

W. S. Compton	\$199.02	Thos. Walsh	\$4.75	Fire Department	
Thos. Annand	24.12	Jenett & Taylor	2.50	Stewart & Co	1000.00
Hugh Blackadar	155.75	Croskell & Bennett	28.50	W. F. Connors	200.50
Thomas Walsh	75	Dr. Almon	6.00	Thos. Walsh	29.00
Am Kenzie	8.00	Dr. Guppi	5.00	Board of Health	
James Mills	10.35	Dr. Slayter	16.00	L. A. Nash & Co	23.10
John Pugh	39.46	Dr. Davies	9.00	Phelan & Kelly	3.00
James Hunter	20.00	James Power	1.50	Black & Buiden	
Gas Company	45.30	Sub Market		Stear & Boat Shop	
City Market		Comp of Water	1.50	Comp of Water	10.00
Comp of Water Supply	18.00	City Court House			
Cap Co	23.20	Comp of Water	23.37		
Gas Hunter	4.22				
					\$2040.39

The Committee beg to report that they have examined the above accounts find them correct and recommend that they be paid.

The following accounts were presented for examination viz
Dr Davies \$6.50 Young & Thomson \$138.06 total \$144.56 not being touched were not passed
Your Committee beg to call the attention of the Council to the system of printing they find for an advertisement in the Evening Express done by Contract. The sum of thirty cents is charged, and for the same advertisement in the Morning Chronicle (not done by Contract) the sum of \$2.50 is charged. There is something radically wrong in this, and the only way to remedy it is to advertise on no paper, but those advertising for the City by Contract
all of which is respectfully referred to the consideration of the City Council
William Ackhurst
Chairman

See proceedings in re this Report July 618

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At a Special Meeting of the City Council held this day
Present His Worship The Mayor Aldermen Smiley, Nash, McCulloch, Dunbar
James Duggan, Ackhurst, Egan, Pallister, Frenneman, Roome & Jennings

Read over proceedings of the 1st August

The City Council were summoned to take up the business standing
over from last meeting, and the transactions of other business

Reports from Com.
of City Prison.

Alderman James Duggan in absence of Chairman
Reports from Committee of City Prison

On motion the same is received

Petition from James
Mahon

Alderman James Duggan hands in a petition from
James Mahon

Petition from
Mary Bowles.

Also petition of Mary Bowles, Superior of the Convent of
the Sacred Heart, relative to Common Lots

On motion said is referred to the Committee of Common
to report upon

Report of Com.
of Public Accounts.

Alderman Ackhurst Chairman hands in a Report of
Committee of Public accounts

On motion the same is received

Read report of Committee of City Prison
Committee Room

City Prison Ok August 1862

Committee met Present Alderman John Duggan James
Duggan Conway and the Chairman

The following accounts were submitted and examined and recommended
for payment

1	James Hanson	\$15.50	4	J. Ho + A Mitchell	24.65
2	Charles Sullivan	52.00	8	Patrick Walsh	20.92
3	John Dooley	10.50	9	J. Conway	25.00
4	Philip Letsope	9.00	10	W. F. Woodie	12.02
5	Peter Pulger	22.00	11	Shelan + Kelly	32.75
6	James Cooperan	9.38			
	Cash purchases				121.27
	Underkeepers Salaries				
	Enoch Wilson \$20				35.00
	Kennedy \$15				28.33
	J Collins \$15				11.00
	Gregory Kelly \$13.33				448.95
	Master McSmith				

Upon the representations and suggestion of Alderman James Duggan
it was resolved that in future the hair of all prisoners shall be kept closely
cut

Mem. from the
Governor

Memorandum from the Governor referred to the Commissioner of the month
Mrs Campbell the Matron of the Prison, authorized to retain the
services of Mary Wilson as a assistant in preparing work of prisoners &c at \$2
per month until further notice

M. H. Pehey Chairman

When the following Resolution is introduced

Resolved that the Report of the Committee of City Prison just read
be adopted and that His Worship be authorized to draw a Checks for the amounts
therein mentioned

Moved by Alderman James Duggan seconded by Alderman Ackhurst

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To which the following amendment is introduced

Resolved that that part of Report which referred to Crossing the Chair of all prisoners sent to City Prison, shall not apply to those who are sent for a period less than 20 days, the rest to remain as it is

Moved by Alderman Nash seconded by Alderman Boone which amendment on being put is lost 5 voting for the same and 6 against it
The Resolution is then put and passed

Alderman James Duggan withdraws his notice of reconsideration given last meeting

Read Report of Committee of Public accounts

Alderman's Office 5th August 1862

The Committee of Public accounts met this day present

all the Committee

Read.
Report of Committee
of Public Accounts.

Fire Department	44.70	E W Chapman Co	4.50
James Hunter	4.00	A Lamphear	4.12 1/2
James Hunter	0.00	Haupax Gas & Co	27.60
Thomas Spelman	5.00	Reardon & Kelly	90
James Duggan	4.40	Reardon & Kelly	5.85
Phelan & Kelly	4.10	Decherian & Co	13.50
Phelan & Kelly	4.80	A. J. Ritchie	1.50
Patrick Lyons	28.05		369.02
Patrick Lyons	200.00		

The Committee have to report, that the above accounts with their vouchers, are found correct, and recommend that they be paid

all of which is respectfully Submitted

H. Beckhurst. Chairman

The following Resolution is introduced

Resolved that the Report of Committee of Public Accounts be adopted and that His Worship the Mayor be authorized to draw Cheques for the same.
Moved by Alderman Beckhurst seconded by Alderman James Duggan which on being put is passed

Read Report of Committee of City Property

Haupax W.S. July 28. 1862

The Committee of City Property beg to report for the information of the City Council, that the Stone Wall at South Water Bridge is in a very bad condition. mischievous persons who are in the habit of congregating in that locality. Night after night, have succeeded in pushing off the top coping stones in several places, and destroying other portions of the Wall

The Committee find that owing to the road being raised several times, the Wall at the South End has become so low, that it is unsafe
Your Committee are therefore of opinion that the Wall should be raised from North to South End, and the coping should be of rough Granite strongly cemented and in accordance with this view the City Architect was instructed to prepare a Specification which is herewith annexed, in addition to this the whole of the Walls on both sides require pointing

Report of Com.
of City
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The Committee also beg to report that considerable repairs are required to be done to the Fish Market. a Specification of which is also annexed, all of which is respectfully Submitted for the Consideration of the City Council

William Ackhurst
Chairman

when the following Resolution is introduced

Resolved that the report of the City Comm. Committee of City Property together with the specifications annexed be received and adopted and tenders be taken for the work subject to the approval of the Council. Moved by Alderman Ackhurst and Seconded by Alderman Jennings

So which the following amendment is introduced

Resolved that the Committee of City Property be instructed to cause the Walls of the Bridge at Fresh Water to be pointed and the Coping of the Eastern Wall repaired

Moved by Alderman James Duggan Seconded by Alderman Emalay - which amendment on being put is passed 6 Voting for the same and 5 against it. The Original Resolution is therefore lost.

Alderman Jennings gives notice, that he resigns his position as one of the Committee of City Property

On motion said Designation is accepted

The following Resolution is next introduced

Resolved that that portion of the Report of Committee of City Property which refers to the Fish Market be adopted, and that the Committee be instructed to cause such repairs only as are actually necessary to be made in that Building to be made forthwith

Moved by Alderman James Duggan Seconded by Alderman Hallister. which on being put is passed

Read Report from Captain of Night Watch when the following Resolution is introduced

Resolved that the Salary of the Captain of the Watch in the future be £100 p annum

Moved by Alderman James Duggan seconded by Alderman Emalay -

So which the following amendment is introduced that the Salary of the Captain of the Watch be \$500 p annum for his services as such

Moved by Alderman Jennings seconded by Alderman Nash which amendment on being put is passed

The original Resolution is therefore lost

On motion the Council rise

Res. reb. to Salary of Night Watch

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At a Special Meeting of the City Council held this day
present His Worship the Mayor Aldermen Compton Inlay. W. Cullcock. Dundas
James Duggan. Ackhurst. Egan. Frenneman. Conway. Jennings and Kaye
Read over Proceedings of 11th August

The City Council were summoned to take up the business
standing over from last meeting, to give the order for the Assessment for the current
year, and the transaction of other business

On Motion of Alderman James Duggan seconded by Alderman
Ackhurst. the Resignation of Alderman Jennings, from the Committee of City
Property, and the appointment of Alderman Tickey in his stead, is ordered to
be expunged from the Minutes

Alderman James Duggan presents a draft of an Ordinance

Draft of an Ordinance
rel. to discipline of
City Prison.

relative to discipline of City Prison

Alderman Frenneman hands in report of Committee

received "See file"

Report of Com.
of Common

of Common

Report of Special
Committee

on assessment Books

Petition from
Judge Stewart

Stewart

received

received "See file"

Resignation of
Joseph Kaye
Com. of the Hon.
provincial Secy.

His Worship the Mayor hands in resignation of Joseph Kaye
of the Office of Alderman

Also Communication of the Hon Provincial Secretary, allowing
the application of the City Council to open an additional street "See file"

Com. from
Cricket Club

Also Communication from Hon Provincial Secretary allowing
Bye Law relative to Side Walks

Also disallowal of Bye Law relative to Dogs

Also Communication from Cricket Club relative
to part of Common for Cricket Ground

Also award of Arbitrators appointed by City Council
to assess the quota of money to be paid by proprietors of property for certain
trains passing their residences

Read Report of Committee on Assessment Books
submitted this day

Report of
Committee
on Assessment
Books.

Committee Room 26 Aug 1862

The Committee to whom was referred the Books of Valuation
of the Real Estate, Personal Property and income of the Citizens of Halifax
levied by the Ward Assessors and the City Assessor, and on which when approved
by the Council the rate of Assessment for the present year will be based, by leave to
be at for the information of His Worship the Mayor and the City Council, that they
have had several meetings at which the mode of levying the assessment as by law directed
has been fully discussed and the result shown by the Books have left a strong impression
on the mind of the Committee, that a change in the mode of appointing Assessors is much
required, they on mature deliberation of the whole subject are of opinion that an act
should be prepared, and submitted to the next session of the Legislature giving to
the City Council the power of appointing two assessing Assessors to the City
Assessor in place of the Ward Assessors, who shall ascertain the value of the
Real Estate and personal property of the inhabitants in the same way as is
done by the Ward Assessors, they are also of opinion that all cases of appeal

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from the award of the sworn assessors, to be appointed by the Council should be made to a Committee appointed by this Council for the purpose of hearing out appeals and that only those that are proven to be correct should be received, this being the only mode apparent to the Committee by which the honest rate payer can be protected against the injustice of those who escape their fair share of taxation by the presenting what appears to the Committee to be fraudulent appeals under the present laws. The Committee regret to say that there are a number of flagrant cases of this description, by holders of Real Estate, that should be prevented by some Provision, but by the present law are left to the elastic consciences of those who can take an Oath that their property is of no value, with the Mental Reservation that it is worth Thousands and is let to day for a handsome Rental, and of others who have their Personal Property and real Estate insured at four times the actual value, or are by their appeal defrauding the City out of the proportion of rates between five hundred pounds and £2000

In regard to Income the Committee are of opinion that it ought either to be abolished entirely or enacted from the Merchant and Shopkeepers as well as the Clerk, who with an inferior position and a stated Salary, is always taxed while his employer is free not by the letter of the law but by the action of the Ward Assessors, who we are informed by the City Assessor invariably refuse to tax Incomes

The Committee therefore recommend that the proposed alteration of the laws be so framed as to clearly define the mode of assessing and the Incomes that are intended to come within the scope of the laws

Much of the Real Estate is under-rated in Ward One and two especially, there are several notable instances of Properties lately purchased at Public Auction, and rated less than one half the Cost, under the system recommended of proving value before a Committee this inequality would be done away, and those persons be made liable to the full extent of their property, and this would only be a simple act of Justice to other rate payers who either except a fair valuation of their property or in their appeals show some regard for decency and the sanctity of an Oath, but experience and the examination of the appeals for the present year in the hands of the City Assessor, disclose that the practice is on the increase, regard for the moral reputation of the Community alone would make the change recommended desirable, when the Council learn that a Banking Company have lately acquired a handsome property, return an amount of taxable property less by nearly five thousand pounds than for several years, when it is well known that the diminution has not been in the amount of Stock, but of moral responsibility and respect for a solemn obligation, the Committee are of opinion that no more forcible illustration of the necessity of an alteration in the assessment law could be adduced than the fact that so flagrant a case as that of the Directors of a joint Stock Company, being able to make so large a reduction in the amount of their taxable property in one Year with an increasing business within the same period.

Had the Law conferred the power the Committee would refer of the Books to the Ward Assessor for rectification and a number of appeals should not be received, but they are of the opinion that the only course open to the Council is to pass the Books as they stand - and to prepare the necessary amendment to the assessment Act, so as to prevent a repetition of the transactions of the past year, and place every rate payer in the City on an equality with each other, in all future assessments, the Committee are of opinion

1162. August 27th. That the City Assessor has faithfully discharged his duty while some of the Ward Assessors seem to have had but a slender idea of the nature of their duty, and that the yearly Election of assessors by the Citizens is not the best mode of obtaining persons qualified for the arduous duties of the office, they have already referred to the necessity for a change and beg leave to refer the matter to the Council to take such steps as may seem desirable to prevent imposition and evasion of taxation and remove the inequalities that exist under the present law

Respectfully Submitted
 John M. Culloch Chairman
 William Compton
 William Ackhurst
 Samuel Fenneman

when the following Resolution is introduced

Res. rel. to Rept. of Committee on Assessment Books.

Resolved that the Report of the Committee on Assessment Books be agreed to and that a Committee be appointed to prepare such amendments to the law, as will carry out the recommendation contained in said report. Moved by Alderman M^cCulloch seconded by Alderman Jennings - which on being put is passed
 Committee Alderman Compton, M^cCulloch, Egan, Fenneman Conway & Richey with His Honor the Recorder

The following Resolution is next introduced

The Valuation Books of the General Assessment for the Current Year, returned by the City Assessor to the Office of the City Clerk, one Book for each Ward, clearly and correctly made up in Writing, signed by the City Assessor and respective Ward Assessors having been seen and approved by the Council

Resolved that said Valuation Books be returned to the City Assessor in order that he may without delay make up one general Book of Assessment for the City therefrom, in which shall be distinctly shown the amount of the rate upon each Individual or Company, and the Assessor without delay shall make up and sign the General Book of Assessment and to return the same to the Office of the City Clerk

Moved by Alderman M^cCulloch seconded by Alderman Ackhurst - which on being put is passed

The following Resolution is next introduced

Res. rel. to revising the Charter of Incorporation of the City

Resolved that a Committee be appointed to examine and report upon the amendments proposed by the Commission for revising the Charter of Incorporation and City Laws of the City
 Moved by Alderman Richey seconded by Alderman James Duggan, which on being put is passed

Committee Aldermen John Duggan M^cCulloch James Duggan Fallster, Rome & Jennings

Read Report of Committee of Common on Motion. Said report is adopted

Read Opinion of His Honor the Recorder relative to appointment of Clerk to Treasurer