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Whereas the Directors of the Gas Co. have refused to accede to the request of August 14th this Council, in regard to the Erection of the different additional Lamps, &c. for  
Be it Resolved that no additional Lamps be erected

Moved by Alderman McCulloch seconded by Alderman Jennings, to which the following amendment was introduced

Resolved that the proposal of the Gas Company be agreed to, and that they be instructed to carry out the same

Moved by Alderman Dunbar, seconded by Alderman Hill, which amendment on being put stood appeared for the same O, against it O, and the Mayor being called upon for his vote gives it against the amendment

The Original Resolution is next put and stood appeared for the same O, against it O. The Mayor votes in favour of the Resolution

Alderman Dunbar gives notice of Reconsideration

Read Report of Committee on Taxes

Committee Room August 13. 1863

The Committee on City Rates and Poll Taxes, to whom the petition of W. L. Newton and M. J. C. West were referred beg to report, that having considered the claims of the respective parties do recommend that \$2550 is the amount on which Motors Tax be levied

with regard to petition of J. C. West the Committee are of opinion that he is justly taxed, and recommend that the amount be collected

E. D. Meynell Chairman

On motion said Report is adopted

Read Memorial of J. S. Hamilton and others relative to the introduction of Water into, and the repairs to certain Streets in South Suburbs

On motion said Memorials are referred to the Commissioners of Water Supply, and the Street Committee to report upon

Read Memorial of A. Scott and others relative to a Nuisance in Birmingham Street

On motion the same is referred to the Health Committee to report upon

Read Report of Committee of Common

Committee Room July 16. 1863

The Committee of Common beg leave to state, that it is their intention with the approval of this Council, to erect a small Cottage on the field near the Horticultural Gardens in which the Superintendent of Common may live, and which may also be made convenient for the use of the public, the expense to be borne by the Common Fund

Last summer the Committee made many improvements to the City Pond, making it larger, building a strong Stone Wall around it, and covering the same with rods they also formed a walk around the same, which it is their intention to finish this Summer by the improvements already made a large number of our Citizens, were enabled to enjoy themselves on the Pond last Winter, in the healthy exercise of skating

Your Committee are also anxious to make improvements around and near the Pond, that the public may have a place in summer, to which they may resort and and take recreation and pleasure. In almost any other City there is some place kept as a pleasure Ground, to which the Citizens may have free access

Your Committee have a desire to make all the improvements possible, for the health and comfort of the public, and are fully convinced that the first thing required is to have the Superintendent of Common, living near the place where these improvements are to be made, as there are some wanton and malicious persons, who will break down the fences and destroy the shrubs or any improvements that may be made unless there is some person to

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look after them. The advantages which would arise from the Cottage before mentioned, cannot but be apparent. In the first place, it would enable the Superintendent of Common more fully to discharge his duties by his residing so near the scene of his labours, and being always on hand day and night, he would be likely to detect some of these miscreants who are frequently doing damage in that locality.

The expense of building the Cottage before stated, will be about £200, and as your Committee will scarcely have funds to accomplish it, they therefore recommend that the licence money paid to Messrs International Circus Company for their exhibitions on the Common be paid to the City Treasurer, and placed to the credit of the Common fund the same as last year.

all which is respectfully submitted

Saml Penneman

Chairman

when the following Resolution is introduced

Resolved that as there is no provision in the Charter for the diverting of the funds necessary to improve the Common for that purpose, and to erect a Cottage thereon, and the Recorder having given his opinion that such application of the funds is not warranted by law

Resolved that the Report be not received

Moved by Alderman McCulloch seconded by Alderman Mayne to which the following amendment is introduced

Resolved that the Report of the Committee of Common be received and adopted

Moved by Alderman Compton seconded by Alderman Egan which amendment on being put is lost 4 voting for the same and 7 against it and the names being called for they stood thus

For the amendment  
Alderman Hill  
McCulloch  
Mayne  
Spence

Alderman Egan  
Dunbar  
Compton  
Sennings

Penneman  
Imlay  
Hallister

Memorial of  
J. Malcolm et al and others for Sewers  
for Sewers

Read Memorial of Robert Malcolm and others, and Thomas Power

Read Memorial of J. Charman relative to his Taxes

The Memorial of the undersigned Humily Sheweth

That the City Assessor, made an erroneous return in his assessment of the undersigned for the year 1862, when he was absent, which in the opinion of the undersigned it was his duty to amend

The City Treasurer however is of opinion, that a statement under oath on the part of the undersigned is necessary, which can only be made "under the act" by the sanction of your Worshipful body, and which is therefore respectfully requested by the undersigned  
Dunbar to S<sup>d</sup> May 1863  
Fredensck Charman

On Motion the same is referred to the Committee of Taxes to report upon



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August 14th

Had Letter from Mr Stewart on subject of Reporting Council Debates  
Hampden 30 July 1863

To His Worship the Mayor and  
the City Council

Letter from Mr  
Stewart on sub-  
ject of reporting  
Council debates

Being convinced that the Citizens of Halifax  
are anxious to be informed of the doings of the City Council, and of the sayings of their Representatives  
and knowing that a number of your Honorable Body desire the publication of a faithful and reliable  
Record of the business transacted at your meetings. I am induced to submit the following proposition  
for your consideration

To the sum of \$200 payable quarterly. I will engage to report the proceedings  
of each and every meeting of the City Council, and publish the same in two City papers, viz the  
Evening Express and the Morning Chronicle for the term of one year agreeably to the following conditions

I will note all the business transacted, and give a synopsis of each  
speech delivered, being careful to correctly convey the sentiments, and express the idea of the  
speakers, and furnish the substance of all reports, submitted by the various Committees  
of your body. provided that on no occasion shall the report of one meeting extend beyond two  
solid columns and a half

Enclosed are notes from the publishers of the papers referred to  
containing a guarantee to publish the reports that may be furnished by me, in case of my  
proposition being accepted

J. H. Stewart

On motion the same is referred to a Special Committee to report upon  
Committee Alderman Inlay, Dunbar, Egan, Coleman, Conway & Maynell

Had Memorial of John Lane and others relative to Buildings on  
Queen Street

On motion the same is referred to the Committee of Streets to report upon  
The following Resolution is next introduced

The General Assessment Book for the year returned  
by the City Assessor to the Office of the City Clerk, having been accepted and approved of by this  
Council

Resolved that the same be deposited with the City Treasurer agreeably to Law  
moved by Alderman Dunbar seconded by Alderman Meghar which  
on being put is passed

On motion the Council rise

Office of City Clerk Halifax 1 Aug 1863

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 three  
hundred and thirty two pounds four shillings and ninepence for and towards City purposes, and  
the further sum of One Thousand six hundred and sixty seven pounds, fifteen shillings and  
three pence 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 of Three  
Thousand, four hundred and twelve pounds, for and toward County purposes for the  
current year

I am Sir

To  
John L. Barry Esq  
City Assessor

Your Obedient Servant  
John Gragg  
City Clerk



1853  
August 28th

At a Special Meeting of the City Council held this day  
present Alderman Compton Imray Hill McCallock Dunbar Magher Egan Boggs  
Frenneman Hallister Conway Spence Myrnell Richey and Jennings

Read over proceedings of 14th August

The City Council were summoned to appoint a Measurer of Coal to take up the business standing over from last meeting, and the transaction of other business

Alderman Hill Chairman hands in a report from Committee on location of Fire Engines

Also a petition from Henry Peters relative to his Building

Alderman Dunbar hands in a petition from George Lang

Alderman Boggs hands in a petition from Edgar Dedson rel. to sidewalk

Alderman Conway hands in petition of Augustus West and J.C. Yaux relative to a Building in Brunswick Street

His Worship the Mayor submits a communication from supervisor of Measurers of Coal

Also application from Mr Romans for situation of Magher of Day

Also communication from Commissioners of Water supply

Also petition of W.A. Shack and others relative to a road on the peninsula

Also a list of the Schunter Firemen

Alderman Frenneman hands in a report relative to sewer in Water Street

Alderman Compton Chairman reports relative to the finances of the Internal Health Committee

Also petition of A Scott and others relative to a nuisance

His Worship the Mayor hands in a report of City Architect, relative to George Langs Building in Argyle Street

Alderman Dunbars notice of reconsideration is next taken up and passed voting for the same and 6 against it and the names being called for they appeared thus

For the Resolution	against it
Alderman Frenneman	Alderman Compton
Hill	Imray
Conway	McCallock
Richey	Myrnell
Egan	Jennings
Boggs	Spence
Dunbar	
Magher & Hallister 9	



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The Resolution and amendment introduced last meeting is next August 28th taken up and read. the amendment passed & voting for the same and against it and the names being called for they appeared thus

For the amendment		against it
Alderman Ironneman	Conway	Alderman Compton
Egan	Hill	Inlay
Hallister	Poggs	McCulloch
Magher	Dunbar 8	Richey
		Mayne
		Leannings
		Spence J

Notice of recon- sideration of old Mculloch

Alderman Mr McCulloch. notice of reconsideration is next taken up and lost. 2 voting for the same and 13 against it, and the names being called for they appeared thus

for the reconsideration		against it
Alderman Conway		Alderman Ironneman
McCulloch 2		Egan
		Hill
		Mayne
		Hallister
		Spence
		Dunbar 19
		Compton
		Inlay
		Richey
		Leannings
		Poggs
		Magher

The following Resolution is next introduced

Whereas it appears by Correspondence between the Committee on Gas Lamps and the Gas Company that the Company are not at present prepared to erect the whole number of Lamps recommended by the Committee in their report of 30th June last, and this Council has ordered, that the erection of the Lamps, which the Company is ready to place be proceeded with

Resolved that the Committee be instructed to urge upon the Company to furnish the remaining Lamps at as early a day as possible

Moved by Alderman Conway seconded by Alderman Richey to which the following amendment is introduced

Resolved, that that portion of the City North and South that the Gas Company refuses to light with Gas, when street light is required, be lighted up with Paraffine Oil, and that dressed Wood Posts, shoes and braces be erected, the same to be secured to a sufficient depth below the frost, and that the head of the posts be prepared with Iron Supports, to hold a Lantern to contain the Lamp

Moved by Alderman Hill, seconded by Alderman Ironneman which on being put is passed & voting for the same and 6 against it

The original Resolution is therefore lost

On Motion a Committee is appointed to carry out the foregoing amendment

Committee Alderman Hill, McCulloch, Poggs, Ironneman Lecky & Leannings

On Motion the petition of West and Faux is read and referred to a Committee to report upon

Committee Alderman Richey, Conway & Hallister

Read petition of Henry Peters, relative to his Building On Motion the same is referred to a Committee to report upon

Committee Alderman Compton McCulloch & Ironneman



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Read Petition of George Long relative to Paving in Argyle Street

August 28th On Motion the same is referred to a Committee to report upon

Committee Alderman Hill Dunbar and

Magher

Resignation of J. Miller of Coal

Read Resignation of R. Miller and communication from Supervisor

Read the various applications for Coal Measure

Coal for the ensuing year

The Votes are taken when Henry Parker is elected Measure of

On Motion the Memorial of Edgar Dodson relative to his side Walk is introduced and read when the following Resolution is introduced

Moved that a Committee be appointed to investigate the subject of Mr. Dodsons Petition, with power to call on Mr. Pollock for a report and plan, also if necessary to employ a competent person to prepare a plan of the locality in question

Moved by Alderman Jennings seconded by Alderman Gallister, which on being put is passed

Committee Alderman Hill, Meagher, Edgar Gallister, Leaky and Jennings

Report of the Internal Health Committee

Read Report of Internal Health Committee Submitted this day

The Internal Health Committee beg to report to the Council that the funds placed at their disposal having been expended, operations will have to cease after this week, unless the Council make a still further grant

The Committee had hoped to present their annual Report at this meeting, but the Statistics not having been completed by the Superintendent they were unable to do so

From the Statistics that will be laid before the Council, at its next meeting it will be seen how the funds have been expended, in the meantime they leave it to the judgement of the Council, to say whether the work to be performed by this branch of the Civic Service is necessary to be continued

Mr. Compton, Chairman

On Motion the Report lies on the table until next meeting and in the mean time the work be proceeded with

Read Report of Internal Health Committee on Petition of Arch Scott and others

On Motion the same is referred to Committee of Streets to carry out the suggestions therein contained

Report of Supt of Streets Water Street

Read Report of Superintendent of Streets relative to Sewer in

Streets Office Halifax 27. Aug. 1863

To the Chairman of the Street Committee

Before the Brick Sewer in upper Water Street can be built to secure effectual drainage, the Sewer crossing Water Street from Cornwallis Street will require to be made deeper and rebuilt

This Sewer drains the greatest extent of surface of any sewer in the City, and requires to be provided for in a durable and substantial manner, by building about sixty yards the distance from Water Street to the Harbour, at present there are no buildings on the line of Sewer, except at the eastern extremity which would not be much of a hindrance in proceeding with the sewer, while the work would be in the course of progress, the business



1863 on the Wharf would be interfered with, which to prevent as much as possible, day work would be best suited to expedite the work, a cylindrical brick sewer three feet in diameter, would cost about one hundred and ten pounds, and if the bricks and other requirements are provided before the work commences the sewer can be finished in six or eight days

James Hollock  
Superintendent of Streets

On Motion the report is adopted

On Motion the Council rise

Council  
Office

August 31st Henry B. Parker is this day sworn into office as measurer of Coals in presence of His Worship the Mayor

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September 4th His Worship the Mayor Aldermen Compton, Smlay, Hill, McCulloch, Dunbar, Meagher, Ackhurst, Egan, Roggs, Coleman, Freeman, Leahy, Conway, Spence, Meynell & Jennings

Read over proceedings of 26th August

The City Council were summoned to Elect Presiding Officers and Inspectors for holding the coming Election, and the transaction of other business

Alderman Ackhurst, Chairman hands in report of Committee of Public accounts

\* Alderman Conway in absence of the Chairman hands in Report of Committee of City Prison with accounts

Alderman Dunbar hands in letter from Mr. Adams relative to his Taxes

Alderman Conway hands in Report of Committee on petition of Wm West & Cause

Alderman Meynell reports from Committee on Taxes

Alderman Compton reports from Committee of Internal Health

His Worship the Mayor hands in communication from Supervisor of Wood Measures, announcing a vacancy in the Office of Wood Measures also Communication from John Duffus Esq Chairman of Committee for building on Mares lot with plan.

Read Report of Committee of City Prison when following Resolution is introduced

Resolved that the accounts just read relative to the City Prison, be approved of and paid, and that His Worship the Mayor be authorized to draw checks for the same Moved by Alderman Conway, seconded by Alderman Leahy, which on being put is passed

Alderman McCulloch hands in petition of Joseph Mc Gill relative to a sewer in Water Street

Read Report of Committee of Public accounts

Committee Room August 31st 1863

The Committee of Public accounts met this day present Alderman Conway, McCulloch & the Chairman the following accounts were submitted for examination

Fire Department	\$ 32.55
City	3.80
City Property	868.99
Board of Health	22.50
	150.41
	\$ 1079.25 per acct on file

The Committee have to report that they have examined the above accounts with the vouchers and find them correct

W Ackhurst - Chairman

when the following Resolution is introduced

Read Report of Committee of Public accounts submitted this day



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Resolved that the report of Committee on Justice accounts be received and His Worship September 4th the Mayor be authorized to draw checks for the same

Moved by Alderman Ackhurst seconded by Alderman Hill which on being put is passed

The following Resolution is next introduced

Whereas the Governor of this Province is about leaving for England.

Be it Resolved that a Committee be appointed with His Honor the Recorder to draft an address and submit the same to this Council

Moved by Alderman Dunbar and seconded by Alderman Jennings which on being put is passed 11 voting for the same and 5 against it and the names being called for they appeared thus

For the Resolution		against it
Alderman Ackhurst	Hill	Alderman Compton
" Egan	Moynell	Conway
" Smlay	Poggs	" McCulloch
" Coleman	Meagher	Leahy
" Fenneman	Dunbar	Sprene
" & Jennings 11		Palmer

Committee Alderman Dunbar, Ackhurst and Jennings, with His Honor the Recorder

Alderman Compton hands in a Report upon Mr Peters Petition

His Worship the Mayor hands in a report from Water Commissioners on petition of J. S. Hamister and others

Report of Committee on Petition of Mess West & Taux

Read Report of Committee on Petition of Mess West and Taux The Special Committee to whom was referred the Memorial of Mess West & Taux, relative to the Building now in course of construction by them in Brunswick Street together with the report of the City Architect shewn by leave to report

That this Building having a frontage of forty four feet, is protected both on the North and South by gable ends of brick of the thickness required by law, and has a central Partition dividing the two tenements studded and brick nogged

Your Committee are of the opinion, that though the Building as at present constructed, may not conform in all respects to the letter of the Building act of 1862 (Sec 9) yet none of the mischief against which that act was designed to guard arose in the present instance and that the true spirit and intent of the law, having been observed by the petitioners, Proceedings against them may be waived, without constituting a precedent of injurious effect

W. H. Ashby Chairman

Report upon Mr. Clebs Petition

Read Report upon Mr Peters Petition

The Committee appointed to consider the petition of Mr Henry Peters, by leave to report, that in connection with the City Architect, they visited the Building and from the guarantees given by Mr Peters, after personal inspection of the requisite alterations by leave to suggest that the alterations named by Mr Peters in his Petition, be carried out under the supervision of the City Architect, feeling that such being done, will bring the building within the requirements of the law as contemplated by the Building Act

Kilgus 11. Sept. 1863

William Compton  
Samuel Fenneman  
John McCulloch

On Motion said report is adopted and referred to the City Architect



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September 4th

Read petition of Mr McGill relative to Sewer in Water Street.  
On motion the same is referred to the Street Committee to

Report to this Council

Petition of Mr McGill relative to Sewer in Water Street

Motion is made that the order of the day be proceeded with  
Amendment that the order of the day be suspended, to allow the address to the Governor to be read  
Amendment passed 9 voting for the same and 4 against it

Read address to His Excellency the Governor

Address to His Excellency the Governor

To the most noble the Marquis of Normandy Lieutenant Governor and Commander in chief in and over the Province of Nova Scotia and its Dependencies

We the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Halifax having understood that your Lordship is about to leave this Province for your native land are desirous before your departure, to express our sense of the Obligations the inhabitants of this City are under to your Excellency, for the assistance afforded by you to the Civil Authorities in promoting measures which were conceived to be beneficial to the Citizens, and for preserving the order and good Government of the Community

We gratefully acknowledge that your Lordship has ever been ready to give your sanction to those public acts which have enabled the Corporation to improve our City, and we think your Lordship has observed that since you first came among us, many improvements have been made in Halifax

We thank your Lordship for the frank courtesy to the Members of our Body, and the ready access granted to your presence to our Committees at all times when it was found necessary to approach your Excellency

We respectfully offer our Condolence to your Lordship upon the irreparable loss you have sustained by the death of that Exalted Nobleman and Eminent Statesman your late Father as his death has rendered it necessary for your Excellency to enter upon your Legislative duties in the August House of Peers, we believe that you will ever be found, should the occasion arise, advocating the interests of this our City

And now as your Lordship is about to leave our Community, when you have spent with your noble and excellent Lady and family so many years, you must permit us for ourselves and on behalf of our fellow Citizens, to thank you for many acts of courtesy and kindness, and we most sincerely pray our great Benefactor to grant to you, my Lord, and to your amiable Lady, extended lives of Happiness, and to shower upon yourselves and your family his choicest blessings

On motion the same is ordered to be engrossed for presentation  
10 voting for the motion and 5 against it

Appointment of Presiding Officers for holding the Election on the 1st October next, and Inspectors of Elections for the ensuing year

The City Council next proceed to appoint Presiding Officers and Inspectors of Elections for the ensuing year

- Presiding Officers
- |         |                  |        |                    |
|---------|------------------|--------|--------------------|
| Ward 1. | Alderman Hill    | Ward 4 | Alderman Hallister |
| Ward 2  | Alderman Meagher | Ward 5 | Alderman Conway    |
| Ward 3  | Alderman Egan    | Ward 6 | Alderman Jennings  |



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September 4th

## Inspectors

Ward 1

John Wilson  
Patrick Walsh  
J. C. Cogswell

Ward 2

James Butler  
John B. Murphy  
William Kardick

Ward 3

John Pugh  
W. L. Johnston  
George Smithers Sen

Ward 4

Robert Bushell  
Rodger Cunningham  
Thomas Mooney

Ward 5

W. M. Fraser  
John Taylor  
John Hogan Jr

Ward 6

John King  
J. W. Marvin  
Joseph NorthrupReport of the  
Committee  
on Taxes

Read Report of Committee of Taxes

Committee Room 2. Sep 11 1863

The Committee on City Taxes and Toll

Taxes to whom the Memorial of Frederick Charman was referred beg to report

That having considered Petitioner's request, they are of opinion, that in consequence of his not having availed himself of the act, after his return to the Province, they cannot grant him any reduction and recommend that the Treasurer be directed to proceed in the collection of his taxes

E. D. Myrland, Chairman

On motion said report is adopted

Report of the  
Internal  
Health Com-  
mitteeRead Report from Internal Health Committee. See Printed Report  
in pamphlet for items of ExpenditureThe Internal Health Committee beg leave to submit their second annual  
Report

That of last year was made up to the 25th September, at which time they had in hand £324.7.9. This sum added to the vote of £500 this year, makes £824.7.9, at their disposal from that time to the present

During the months of October & November the labors of the Committee were principally directed to the roads of the Peninsula; and they have the satisfaction of reporting in many instances where the funds of the Street Committee, would not admit of expenditure, the Internal Health Committee were enabled to satisfy complaints of Veterans residing in extreme portions of the City; and by small sums judiciously expended, the roads were placed in a very good condition. During the Winter months attention was given to the keeping clear the gutters and gratings, heaving snow &c.



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In the Spring from the 1st April to the 31 of May, the work performed on September 4th the streets was very heavy. Some idea of the quantity of mud & removed may be gathered from the fact that independant of the horses and carts employed by the Committee, some fifty others of private individuals were engaged in casting away the scrapings, as in the previous year the Committee endeavored to procure some small sum for the materials but could not succeed to any great extent; yet the Health Committee were glad to have it taken away free, as it saved the City, a considerable sum of expenses which otherwise would have to be borne by the employment of such a number of additional Horses and Carts. The Committee are happy to state, however, that the value of the Street Scrapings is an beginning to be more appreciated. No less than 1211/2 loads have been sold during the past season, at prices varying from 5 to 15 cents per load according to the distance hauled bearing in the whole \$100.00.

A large portion of the scrapings and a quantity of ashes have been used in filling up South and Park Streets, in the vicinity of the Catholic Cemetery, that portion of Park Street from Nelsons Corner to South Street was put in such condition, as to render it merely necessary to be gravelled, in order to make available for travelling, not less than six thousand Loads have been deposited in these localities, which at the moderate computation of 10 cents per Load is equal to \$600 worth of work performed, that would otherwise have to be provided by the Street Committee, to put these roads in their present state. From what has already been accomplished on South Street your Committee believe that by continuing depositing there another year, merely the graveling will be necessary to finish and open out a street that will be enjoyed by a large portion of the Citizens.

It should be borne in mind that since October last, the daily removal of accumulations from off the Market Square, as well the sweeping of it and the Parade, have devolved upon the Committee, this service cost formerly probably \$200 per week.

Up to the month of June last, the removal of Ashes, off &c was performed by Contract, by Mr. John Murphy, at that time, owing to the daily increasing quantities to be removed, he declined continuing his Contract unless he would increased compensation. This the Committee declined, tenders for the service were asked for through the Press, but the prices demanded did not warrant them in accepting any, since then the work has been performed by Horses, Carts & Men, in the employ of the Committee, who are pleased to have it to state that the service is performed much more satisfactory, at no greater cost, while they are not troubled with complaints as formerly, the Citizens with but few exceptions, avail themselves of the facilities afforded for the removal weekly of the accumulations on their premises.

The Watering of Streets so as to accomplish the effectual laying of the dust, occupied much of the attention of the Committee during the past season, it was thought at first that too a large a stream would be emitted from the fire Hydrants for this purpose, consequently an inch pipe, in connection with the main pipe was used in two localities, upon trial hose of this size was found not to answer, as the issue of water was insufficient in volume to do the work as rapidly as desired, Couplings of two inches were fitted to the Hydrants, and a hose of this dimension has been used during the last three months, objection has been urged to this means of watering the streets, owing to the lateness of the hour some of the labour has to be performed, the objection is to some extent admissable; and the Committee regret that owing to the small amount placed at their disposal, they had to forego plans nearly matured, by which the Streets might have been most effectually watered, before nine o'clock on the morning it is satisfactory to know, however, that even the present mode has found favor with the Citizens, who look upon the abating of the nuisance of dust as of first importance but to accomplish this they must be prepared to be taxed, One of the drawbacks the Committee has had to encounter, is the distance apart of the Hydrants, and the want of a sufficient quantity of hose, with a goodly supply of the latter, and a sufficient number of hands employed at the work, nothing is to prevent the streets, being all watered by the time mentioned above.



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September 4th of Gloria of Lima. During the summer

In the early part of the season the Committee purchased at a cost of \$62 Hhds this valuable disinfecting agent has been used for drains and especially during the summer

It may not be out of place in this report, to state the mode in which the men are dispersed while cleaning the streets. those employed at this work are divided into two gangs, each taking three Wards, they commence at Water Street and work up till they reach the Common, and then return it takes three weeks to accomplish the route - those employed north clean as far as Richmond Depot those south as far as Bridges at Fresh Water. Last Jan they went West as far as the NW Corner cleaning, repairing, forming gutters, and making surface drains where requisite

Objection has been made against cleaning gutters by means of picks, but few Committee could show by ocular demonstration, that unless this mode is adopted, they become almost useless in some places, from the rapid growth of grass, the roots of which will eventually force the paving stones from their bedding

It may be well here to state that the faster the gutters become paved the more cleanly and healthy the streets become - where they are not paved, it is almost impossible in certain localities, to remove effectually the putrid matter that accumulates, in the north part of the City this is particularly the case; and the Committee would respectfully urge the necessity of continuing a work, that has been carried to such a very commendable extent by the street Committee, during the past two years, they trust that renewed efforts will be made to have a law passed, compelling parties to drain into sewers, which are being provided at great expense In many parts of the City much annoyance is occasioned by drains from houses and yards being carried into gutters, the contents of which drains becoming stagnant, in the warm season of the year, must poison the air, and prove injurious to the health of the localities it is a well authenticated fact that "fever loves the edges of stagnant pools, makes itself at home in the neighbourhood of cesspools and badly constructed drains - and takes especial delight in the incense of Gully Holes"

In comparing the cost of exactly the same work as performed in Boston, by a similar Committee, there it amounts to 70 cents per head, while here it is done for 20 cents, allowing that \$1.50 per annum be expended.

The Committee cannot close their report without bearing testimony to the efficient labours of Mr Spiker, who has ever been indefatigable in the discharge of the duties committed to his care

Annexed is a detailed Statement of the manner in which the money has been expended during the past year

Respectfully Submitted  
Wm Compton "Chairman"

when the following Resolution is introduced

Resolved that the Report of the Internal Health Committee be received, and that the Committee be directed to go on with the work as usual, and that the expenditures be voted by this Council as may be required

Moved by Alderman Lakey Seconded by Alderman Ackhurst which on being put is passed

Resolved to  
Appropriation to the Internal Health Committee to enable them to carry on the work in that Department the  
of \$1000 to the amount to be provided for in the next years Estimate  
Internal  
Health Com- which on being put is passed  
mittee

Resolved that the Sum of One Thousand Dollars be appropriated

Moved by Alderman Ackhurst Seconded by Alderman Lakey

Had Communication from Mr Duffus Esq Chairman of Commissioners for Building on Hares Block



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September 4th

Cambridge Sep 4. 1863

Sir

Communications  
from John  
Duffus Chrm  
of Commrs for  
Building on  
Hares Block

Referring to the conversation which Mr Stans & myself  
had with your Worship on the 1st inst. respecting the projection on Cheapside. required by  
the Commissioners to carry out the design for the new Post office & Excise Building. I  
now beg to hand you a sketch showing the ground wanted and will thank you to lay it before  
the City Council and endeavour to obtain their consent

As the Building is for public purposes in which all  
the Citizens have an equal interest, and as the great width of Cheapside will easily admit of  
this encroachment, besides being a great ornament and improvement to the City, the Committee  
trust that the Council will concede the few feet of ground required.

The Commissioners will feel much obliged by an early  
answer to enable them to proceed with their work as soon as possible

I am Sir

To His  
Worship the Mayor

Your Obedt Servt  
John Duffus "Chairman"

On Motion the same with the accompanying plan, is submitted to  
the Street Committee to refer with the Commissioners and report to this Council

On Motion the Council rise