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October 6th

P. Cartaret Hill Esquire. having this day taken and subscribed the Oath of Allegiance, and the oath of Qualification as prescribed by law, is this day sworn into Office, as Mayor of the City of Halifax, for the ensuing year, at Belle Vue House, in presence of His Honor the Administrator of the Government, Major General Hastings Doyle.

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P. Cartaret Hill Esquire, was this day sworn into Office as a Justice of the Peace for the City of Halifax agreeably to law

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October 15th Present. His Worship The Mayor. Aldermen Imray. Hill. John. Dunbar. Meagher. Richardson, Egan. Boggs. Nash. Ironsman. Murphy. Gallister. Conway. Spruce. Roche. Richey. Jennings. Mumford

The City Council were summoned to appoint the various Officers for ensuing year and the transaction of other business

Read over proceedings of 30th Oct. last

Alderman Richey Chairman hands in monthly Report of City Prison Committee

Alderman Dunbar hands in petition from Paul Woods relative to a Wooden Building

Alderman Imray hands in petition from inhabitants of Birmingham Street for a drain also petition of George Mitchell and others for a drain in Brenton Street.

His Worship the Mayor hands in Memorial of inhabitants of Church Street also

Report of Committee of Common, also Communication from Fire Wards, also Communication from Provincial Secretary, enclosing Correspondence with Sir Alexander Milne, also

Communication from His Honor the Recorder relative to suit for Railway assessment also

Report from City Architect relative to Catmans Wooden Building. also

Petition from Mr Williams relative to his taxes. also, Memorial of Mr Robert Oakes. also

Quarterly Returns of Weighers of Flour & Meal

Read Report of Committee of City Prison.

Committee Room. City Prison
30. Oct. 1863

The following accounts having been examined and found correct are recommended to the City Council for payment for Supplies 183. 00⁰⁰

Bills for previous months not rendered in due time

Woods for Dec 1862 14. 35

St. Thomas. Aug 1863 2. 00

Underkeepers & Employees

19. 95

27. 33

\$ 290. 28⁰⁰

W. H. Richey. Chairman

when the following Resolution is introduced

Resolved that the accounts just read relative to City Prison Expenditure be paid, and that His Worship The Mayor be authorized to draw checks for the same

Moved by Alderman Conway seconded by Alderman Dunbar which on being put is passed.

Report of the Committee of City Prison

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Petition of
J. M. Keating
rel to his
taxes

Alderman Roche hands in three Resolutions by way of notice

Alderman Fallister hands in petition of William Keating relative to his taxes

Alderman Conway submits a communication from His Worship the Mayor, relative to cutting down Granville Street. The same is read, on motion the same is referred back to the Committee of Streets to report the cost. Amendment that the same do lie on the table. Amendment Carried. 12 Voting for the same and 3 against it

The following Resolution is next introduced

Resolved to
Salary of the
Recorder

Resolved that the salary of the Recorder, being fixed by law at £300 per annum, and as this Council are desirous of strictly conforming to the act of Incorporation, in which the Legislature of this Province has expressly named the amount to be received, by the Mayor, Recorder, & Treasurer

Therefore before appointing this Officer it is hereby made known that until the law is altered, by an act of the Legislature the sum of £300, is to be the sum paid as annual salary to the Recorder of this City

Moved by Alderman Roche seconded by Alderman Spence

That Resolution relative to Recorder's Salary of 15th May last when the following amendment is introduced

Resolved that the appointments made this day, and made subject to any alteration may be made in the present laws, certain amendments contemplated by a portion of this Council, it may be necessary to alter certain appointments therefore it being possible, such alterations may take place, situations in reference to such changes will be void after such alterations of Laws, and necessitate new arrangements

Moved by Alderman Nash and seconded by Alderman Hill which amendment on being put is lost 7 voting for the same and 11 against it, and the names being called for they stood thus

For the amendment	against it
Alderman Nash	Alderman Mumford
Stanneman	Roggs
Imray	Murphy
Hill	Richardson
Lenning	Fagan
Fallister	Iden
Dunbar	Spence
	Conway
	Roche
	Hehey
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The following Amendment is next introduced

That this Council do now proceed to the Election of Officers
Amendment passed 15 Voting for the same and 3 against it
The original Resolution is therefore lost

Council pro-
ceed to the
election of
Officers

The City Council next proceed to the Election of the various City Officers

on motion William Sutherland Esq, is appointed Recorder for ensuing year

John A. Cragg is appointed City Clerk for ensuing year

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Election of
Officers

the following amendment is introduced
Amendment carried
ensuing year

for ensuing year

for ensuing year

for ensuing year

Resolved that the salary of the Assistant Clerk be ~~fixed~~
moved by Alderman Roche seconded by Alderman Spence to which
That the salary of the Assistant Clerk remain the same as last year

On Motion Thomas Thoms is elected Assistant City Clerk for

On Motion Laurence Hartshorn Esq is Elected City Treasurer

On Motion William J. Morris is appointed Clerk of Licenses

On Motion J. C. Stume is Elected Surgeon of City Prison

His Worship The Mayor reports to the City Council that he had
Suspended Joseph Conroy one of the City Police for improper conduct.

On Motion Suspension of Policeman Conroy is confirmed
and that he be despatched from Office

On Motion the Eleven old policemen are elected unanimously
for the ensuing year

William Hood is next elected to the vacancy in the police
force in place of Conroy. dismissed.

On Motion Robert Motton Sen. and Peter Magher
are appointed Clerks of the Market for the ensuing year.

Read applications of George Irvine, John Parker, William
Grant, W. R. Cogswell, Samuel Carter & Walter Manning for situation of Weighers
of Flour & Meal

The votes are next taken when John Parker, Samuel Carter, William Grant
George Irvine & W. R. Cogswell, are elected Weighers of Flour and Meal for the ensuing
year.

Alderman Boggs, brings in Petition of Charles Griffin, relative
to erection of shed in Allernark Street. received

On Motion Council adjourn

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October 19th At a Special Meeting of the City Council held this day present
His Worship the Mayor. Alderman Hill. Eden. Dunbar. Mcagher. Richardson
Egan. Depps. Nash. Trenneman. Murphy. Conway. Spence. Roche. Richey
Jennings & Munford

The City Council were summoned to continue the election of the
various City Officers, and the transaction of other business

Had over proceedings of 15th Oct.

Alderman Eden reads Memorial of Inhabitants of Queen Street
relative to filling up Temple Street

Memorial of Paul Woods of a Wooden Building in Argyle Street - and on motion the same is referred
to a Committee to report upon. Committee
Alderman Richardson, Munford, and Roche with the City Architect

Alderman Roche reads in a Resolution handed in last
meeting, asking for certain information from Chairman of Committee of Public Accounts
An Amendment is introduced, that this Council do now proceed
with the order of the day. Amendment passed

His Worship the Mayor brings to the notice of the Council
that he declines, on consultation with His Honor the Recorder to swear M. Hood
into office as Police Constable, in consequence of not having paid taxes, and waits
the action of the Council in the matter

A motion is made, that the appointment be sustained

Amendment that the same be not confirmed, but the party having
the most number of votes be appointed

Amendment lost. Motion passed

A motion is made that the Resolution of 19 July 1860, relative
to payment of Rates before being elected to a City Office, be rescinded. Motion lost
5 voting for it 10 against it

A motion is made that a Committee be appointed to investigate
the charge made by Alderman Spence, against the Night Watch

An Amendment is introduced, that this Council proceed with
the order of the day. Amendment passed

appoint of Clerk of Streets for situation of Clerk of Streets
Had application of John C. Craigen and William Smith
when the following Resolution is introduced

Resolved

That until the Internal Health Committee be abolished
and its duties assimilated to those under the control of the Commissioners of Streets to be
appointed for each Ward, the Salary of the Health Inspector be £100, and that of the Clerk
of Streets not to exceed £50

Moved by Alderman Roche, seconded by Alderman Spence
to which the following amendment is introduced

That Mr Craigen be appointed Clerk of Streets, at the same salary
as last year

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On motion Michael Power is appointed Pound Keeper

Read James Spikes application for office of Health Inspector for ensuing year - when the following Resolution is introduced

Appointment of Health Inspector

Resolved that in consequence of the onerous duties of Mr Spikes Office and the indefatigable manner in which he discharges the same that his Salary hereforward be \$150

Moved by Alderman Egan seconded by Alderman Conway, which on being put is passed

On motion James Spike is appointed Health Inspector for the ensuing year

Appointment of Keeper of Markets

On motion W. G. Anderson is appointed Keeper of Market for ensuing year.

On motion Matthew Campbell is appointed Governor of City Prison for ensuing year

John Scully, John Mcagher & John Kennedy are appointed under Keepers of City Prison for ensuing year

James Doyle is appointed Messenger of City Prison for the ensuing year

Joseph Keeler is appointed Registrar of Cemetery for ensuing year

Appointment of City Architect

B. D. G. Marshall is appointed City Architect for ensuing year

On motion the appointment of John Brennan, James Fortune and John Mcenan having made their returns, are made Gaugers of Oil for the ensuing year

On motion the appointment of the other Gaugers of Oil is deferred until their returns are sent in.

Report of the Committee of Firewards

Read Report of Committee of Fire Wards
To His Worship the Mayor and Alderman of the City of Halifax

Having been appointed a Committee from the Board of Firewards to ask the City Council, to reconsider the action taken relative to the location of a Fire Engine at the North end of the City

Your Committee beg to call the attention of the Council to a report of the Board from the board of Fire Wards which report recommended a site at the North end of the City, situated near the deaf and dumb Asylum in Gottingen Street, which the board unanimously consider to be as far North as can be made serviceable for the interest of the City and practicable for the Volunteer Engine Company

The report referred to also recommended the disposal of two Fire Engines, and a quantity of unserviceable property belonging to the Fire Department which

The

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 October 19th the board again urge the City Council to take into their consideration, your Committee also desire to bring to the notice of the Council, the necessity of providing a suitable place for properly drying the hose after being used at a fire, they further beg leave to bring to your notice, the unserviceable state of a quantity of the Cotton hose now in use and fear from information received from New York and Boston, that Boyas hose is not suitable for fire purposes, and request permission to import from New Brunswick 50 feet of Leathers hose made in St John - said to be equal to any English hose

Your Committee further ask that the Board of Fire Wards be consulted before any action be taken in the location or erection of the proposed Engine Houses West & South

Sam Caldwell Ch: Fire Wards
 Nat Lyons Capt. Engine Co
 James Reeves
 James Duggan
 Rob. Taylor Sec.

when the following Resolution is introduced

Resolved that a Committee be appointed consisting of a member from each Ward for the purpose of enquiring into the present state of the Fire Department of this City, and reporting to this Council such alterations as may appear to them necessary to make that Department effective, and that the report just read, be referred to that Committee, to report on to this Council at an early day, and have power to send for persons and papers

Moved by Alderman Roche seconded by Alderman Nash which on being put is passed

Committee Alderman Keli. Richardson. Boggs. Murphy
 Roche. Pichey

Report of the City Architect

Road Report of City Architect

I have to report that in pursuance of my duty I visited the dwelling house occupied by Jeremiah Callahan, situated on the east side of Water Street, and find that a small Building attached to the rear of the main Building, formerly shed roof, which roof has lately been raised from the outer eave a few feet to bring to the level with the inside, making a flat roof and the same covered with Asphaltum. The alterations made by raising the roof is a violation of the act of 15 April 1861 Chap 45, the alterations is within 60 feet from the line of Water Street and in the Birch District

Prenton Marshall

On Motion the same is referred to the same Committee as appointed upon Woods Memorial

On Motion Council adjourn until Friday next to take up report of Commission for revising the Charter &c.

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Oct 17. William Carrigan, John Nepe, James Burke, David Evans Williams, Rodrick, Patrick Caupua, Lewis Stitt, John Arthur, Maurice Power, Thomas Hayden and John Campbell, are this day sworn into Office as Police Constables for the ensuing year in presence of His Worship The Mayor

Oct 20 William Hood is this day sworn into Office as Police Constable in presence of His Worship The Mayor

Oct 21 William Sutherland Esq. having this day taken and subscribed the Oaths of Office as prescribed by law, was this day sworn, as Recorder of the City of Halifax in presence of His Honor the Administrator of the Government Major General Hastings Doyle at Bellvue House

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October 23 Present Alderman Imray, Eden, Dunbar, Magher, Richardson, Egan, Pogg, Nash, Trenneman, Hallister, Murphy, Conway, Spence, Roche, Richey, Jennings & Mumford

The City Council were summoned to consider the Report of Commission for revising the Charter

Read over proceedings of 19th Oct

His Worship the Mayor submits Memorials of Catherine Lynch, and Thomas A Brown, relative to their Taxes
Also Quarterly Return of Clerk of Licences

Report of Committee on revising the Charter

Read report of Committee on revising the Charter

The Committee appointed to revise the laws which have been prepared by the Commissioners appointed to revise the existing laws, and arranged the various acts in a uniform Code. by leave to report for the information of His Worship the Mayor and the City Council

That they have examined the code of laws prepared by the Commission, and have suggested a number of Amendments, which have been incorporated into the report of the Commission and are herewith submitted to the Council

John McCulloch

Read the various clauses of the Charter from 10th to

Read the various Clauses of the Charter of Incorporation up to the 10th Clause, which are passed

Read 12th Clause of the Charter, to which the following amendment is introduced

Resolved that in future at all civic Elections no Citizen will be allowed to vote, unless he will have paid his taxes for the previous year at least three months previous to said Election

Moved by Alderman Richardson seconded by Alderman Haber, which on being put is lost. Aiding for the same and 10 against it

12th Clause passed

13th Clause passed

Read 14th Clause. Amendment that the Words Poor Tax be left out of the clause, which amendment on being put is lost. Aiding for the same and 10 against it and the names being called for they appeared thus

For the amendment

Alderman	Nash	Alderman	Murphy	Hallister
	Trenneman		Egan	Richardson
	Mumford		Imray	Magher
	Jennings		Conway	Dunbar 10
	Pogg		Eden	
	Roche		Richey	
	Spence			

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do pass. The following Amendment is next introduced, that the clause without the addition lost. & voting for the same and 11 against it, and the names being called for they appeared thus

For the Amendment		against it	
Alderman	Murphy	Alderman	Nash
	Egan		Fremman
	Conway		Mumford
	Robin		Richey
	Meagher 5		Lintay
			Senning's
			Paalister
			Richardson
			Boggs
			Roche
			Spence
			Dunbar 10

The 14th Clause as amended is then put and passed

Read 15th Clause passed as amended

Read Chapter 48 of the Statutes of 1863, the same is passed and ordered to be incorporated in the Revised Code

Read 16th Clause passed

Read 17th Clause passed

Read 18th Clause passed

Read 19th Clause passed

Read 22nd, 23rd, 24th, 25th and 26th Clauses passed as amended

Read 27th Clause. Amendment introduced, that the voting be by open vote, which on being put is lost. & voting for the same and 11 against it and the names being called for, they appeared thus

For the Amendment		against it	
Alderman	Nash	Alderman	Richey
	Robin		Murphy
	Mumford		Egan
	Senning's		Lintay
	Boggs 5		Conway
			Paalister
			Richardson
			Dunbar
			Roche
			Spence
			Mumford 11

Read 24th Clause passed

Read 28th Clause passed

28th Clause

Read Report of Committee of Streets 18. July 1863

On Motion the said Report is adopted 10. Voting for the same and 0 against it

Alderman Nash gives notice of reconsideration

On Motion the Council adjourn

Oct 17 Matthew Campbell is this day sworn into office as Governor of City Prison for ensuing year, in presence of His Worship the Mayor

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 October 26. At a Special Meeting of the City Council held this day present
 His Worship The Mayor. Alderman Smlay. Tobin. Dunbar. Meagher
 Richardson. Egan. Roggs. Nash. Denneman. Pallister. Conway. Murphy
 Conway. Spence. Roche. Jennings & Mumford.

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

Read over Proceedings of 23rd October

Alderman Tobin submits Report of Committee of Public accounts

Alderman Richardson hands in Report of Committee on Petition of
 M. Catalan

Alderman hands in Memorial of Mrs Fox

Memorial of
 Mrs Fox for a public
 stair case

Alderman Roche hands in Memorial of Citizens in Water Street
 for a public Stair Case - the same is read

The Petition of the undersigned Citizens of Halifax

We the undersigned Citizens of Halifax and residents
 in upper Water Street. beg respectfully to call the attention of your Worshipful Body to the
 state of the Public Wharf and Dock lying between Hamiltons. formerly LeCours Wharf & Devenies
 although opened many years ago at great expense for the use of the Public
 it never has been made available for the purposes intended, as no step or means of landing
 have ever been placed there, and as it is the only Dock lying between the Market Slip and
 the North Slip, that can be made available for Public purposes, and the expense of a step
 or Slip would be but trifling in comparison to the great Public convenience they would be
 your Petitioners humbly pray your Worshipful Body to take the matter into your consideration
 and grant such sum for the erection of a Slip or Slips as you in your wisdom may see fit
 Signed by J. Macnamara & 13 other Citizens

On motion the same is referred to Committee of City Property

to report upon

Report of the
 Committee of
 Public Accounts

Read Report of Committee of Public accounts
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Committee of Public Accounts met this day present Alderman
 Conway. Ritchie. Meagher. & Tobin. Chairman

The following accounts were submitted for examination

Fine Department	138. 95
Printing. Esq. H. Blackadar	45. 25
City Property for Water supply	102. 10
	\$ 286. 30

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

By James Tobin. Chairman

when the following Resolution is introduced

Resolved that the sum of \$286.30 be paid by Cheque of His Worship
 The Mayor to the various Public Creditors

Moved by Alderman Tobin seconded by Alderman Conway which
 on being put is passed

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Read Petition of Mrs Fox Submitted this day

On motion the Resolution relative to time of Night Watch going on duty is rescinded, and the time they are to go on duty is left to His Worship the Mayor

Report of the Committee of Streets

Read Report of Committee of Streets of 25th October

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The Committee of Streets beg leave to report for the information of His Worship the Mayor and the City Council that in accordance with a resolution passed at their last meeting, authorizing the Committee to enter into arrangement with William Cunard Esq. respecting his property in upper Water Street for the purpose of widening that locality, that they had an interview with that Gentleman on the 20th Inst, and that he offers to the City the parts of his property as described on the annexed plan, the value to be fixed by arbitration or otherwise as may be finally agreed upon between the City and himself before a valuation is made.

Sig Jeremiah Conway. Chairman

when the following Resolution is introduced

Resolved that the Street Committee have power to enter into the arrangement, agreed to with Mr Cunard, to obtain for this City, the property contained within a right line between the ^{North} Corner of his Store and the South West Corner of the House called Smitlay

Moved by Alderman Roche. Seconded by Alderman Smitlay which on being put is passed

Mr. William Smitlay is appointed Arbitrator on behalf of the City

Motion is made that Mr Cunard be officially notified of the foregoing Resolution Amendment that the Committee of Streets be requested to carry out the object of the Resolution

Read Petition of Daniel Shea. William Pitt William Wigan. Henry Williams. Thomas A Brown and Catherine Lynch, relative to taxes

On motion the same are referred to Committee of Taxes to report upon

Application for Situation of Gauger of Oil

Read the various applications for Situation of Gauger of Oil John Conner jr. Dennis McFerran. Thomas Graves. Joseph Melvin. Thomas Wilson. John Gault and Edward Gault are Elected Gaugers of Oil

John C Craigen is appointed Clerk to Board of Health

Edward Romans is appointed Muger of Hay for South end

Read Report of Committee on Mr E Dodson's Petition

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Read Report of Committee on Calman's Petition

Norfolk Oct 24. 1863

The Committee to which was referred the Cases of Paul Woods and J. Calman relative to the erection of Wooden Buildings within the proscribed District, beg leave to report as follows

That it is their opinion, that the small alterations made in the rear of Calman's buildings in Water Street is not an infringement of the Building Act

Sig Robert Richardson
John Mumford
William Roche

On Motion said Report is adopted

Report of the
Commissioners
of Water
Supply

Read Report of Commissioners of Water Supply on J. S. Hamilton's

Petition of J. S. Hamilton, C. J. Campbell, Arthur Murphy, and others, having been referred to the Commissioners of Water Supply, the Board have now to report

The Commissioners have no doubt whatever, respecting the alleged inconvenience to the residents in the District referred to, arising from a deficient supply of Water, and they would gladly extend the Water Pipes in that direction, could they do so, consistently with their present arrangements

The City Council will remember, that a plan was submitted to the Council last Winter, of certain Works to be performed, within the City during the present year, also the present year also, that the plan was adopted by the Council, and appropriations made for the specified work therein named

The Commissioners do not feel themselves at liberty to undertake any further extensions until the Works embraced in the plan referred to are completed which will hardly be this year, owing to the late arrival of the Pipes from Britain

The Commissioners hope to be able at some not very distant period to present another plan for the adoption of the City Council in which the "Unincorporated Districts" and several other outlying Districts shall be included

Sig John A. Bell Chairman

On Motion said Report is adopted

Report of Com-
mittee of Common
do
Cemetery

Read Report of Committee of Common and on Motion the Report is adopted

Read Report of Committee of Cemetery and on Motion the Report is adopted

The following Resolution is next introduced

Resolved that the Gaugers of Oil be notified that unless they make their returns Quarterly, according to Ordinance & Resolution an without further notice suspended from office

Moved by Alderman Nash Seconded by Alderman Imray which on being put is passed

The following Resolution is next introduced

Resolved that the Committee of Cemetery have permission to take such steps as they may deem best, to have a Lodge erected in the Protestant Cemetery but not to draw on this Council for any funds for its erection or maintenance

Moved by Alderman Nash Seconded by Alderman Hallister which on being put is passed

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October 26. to Rules

Read Letter from Commissioners of Water Supply relative
27. Aug 1863

Letter from the
Comms of
Water Supply

Dear Sir
Enclosed are two forms of Notices which we find
to be necessary in the business of the Water Department

Section 3 of the amended act relative to Water Supply
makes it necessary that all such Regulations shall have the approval of the City Council, and the
part referring to Fees requires an ordinance of the Council

You will oblige by Submitting the matter at next meeting
His Worship the Mayor
Edw A Bell

Read Ordinance relative to Water Works a first time

Read said Ordinance a second time

On Motion the letter and Ordinance just read are referred to
a committee to report upon

Committee Alderman John Dunbar, Ash-pallister Spence
& Jennings

Read petition of Charles Griffin relative to Erection of a shed

On Motion said petition is referred to the Committee appointed
at last Meeting on Catalans petition to report upon

Committee Mumford, Roche, Richardson with the City Architect

On Motion the Council rise

William G Anderson is this day sworn into Office as
Keeper of Markets in presence of His Worship the Mayor

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October 30 At a Special Meeting of the City Council held this day. present
His Worship The Mayor Aldermen. Inlay. Hill. Follen. Dunbar. Meaker. Richardson
Egan. Nash. Towneman. Hallster. Murphy. Conway. Stone. Roche. Meary & Jennings

The City Council were summoned to continue the consideration of the
Revision of the Charter

Read over proceedings of 20. Oct Instant

His Worship The Mayor hands in Report of Captain of Night Watch
also
Communication from Commissioners of Water Supply

Alderman Richardson hands in Report of Committee on petition
of Paul Woods and Charles Shiffon relative to Wooden Buildings

The City Council next proceed to the order of the day and take up
the amendments proposed by the Commission for consolidating the Charter of Incorporation

Read 29. 30. 31. 32. 33 & 34th Clauses which on being
severally put is passed

A Motion is next made that the following words be added to clause
18 of old. & 27 of New Code.

"That no Alderman shall preside at an Election in the Ward
he represents"

Motion lost

The City Council next proceed to consider the other clauses of
the Charter

Read 35 & 36. Clauses passed

37. Clause passed as amended

38. Clause passed

39 & 40 Clause passed as amended

41. 42. 43. 44. 45. 46. 47 &

48 Clauses which on being put are passed

Read 49th Clause which on being put is passed 12. Voting
for the clause and Against it

Read 50. 51. 52. 53. 54. 55. 56. 57. 58. 59 & 60th Clause, which
on being put is passed without amendments

On Motion of Alderman Jennings a Committee is appointed to
draft an address to Vice Admiral Sir Alex Milne on his departure from this Station
Committee Alderman John. Jennings & Roche with His Honor
the Recorder

On Motion the Council rise.